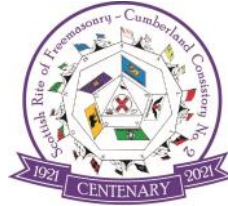


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Valley of Cumberland Orient of Maryland



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Fall 2023

2nd Annual Debbie Friend Memorial Golf Scramble

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation will host the 2nd Annual Debbie Friend Memorial Golf Scramble at the Oakland Golf Club on Saturday, September 23, 2023. All Maryland Scottish Rite members and friends and cordially invited to spend the day with us on the links in beautiful Garrett County in support of our regional RiteCare program.

This Tournament is named in honor of our friend, Debra "Debbie" Friend. Debbie was a speech pathologist with the Children's League since 2006 and was instrumental in opening clinics in Oakland and Keyser before losing her valiant fight with cancer in February 2022. She always gave compassionate and informed treatment to the children in her care at the Children's League.

The inaugural event held in 2022 raised \$15,000 to support Valley of Cumberland RiteCare clinics operated by our clinical partner The Children's League in Cumberland, Oakland, Keyser, and Petersburg. Event Co-Chairs Brent Lewis and Jason Finch look forward to another successful event this year.



2nd Annual Debbie Friend Memorial Golf Scramble

Sponsored by The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation

Oakland Golf Club
Saturday, September 23, 2023
18 Hole Scramble

\$300 per Team (Foursome) or \$75 per Player • Lunch Included
9:00 am Registration • 10:30 am Tee Time

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Hole Sponsor—\$100
- Friend of RiteCare—\$250
- SILVER Sponsor—\$1000 (Includes Team Registration)
- GOLD Sponsor—\$3000 (Includes Team Registration)
- PLATINUM Sponsor—\$5000 (Includes Team Registration)

Purchase a Sponsorship or Register a Team Online at
cumberlandscottishrite.org

Registration Deadline is September 16, 2023

For more info contact

Jason Finch at 301-616-6500 or Brent Lewis at 301-501-3130

Proceeds Support



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Cumberland Scottish Rite meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm. It's YOUR Scottish Rite and we would like to see you there and fellowship with YOUR Brothers, ...they would like to see you



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21st Annual Kid Walk / Kid Talk



Saturday, September 16, 2023
Allegheny County Health Department

Registration 9:30 am
Walk 10:00 am

Join the fun and help support The Children's League!

Register your team - Participate - Support

The walk draws people together in a healthy activity for a worthy cause—raising funds to help support The Children's League free services for children.

Face Painting - Activities - Games - Surprise Guests

Visit with friends from the
Cumberland Police and Fire Department
See the "MRAP" and Firetruck

For Information call The Children's League
301-759-5200

Valley of Cumberland Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sat, Sept 16	Kid Walk / Kid Talk Walkathon @ Allegany County Health Department	10:00 am
Mon, Sept 18	Degree Rehearsal - 32nd Degree	6:30 pm
Mon, Sept 18	Chapter of Rose Croix	7:30 pm

OCTOBER 2023

Monday, Oct 2	Council of Kadosh	7:30 pm
Sunday, Oct 8	Degree Rehearsal - 14,30, 32	1:00/2:00/3:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 15	Degree Rehearsal - 14,30, 32	1:00/2:00/3:00 pm
Monday, Oct 16	Degree Rehearsal 30th Degree	6:30 pm
Monday, Oct 16	Consistory	7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct 21	182nd Conferral & Reunion	7:30 am
Monday, Oct 30	Knights of St. Andrew Meeting and Initiation for New Members	7:30 pm

NOVEMBER 2023

Monday, Nov 6	Lodge of Perfection	7:30 pm
Saturday, Nov 11	8th Annual Masonic Bird Hunt, Addison, PA	All Day
Sunday, Nov 12	Feast of Tishri & Fall Capping	4:00 pm
Monday, Nov 20	SR Foundation Annual Meeting	7:30 pm
Monday, Nov 27	Knights of St. Andrew Annual Communication & Festival of St. Andrew	5:30 pm

DECEMBER 2023

Monday, Dec 4	Lodge of Perfection - Election of Officers	7:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec 5	Scottish Rite Club Holiday Party	6:00 pm
Monday, Dec 18	Officer Orientation & Installation Rehearsal	6:00 pm

JANUARY 2024

Sunday, Jan 7	Combined Installation of Officers	2:00 pm
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Members Honored for Service to the Rite Charlie Hardy Recognized for 75 Years of Membership



A number of members who attended the Spring 2023 Ring and Capping Ceremony were recognized for their service to the Rite.

Pictured left to right: Hon. Clyde Bantz, 32° KCCH (50 years); Harry Bowers, 32° (60 years); Gary Upchurch, 32° (40 years); James Hott, 32° (50 years); Charles Hardy, 32° (75 years); Charles Chipley, 32° (50 years); Boyce Rogers, 32° (50 years); Raymond Shipley, Jr. 32° (40 years); Gary Trail, 32° (40 years); and Michael Loy, 32° (40 years).

Forty-Five Year Member Recognized for Commitment to Membership Growth

Bro. Greg Zirk, Sr. celebrated his forty-fifth anniversary in the Scottish Rite by demonstrating his continued commitment to the future of the fraternity. In addition to being honored at the Spring 2023 Ring and Capping Ceremony for his lengthy service to the Rite, Bro. Zirk was recognized by the Valley of Cumberland with a Membership Prism for his successful efforts to promote membership in the Scottish Rite. He was top line signer on seven petitions of members of the Valley of Cumberland's Spring Class, including the petition of his son Greg Zirk, Jr. pictured at right.



From Darkness to Light: Summertime in the Quarries

BY: ILL. JAMEY S. HILL, 33°, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SGIG OF MARYLAND



I trust your families are doing well and you are looking forward to Autumn's special glory. The summer of 2023 was filled with family picnics, river floats, steak feeds, Lobster Fests, and a first place season for the Orioles for the first time in a long while!

And while we often speak of Masonry going "dark" for the summer, such has not been the case this year. The Cumberland Lodges, Masonic bodies, and Temple volunteers have been working tirelessly to advance the fraternity and improve our overall circumstances. Our Blue lodges have been busy raising new Masons, our youth groups have been making hay in membership recruitment and engagement, and our sister organizations like the Cumberland York Rite, the McKinley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Algonquin Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon have been making excellent use of the Temple throughout the summer. You might say being "dark" this summer has been exceptionally bright!

During the summer months, several long-overdue projects were completed at the Temple. A new modern elevator has been installed and heating and cooling systems have been added in the Secretary's office located in the "apartment" on the mezzanine level as well as in the Scottish Rite Library and Museum on the first floor. These areas that previously had heat only, or no heat at all, now provide air-conditioned comfort for lodge members and guests using these rooms. In addition, new and improved burglar and fire alarm systems have been installed, which in conjunction with the recently added security cameras that monitor the grounds and building will provide protection to both property and lives by alerting police and emergency services to criminal activity and smoke and fire hazards. Next up on the list of critical repairs is the restoration of failing masonry work on the front porch and exterior stone areas of the Temple. Improvements like these are catching up decades of deferred maintenance on the historic home of Freemasonry in Cumberland and providing assurance that it will be a safe and viable gathering place for the next generation of Masons.

Believe it or not, the Board of Directors of The Cumberland Masonic Temple has actually been renting the Temple for weddings, birthday parties, concerts, and other events to help create some welcome revenue. If you know of someone who may be interested in holding an event at the Temple, I encourage you to have them contact Robin Summerfield at 301-729-2491 to discuss options.

I'd like to bring you up to date on the various happenings at our Scottish Rite Consistory. Scottish Rite Honors will be conferred upon five members of our Valley at the Scottish Rite Temple in Baltimore on September 30, 2023. A bus trip is planned for those who wish to join us in supporting those brethren who have been given the nod. If you plan to attend, please be sure to complete and return the registration form on page 4 of this newsletter to the Orient of Maryland by September 20th with your payment for the Honors Banquet.

We are looking forward to our Fall Reunion and Conferral on Saturday, October 21, 2023 and I hope you'll talk with a new Master Mason or someone else you know who has been considering Scottish Rite membership about attending the one-day class. Petitions are available in the main lobby at the Temple or under the membership tab on our website at cumberlandscottishrite.org.

Our financial systems have been updated from paper ledgers to digital bookkeeping. We have new individuals in the degree work, stage crew, and wardrobe departments. We even have a new Director of Works, Mark Lathrop, although you'd never know it because Mike Kamauff keeps popping back up from Florida to help ensure the success of our Reunions and Conferrals.

The Kid Walk / Kid Talk Walkathon is set to be held at the Allegany County Health Department on September 16, 2023 in support of our four RiteCare Speech and language Disorders clinics that are currently serving 160 area children who need our help. Information about how you can donate is on the front cover. The Oakland Golf Tournament in memory of Debbie Friend is also taking place on September 23 so if you'd like to play the game or support the Children's League as a sponsor contact Brent Lewis or Jason Finch. Information and contact information are available on the cover of this publication.

In other news, the Supreme Council has adopted new personnel policies regarding leadership at the Orient and Valley levels. For years the Supreme Council had a mandatory retirement age of 80 years young which did not apply to the Valleys. The Supreme Council will soon be implementing two-year term limits and mandatory retirement age of 80 for many officers who are appointed by SGIGs and Deputies in each Orient. According to the Supreme Council, the intent of this policy is not to dismiss the service of longtime leaders but is aimed at providing opportunities for newer members to transition into leadership roles across the Southern Jurisdiction. A policy change of this nature is controversial but probably in the best interest of our fair craft.

Let me offer my thanks and congratulations to everyone who has been involved in helping to bring light to the darkness in our Valley and at the Cumberland Masonic Temple during 2023. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the SGIG Representative to the Valley of Cumberland

Salvae Frater,

Ill Jamey S. Hill, 33°, Personal Representative

P.S. News Flash Guys and Gals, it is time to get back to work in the quarries of Freemasonry

TO ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

This is your invitation to attend

Honors Day Saturday, September 30th, 2023



Honors Day is a Biennial Event when the Scottish Rite confers the 33rd degree and the Knight Commander Court of Honour. While the 33rd degree is a closed rite, only open to Inspector Generals – Active and Honorary, the KCCH Investiture and Capping are public ceremonies and open to all. Afterwards, there is a Gala Banquet again open to all, to celebrate this auspicious occasion and the elevation of the honorees.



Noon – 1:45pm	Ladies Program – Colonnade Hotel <i>Honoree's Lady – No Charge, All others \$30.00</i>
12:45pm – 1:15pm	Registration for 33rd Degree Candidates – Classroom
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Conferral of the 33rd Degree <i>Admission to the 33° conferral is for 33° Scottish Rite Masons Only—Must Present Current Dues Card to Enter, Dress is Tuxedo, White 33° Cap & Jewel</i>
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Registration of 32° – KCCH Candidates—Banquet Hall <i>Set Stage and Floor for KCCH Investiture</i>
3:30pm – 4:45pm	Open conferral of the KCCH Investiture Capping Ceremony to follow the 32° – KCCH Investiture
5:30pm	Pictures of new Honor Men in Classroom
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Honors Banquet—Reservations Required, \$50.00 per person <i>Grapes of Wrath Salad, Warm Sourdough Rolls and Butter, 10 oz NY Strip Grilled on Open Flame, Twice Baked Potato, Oven Roasted Asparagus, Coffee and Tea Station, Cash Bar</i> <i>New Honorees and 1 Guest—No Cost, Assigned Seating—No tickets Issued.</i>
8:00pm – 10:30pm	Music & Dancing

PLEASE RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2023

Scottish Rite Office; Monday–Friday 9am – 3pm, or by calling 410-243-3200
Cash, Check and Charge Cards accepted

Scottish Rite Family and Friends Picnic and Corn Roast



The members of the Cumberland Scottish Rite had another successful Annual Family and Friends Picnic and Corn Roast in the summer of 2023. We are grateful to Jamie and Linda Summerfield for hosting this annual event at their beautiful home and to all those who attended for helping to make this casual event with

family and friends a great success. We hope even more of our members will plan to bring their family members and others to take part in this fun day of food and fellowship next August. Details about this and other events happening in the Valley of Cumberland are provided in the Valley newsletter and monthly e-news. Anyone who is interested in receiving copies of the e-news by email may sign up on the home page of the Valley of Cumberland website at cumberlandsctishrite.org.

Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Hosts 5th Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church joined Cumberland Scottish Rite for an annual blessing of the tartans. Pictured left to right: Scott Riley; Ill. Kenneth Robertson, 33°; KSA Venerable Master Bro. Michael Kerns, 32°; KSA Past Venerable Master Bro. Dwight Metcalf, 32°; Barbara Townsend; The Rt. Rev. Martin G. Townsend; Bro. Jesse Walker; Robin Paulman; Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°; Ill. Jamey Hill, 33°; and Ill. Robin Summerfield, 33°.



The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew and our neighbors at Emmanuel Episcopal Parish cohosted a Kirkin' o' the Tartan service at Emmanuel on April 16, 2023. The service led by The Rt. Rev. Martin Townsend featured special music by Bro. Jesse Walker of the MacMillan-Dunn pipe band and a blessing of the Tartans of congregants and Cumberland KSA members. The complete service can be viewed on Facebook at [@EmmanuelEpiscopalChurchCumberland](https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelEpiscopalChurchCumberland).

Many Scottish, Caledonia, and St. Andrew's Societies hold Kirkin' o' the Tartans services across the United States and Canada in churches of various denominations. The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew began partnering with congregations to host annual services in Western Maryland in 2019 and it has become a wonderful community tradition.

**Cumberland
Knights of St Andrew
Present**

*The 18th Annual
Robert Burns Supper*

February 3, 2024
Masonic Temple
Greene Street, Cumberland

Featuring
Traditional Scottish Fare by MISE EN PLACE
Musical Performances by Shanty Irish & Pipe Major Andrew
Donlon of MacMillan United Pipe Bands

Tickets available at
Cumberlandscottishrite.org or 301-729-2491

Benefits RiteCare Childhood Speech and Language Clinics

Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew to Host 2nd Annual Festival of St. Andrew

The Cumberland Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew will host its 2nd Annual Festival of St. Andrew the Apostle featuring a menu of wild game and Scottish fare following the Chapter's Annual Communication on Monday, November 27 at 5:30 pm at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. Scottish Rite Freemasons and their guests are invited to attend the dinner beginning at 6:30 pm.

The Gospel of John informs us that Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and one of two disciples who followed Jesus after John had pointed him out, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God." Andrew's first act of discipleship was to find his brother, Simon Peter, and bring him to Jesus. We might call Andrew the first missionary among the disciples.

Tradition has it that Andrew traveled to Scythia where he was crucified by angry pagans on an X-shaped cross.

St. Andrew has been celebrated in Scotland for over one thousand years, with feasts being held in his honor as far back as the year 1000 AD. However, it wasn't until 1320, when Scotland's independence was declared with the signing of The Declaration of Arbroath, that he officially became Scotland's patron saint. Since then, St. Andrew has become an integral part of Scottish society. The flag of Scotland is the saltire, also known as St. Andrew's Cross, and the ancient town of St. Andrews was named due to its claim of being the final resting place of St. Andrew.

There is no fee to attend the Festival. However, reservations are required and donations to the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation will be accepted. RSVP online at cumberlandsctishrite.org or to Valley Secretary Robin Summerfield by email at info@cumberlandsctishrite.org or phone at 301-729-2491.



Fall Capping and Feast of Tishri



The Valley of Cumberland Fall Ring and Capping Presentation and Service Awards will take place on **Sunday, November 12 at 4:00 pm** followed by the Feast of Tishri at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. All members of the Valley of Cumberland are encouraged to attend to welcome our newest members and their families, celebrate the service of longtime members, and remember those brethren who have passed from our rolls to the celestial lodge above since the spring.

By observing the Feast of Tishri, Scottish Rite Masons share the fraternal spirit and reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men. As Brothers, we resolve to build, as King Solomon did, peace for all mankind. We pray blessings upon you and hope to be honored with your presence. We hope all our brethren will try to attend these combined ceremonies to honor our departed brethren, honor the service of our longtime members, and extend a hand of friendship to our newest members.

The Feast of Tishri is free for new members and their presenter, service award honorees, children age 12 and under, and DeMolay members. The cost of dinner is \$15 for all other attendees. RSVP online at cumberlandsctishrite.org or by completing and returning the registration form below.

Fall Capping and Feast of Tishri Dinner Reservation

Sunday, November, 2023 at 4:00 pm - Masonic Temple, Greene Street

Complete and return the form below with payment to:
Cumberland Scottish Rite, 15 Greene Street, Cumberland, MD 21502
Tickets available online at cumberlandsctishrite.org

Name / Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ # Tickets @ \$15.00/person _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash \$ _____

_____ I plan to attend but WILL NOT be staying for dinner.

Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies
15 Greene Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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8th Annual Masonic Bird Hunt to Support Rite Care

Saturday, November 4, 2023

On Point Outfitters, Addison, PA



Limited Space Available!

\$185 per Shooter (\$75 Deposit)

- ⇒ A Guide and Dog for Each Group of 5
- ⇒ 4 Pheasants and 2 Quails per Shooter
- ⇒ Exciting prizes!

Carpool from Little Sandy's at Keyser's Ridge at 8:00 am
Breakfast on your own
Contact Rob Elliott for Details at 724-984-1484



RSVP at cumberlandscottishrite.org