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Valley of Cumberland Welcomes Return of the 9th and 10th Degrees

Members of the newly Constituted 9th and 10th Degree Cast with Spring 2026 Class Members. Class members pictured front row from L to R: Justin Hamilton, Ashton, Middleton, Matthew McKay, Christopher Andrews, Kristoffer Lescalleet, and David Ackerman

The Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite was proud to include the 9th and 10th Degrees as part of its Spring 2026 Conferral program, bringing these powerful and meaningful degrees to life for candidates and members alike.

The effort required to mount a full degree production is considerable, and the Valley owes a debt of gratitude to those who made it possible. Degree Team Captain Benjamin A. Zamostny, 32° KCCH took on the vital task of recruiting and preparing a dedicated cast, and his leadership was instrumental in bringing the production together. Equal credit is due to Director of Work Hon. Mark C. Lathrop, 32° KCCH and his team, whose careful planning for set, props, and wardrobe ensured a polished and memorable presentation worthy of the degrees being conferred.

The cast, comprised largely of Brothers from Washington County, performed with distinction. Christopher D. Ackerman, 32° portrayed King Solomon; Christopher Y. Dillard, 32° took the role of King Hiram; Gini J. Khalsa, 32° appeared as Banais (Junior Deacon); Gary A. Shriver, 32° KCCH served as Pharos (Shepherd); Marco R. Cardenas Pareja, 32° portrayed Ben-Dekar (Elu); Benjamin A. Zamostny, 32° KCCH played Satolkin (Elu); and the three Ruffians were portrayed by Ryan G.H. Derby, 32°; James F. McVay, 32°; and Stephen K. Gaudette, 32°. K. Camille Agbekponou, 32° rounded out the cast in the role of Zerbal.

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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. there.



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Valley of Cumberland Calendar of Events

Complete Calendar for 2026 at cumberlandscttishrite.org/calendar-2

AUGUST 2026

Monday, August 17	KSA Burns Committee	7:30 PM
Monday, August 31	KSA - Business Meeting/Rehearsal	7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday, September 7	Labor Day - No meeting	
Tuesday, September 8	Visitation to Myersdale Lodge No. 554	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 12	Cumberland Heritage Days/Temple/Tours	10:00 AM
Saturday, September 19	Kid Walk/Kid Talk Walkathon	10:00 AM
Monday, September 21	32nd Degree Rehearsal (no KSA)	6:30 PM
Monday, September 21	Regular SR Stated Meeting: Lodge of Perfection	7:30 PM
Sunday, September 27	Degree Rehearsal - 14, 30, & 32nd Degrees (with KSA)	1:00/2:00/3:00 PM

OCTOBER 2026

Saturday, October 3	Grand Lodge Harvest Home Day	7:30 AM
Monday, October 5	Degree Rehearsal – 14th Degree	6:30 PM
Monday, October 5	Regular SR Stated Meeting: Consistory (2)	7:30 PM
Monday, October 19	Regular SR Stated Meeting: Council of Kadosh (2)	7:30 PM
Friday, October 23	Setup for Conferral	10:00 AM & 5:00 PM
Saturday, October 24	SR 188th Conferral & Reunion Registration	7:30 AM
	Lodge of Perfection Opens	8:00 AM
	Confer 4, 9, 14, 18, 30, & 32 Degrees (One Day Class)	

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday, November 2	Regular SR Stated Meeting: Lodge of Perfection (7)	7:30 pm
	Nominations for all Bodies 2027	
Saturday, November 7	11th Annual Masonic Bird Hunt, Addison, PA	All Day
Sunday, November 15	Feast of Tishri & Fall Capping	2:00 PM
Monday, November 16	SR Foundation Annual Meeting	7:30 PM
Friday, November 20	Grand Lodge Banquet	TBA
Saturday, November 21	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	All Day
Monday, November 30	KSA Annual Communication	6:30 PM

DECEMBER 2026

Tuesday, December 1	Scottish Rite Social Club Holiday Party – Stonecroft Manor	6:00 PM
Monday, December 7	Lodge of Perfection (8) – Election of Officers	7:30 PM
	Adopt 2027 Consolidated Calendar	
Monday, December 21	Officer Orientation & Installation Rehearsal	6:00 PM

“If you’d told me then...”**BY: ILL. JAMEY S. HILL, 33°, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SGIG OF MARYLAND**

If someone from 2026 had visited me at age twenty-six and described my life as I prepare to complete my seventh decade, I wouldn't have believed them.

I recently read a piece by writer Deb Curci, who says her life at sixty-two came nowhere close to what she'd expected at twenty-six. At twenty-six, she was a mom in a blended family of six, working full-time, measuring success in one-week increments: if everyone was fed, the bills were paid, and nobody needed the emergency room, that was a good week. The future wasn't something she could imagine; it was something she was trying to survive long enough to reach. Quite a bit like my life, I'd say.

I've had two childhood friends die prematurely. One was a pitcher I caught in Little League — the funniest man I ever knew. We were all sure he'd die on the motorcycle he rode like a maniac; instead, he died on the Wheeling Bridge as a passenger in a Pontiac Firebird. The other was my closest friend — colon cancer at thirty. My response to these losses, as a passionate young man with years of maturity still ahead of me, was to stop being thoughtful of others, to put it mildly, for ten years. I did whatever I wanted to whoever I wanted. It was not good. I have a family member who's fought certain demons for the past fifteen years. Addiction affects the whole family, young and old. I struggled to understand why bad things happen to good people then, and I still do nearly forty years later. I can make no sense of it.

At forty-eight, ready to give back to my community — family raised, married life in order — I took a two-pronged approach to filling my life with community work instead of self-indulgence. I joined the Lodge because I'd always read about Freemasonry and wondered if I'd be accepted into their ranks. It took more than a year to get through the catechism before I could even attend a regular meeting, so in the meantime I volunteered as an officer at a local fraternity I'd frequented as a guest. I tried to explain to management, as a new volunteer, that a three-percent net profit was nowhere near enough. Ironically, management was happy with things as they were, and the shortage of revenue went almost unspoken. When I couldn't change the accounting to suit me, I quit, because one man's friendship mattered more to me than anything the fraternity could offer. If you'd told me then...

Discord and confusion seem to find their way into every aspect of our lives — our families, friendships, occupations, sometimes even in the fraternity we so love. If you'd told me this as a newly-raised Master Mason, I wouldn't have believed you. It can sometimes be difficult to comprehend the decisions made by those we've entrusted with leadership. The Apostle Paul wrote of how, as we grow into maturity, our understanding grows with it — a boy's reasoning giving way to a man's; and in difficult times it's those important tenets of our fraternity, silence and circumspection, not our frustration, that must guide our response. Those tenets ask more of us than agreement; they ask for the patience that comes with maturity, and for faith that the institution is bigger than any single decision that may trouble us. If the future can't be imagined, maybe we should simply try to survive to reach it. At twenty-six I couldn't have found Cockeysville on a map. Today, I frequently remind my nephews that the blue wildflower growing along the backroads of West Virginia is called chicory. I know when the redbuds bloom at the Dingle. I listen for the first whip-poor-wills in spring. I wave at people I pass on the street who I don't even know.

If I could send a message back to that cocksure forty-eight-year-old man, it wouldn't be advice. It would be reassurance:

The life you're working so hard to hold together is leading you somewhere you can't possibly imagine;

You may be always running somewhere but someday your favorite days won't involve going anywhere at all;

Not everything you'll lose deserves to be mourned; and

Not everything worth loving is already on your map.

One day you'll discover that happiness isn't found by checking off every goal you set in your twenties — sometimes it's found in a place you never expected to live, doing work you never expected to have time for, surrounded by people and dogs you never knew you'd love.

Have a great summer.

Jamey

“The Internal, and not the External, qualifications of a man is what Masonry regards.”

BY: MARK PELLETIER, 32°, ASSISTANT SECRETARY



I recently overheard a brother at a degree conferral ask, “Do Chinese people even believe in God?” At first, it seemed that this was a rash statement to make. I immediately thought of the 3 Pillars of syncretic Chinese religions: Confucian, Taoist, and Buddhist Philosophies that mix with Chinese folk traditions in a fluid manner. The traditions learn and borrow from each other and use rituals, deities, and ethical teachings across Religions/Philosophies when deemed appropriate. So, there has been a rich tradition of Classical Chinese Religion that has not only influenced Asia, but also the West.

But there are also Chinese people who practice Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. These Monotheistic Religions are registered and sanctioned by the State. But digging deeper into the subject, I wondered if there are Chinese Freemasons with functional Blue Lodges and is there a Grand Lodge of China? The answer is unequivocally yes. The next day, I began to investigate the interesting history of the Grand Lodge of China.

Freemasonry first saw light in China in the late 1700’s with establishment of Amity Lodge No. 407 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. In 1886, there were thirteen English Lodges, four Scottish, one American, and one Irish Lodge, with membership primarily of Foreign Nationals. The number of Lodges fluctuated during this period and became six in number. In 1930, a group of American and Chinese Master Masons, who had been raised abroad, elected to form a Lodge in Shanghai to bring Freemasonry to Chinese aspirants. In 1949, the Grand Lodge of China was established from Lodges chartered under the Grand Lodge of Philippines. When the Communist Government came to power in 1951, this was a dark time for Freemasonry in China, as the fraternity was forbidden by the Government. The second Grand Master declared darkness had fallen on the Grand Lodge of China. The Grand Lodge of China was moved to Hong Kong for a time, but when mainland China fell to the Communists, the Government of the Republic of China went to Taiwan and eventually Chinese Freemasonry followed.

The Grand Lodge of China F. & A.M. was reactivated in Taiwan in 1955 and now includes twelve subordinate Lodges with over 750 members that share mutual recognition with the Grand Lodge of Maryland as well as Grand Lodges in 47 other states and the District of Columbia as well as the Prince Hall Masons of Maryland. Other Masonic bodies that are active in China include the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, and Shriners International. This shows that Masonry always finds a way even when living in a constant state of repression.

It is charged that applicants who petition to be Chinese Freemasons are required to believe in a Supreme Being, just as Blue Lodge Masonry requires here in the USA. Circling back to our Brother’s previous question, yes, Chinese people believe in God. If we avoid our first superficial and external opinions when we first encounter people who differ from us and think there is no way we have anything in common, but actually do the work to examine the internal, and not simply the external, qualifications of a man, we can confirm the universality of not only Masonry but of all Humankind.

More information about the Grand Lodge of China F. & A.M is available at the following link: <https://freemason.org.tw/>.

Thank you for reading,

Mark Pelletier
Assistant Secretary
Valley of Cumberland

Robinette and Isom Recognized for More Than Half a Century of Membership & Service



L to R: Ill. Robin Summerfield, 33°, Valley Secretary; Daughter Stephanie Seib; Ill. Jerome Robinette, 33°, Secretary Emeritus and Mitzie Robinette; and Ill. Jamey Hill, 33°, SGIG Personal Representative.



L to R: Bro. Art Isom, 32°, and Ill. Jamey Hill, 33°, SGIG Personal Representative.

Brothers Jerry Robinette and Art Isom were among seven members of the Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite who were recognized for more than fifty years of service to the Rite at the Valley's Spring Convocation. Bro. Isom, 32° was presented with a certificate and pin for 55 years of service in addition to a 50-year prayer cap and Ill. Jerry Robinette, 33° was presented with his 50-year Service Award. Bro. Robinette served for more than four decades as Secretary-Registrar for the Valley of Cumberland where he continues to offer his extensive knowledge and experience and he has served the Cumberland Community as a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's League and the Allegany Museum.

Honourmen Continue to Provide Critical Leadership and Support



L to R: Ill. Paul G. Shircliff, 33°; Ill. Mark C. Weatherholt, 33°; Ill. Robin L. Summerfield, 33°; Ill. Jerome F. Robinette, 33°; Ill. Samuel J. Lane, 33°; Ill. Theodore Raynovich, III, 33°; Ill. Jamey S. Hill, 33°; and Ill. Brent L. Lewis, 33°.

We salute The Inspectors General Honorary of the Valley of Cumberland, gathered here following the Spring 2026 Conferral. The coronet of the 33rd Degree is among the highest honors the Scottish Rite can bestow — yet it is not a recognition of retirement from the work of the Rite, but a call to continue it. These Illustrious Brothers exemplify that spirit, offering their wisdom, leadership, and service to guide both new members and long-tenured Brothers who remain the backbone of the Valley of Cumberland.

Spring Capping and Ceremony of Lights

The Valley of Cumberland celebrated its Spring Ring and Capping and Ceremony of Lights Presentation and Service Awards on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. Members of the Valley of Cumberland attended 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.



New 32° members Matthew McKay, David Ackerman, Chris Andrews, Ashton Middleton, Justin Hamilton, and Kristoffer Lescalleet with Service Award honorees Art Isom and Jerry Robinette.

By observing the Celebration of Lights, Scottish Rite Masons remember and celebrate our departed Brethren as well as sharing the fraternal spirit and reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the and the brotherhood of all men. As Brothers, we resolve to build, as King Solomon did, peace for all mankind.

Cumberland KSA Chapter adds Members 2026 Spring KSA Initiation



The Cumberland Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew added four new members to its ranks at its Spring communication. The Knights of the Chapter are shown here following the initiation of new members Matthew McKay, Kristoffer Lescalleet, Scott Walker, and Timothy Dykes. Standing L to R: Jamey Hill, Timothy Friend, Dwight Metcalf, McKay, Lescalleet, Brett Bean, Richard Haines, Mark Pelletier, Walker, Larry Hartz, Dykes, Mark Weaterholt, Christopher Ackerman, Harry “Cork” Ringler, and Mark Lathrop.

Meet the 2026 Officers of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection



Officers of the Cumberland Lodge of Perfection pictured L to R: Master of Ceremonies Bro. Timothy E. Friend, 32°, Senior Warden Bro. Richard E. Haines, 32°, Venerable Master Ill. Mark C. Weatherholt, 33°, Junior Warden Hon. Dwight C. Metcalf, 32° KCCH, and Orator Bro. James E. Arnold, 32°



Inaugural Spring Masonic Bird Hunt to Support RiteCare

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation hosted its Inaugural Spring Masonic Bird Hunt on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Despite cold winds and horizontal snow, twenty-one hardy Scottish Rite Brothers and guests gathered at 8:00 AM at Addison Outfitters in the Laurel Highlands, PA for a wonderful day in the field and enjoyable post-hunt fellowship.

The event raised \$950.00 to support local RiteCare clinics. Special thanks go to our guides and their remarkable dogs for their assistance, and to Brother Rob Elliott for his outstanding organizational efforts.

Jamey Hill, Personal Representative of the Valley of Cumberland from Kemp Lodge No. 154, claimed First Prize for the day, while the “coveted” Bent Barrel award went to Brother Mark Pelletier of Queen City Lodge No. 131.

The inaugural Spring Bird Hunt was a resounding success, and we hope to see you at the Fall Bird Hunt at the same location on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Details and registration is available at cumberlandscottishrite.org.

Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew Celebrate Annual Kirkin' of the Tartans



Pictured L to R: Ill. Jamey Hill; Hon. Dwight Metcalf; Emmanuel Members The Very Rev. Dr. Scott Rieker and David Townsend; Bro. Richard Haines; Ill. Robin Summerfield; and Bro. Chris Andrews.

The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew participated in the annual Kirkin' of the Tartans at Emmanuel Episcopal Parish of Cumberland on April 19, 2026. Thanks to the Very Rev. Dr. Scott Rieker and the Emmanuel congregation for a warm welcome to share in this tradition of blessing tartans. The full service and Kirkin' of the Tartans can be viewed online at the Emmanuel Episcopal Parish Channel on YouTube at @emmanuelepiscopalparish5317



Valley of Cumberland Presents JROTC Award



L to R: Ill. Jamey Hill, 33°; Bro. Mark Pelletier, 32°; Cadet Sgt. Johnathan Paugh; Hon. Mark Lathrop, 32° KCCH; Bro. Chris Ackerman, 32°; and Ill. Robin Summerfield, 33°

Cumberland Chapter of Rose Croix Senior Warden Christopher Ackerman presented Cadet Sgt. Johnathan Paugh of the Southern Garrett High School Rams Squadron with the Scottish Rite JROTC Medal by during the Squadron's Annual Awards program in May.

The Scottish Rite JROTC Award is a prestigious honor presented to outstanding cadets for fostering Americanism and showing leadership. It includes a medal, ribbon, and certificate, typically awarded to a second-year student (or second-to-last year) in the top 25% of their class who demonstrates patriotism, character, and school service.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite is proud to participate in the Scottish Rite JROTC Program for High Schools in partnership with the JROTC program leadership at

Northern Garrett High School and Southern Garrett High School. Other high school JROTC programs within the Valley of Cumberland are encouraged to contact Valley Secretary Robin Summerfield at (301) 729-2491.

Masonic Strawberry Night 2026

Masons, Friends, and Families gather together for a night of Fellowship

Masons in the Valley of Cumberland and Guests shared a night of food and friendship on Monday June 1st 2026 at the Cumberland Masonic Temple. Fried chicken, sides, and fresh strawberries with the fixings were enjoyed by all. It was a convivial evening of food and fun. Special thanks to Strawberry Night Committee Chairman Mike Kamhauf for organizing the event and all on the Committee assisted.

Garrett County Celtic Festival 2026

Knights of St. Andrew Take Part in Garrett County Celtic Festival



L to R: Hon. Mark Lathrop, 32° KCCH; Ill. Samuel J. Lane, 33°; and Ill. Jamey Hill, 33°, SGIG Personal Representative.

On June 6th 2021, The Cumberland Knights of St. Andrew presented the colors as part of the 2026 Garrett County Celtic Festival held in Friendsville in June. The festival features a variety of Celtic traditional music and arts as well as Highland Games. It is a highlight of the year for the Knights of St. Andrew as we engage the community with friendship and pride.

Scottish Rite Corn Roast and Picnic

On the afternoon of July 11, 2026 Masons in the Valley of Cumberland and Guests gathered for a fun time together at Summerfield Lane in Rawlings, MD. Excellent food and fellowship was enjoyed by all, and there was even clay pigeon shooting for those who wished to show their prowess.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 50-year Certificate to Honourman Jerry Robinette on behalf of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

**L to R: ; Ill.
Jamey Hill, 33°,
SGIG Personal
Representative
and Ill. Jerome
Robinette, 33°.**



**Scottish Rite
Members,
Family, and
Friends.**



Fall Masonic Bird Hunt to Support Rite Care

November 7, 2026

On Point Outfitters, Addison, PA



Limited Space Available!

\$185 per Shooter (\$75 Deposit)

- ⇒ A Guide and Dog for Each Group of 5
- ⇒ 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



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Preserving Our Legacy, Building Our Future

Visitors to the Cumberland Masonic Temple in the months ahead will notice both visible enhancements and important upgrades quietly working behind the scenes. With the assistance of a generous loan from the Grand Lodge of Maryland through its Blue Lodge Support Fund, the Temple has undertaken a series of projects designed to strengthen the building's long-term sustainability, efficiency, and usability.

Among the most significant improvements—though largely unseen—is the installation of insulation in the expansive attic above the Lodge Room. For years, dramatic temperature fluctuations contributed to rising energy costs and ongoing deterioration of plaster and painted surfaces. By stabilizing the climate in this space, the new insulation protects the historic interior while improving overall energy efficiency.

Another transformative but less visible initiative is the comprehensive renovation planned for the fourth floor. Once used as a locker room in decades past, this area has been reimagined as a fully climate-controlled meeting and rehearsal space. As activity within the Temple continues to grow, lodges, appendant bodies, and youth groups increasingly need functional space for instruction and preparation. The renovation includes new windows for improved security and efficiency, installation of modern electrical and HVAC systems, updated lighting, insulation, drywall, and the refinishing of the original hardwood floors. The result is a practical, attractive space that supports the expanding work of our Masonic family.

During the winter recess, contractors also addressed areas of failing plaster in the ballroom, completing necessary repairs and repainting to preserve the integrity and appearance of this heavily used gathering space.

The most visible enhancements are evident on the building's exterior. Restoration and repointing of masonry on the front façade and porch have strengthened and refreshed the Temple's historic presence. In addition, the installation of a modernized foyer at the Cherry Lane entrance will significantly improved accessibility, security, and the overall experience for members and guests attending events. This project was made possible in large part through the generosity of a private donor whose support has left a lasting mark on the building.

Equally important to these improvements is the extraordinary contribution of our volunteers. Many Brethren and friends have given generously of their time and labor—assisting with demolition, hauling debris, preparing surfaces, painting, deep cleaning, and countless other tasks that make professional work possible and stretch every dollar entrusted to the project. Their quiet dedication reflects the very principles our Temple was built to embody: shared labor, stewardship, and pride in our common home. Without their efforts, much of this progress would not have been possible.

The Temple Board of Directors continues to evaluate additional preservation and improvement initiatives to ensure that this historic structure remains a vibrant center of Masonic life for generations to come. Contact



Cumberland Masonic Temple Restoration Fund Donation & Information Form

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Temple Treasurer Robin Summerfield at 301-729-2491 to learn more about giving opportunities through the Temple Centennial Campaign.

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Advance Your Masonic Journey with the Scottish Rite

The Valley of Cumberland Scottish Rite will hold its **188th Conferral and Reunion** on **Saturday, October 24, 2026**, at the historic Cumberland Masonic Temple. The day will begin with light refreshments at **7:30 a.m.**, followed by a full and meaningful program of degrees. We look forward to welcoming a new class of Brethren into the Valley and sharing with them the light, fellowship, and purpose that define the Scottish Rite.

The Scottish Rite continues the journey begun in the Symbolic Lodge, expanding upon the moral, philosophical, and spiritual teachings of the Craft. Through its degrees, members are challenged to think deeply about justice, integrity, duty, tolerance, and service to humanity. The Rite is not a departure from Blue Lodge Masonry—it is its enrichment. Here, timeless principles are explored in greater depth and presented through powerful allegory and reflection.

Beyond the degrees, membership in the Valley fosters lasting fraternity. Brothers find opportunities for leadership, charitable engagement, education, and fellowship across generations. The Valley of Cumberland is known for its welcoming spirit and its commitment to strengthening both the individual Mason and the Craft as a whole.

Scottish Rite Petition Now Available Online

Do you know a Master Mason seeking further light in Masonry? Encourage him to consider the Scottish Rite. All Master Masons who have been found proficient in the catechism of the Third Degree are eligible to petition for membership.

Now is an excellent time to take the next step. Join us on March 21 as we continue a tradition nearly two centuries strong—and help us welcome a new class of Scottish Rite Masons into the Valley. Petitions are available in the lobby of the Cumberland Masonic Temple and online at <https://bit.ly/CumberlandSRPetition> or by using the QR code shown here.

