



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

IMPORTANT DATES

January 30th (Thursday)—Executive Council Meeting #2 Location - 800 N. State St. Dover, De @ McGlynn's Pub & Restaurant 5:30PM-7:00PM This will be an Executive meeting, under the direction of the Deputy. This meeting is for the Heads of the Bodies, Deputy, Active, Secretary and treasurer. Dress for all coat and tie.

January 30th (Thursday)—Business Meeting #3 Location - Dover Masonic Temple 1478 Wyoming Mill Rd. Dover, DE 19904. 7:30PM This will be an Business meeting, under the direction of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited. If you plan on attending, Dress for all coat and tie, hat and jewel (as applicable).

February 1st (Saturday)— Reunion #3 Location - Location - 818 N. Market St. Wilmington 9:30AM **Degrees are the 13° Master of the Ninth Arch on Stage , and the 22° Prince of Libanus on DVD ,** We will open under the direction of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem. Dress for officers & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable). Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

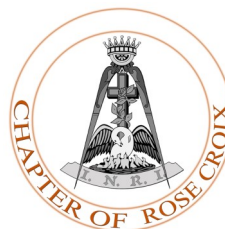
February 29th (Saturday)—Reunion #4 Location - Location - 818 N. Market St. Wilmington 9:30AM **Degrees are the 15° "Knight of the East" on Stage, the 21° "Patriarch Noachite" on Stage, and the 24° "Brother of the Forest" on DVD.** We will open under the direction of the Chapter of Rose Croix. Dress for officers & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable). Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

April 3rd (Friday) Mixer #2 Location - La Casa Pasta Restaurant, 120 Four Seasons Pkwy, Newark, DE 19702 This will be a Mixer for hopeful candidates. If you plan on attending, cost is \$10 a person, unless you have a signed petition then it's free. Candidates are Free. You MUST contact the SR secretary at (302)998-6475 ASAP! If you do not RSVP, you Will be turned away at the door.; Dress for all is business csual.

April 4th (Saturday) Solemn Ceremonial Feast of the Paschal Lamb - Location - Union Lodge #7, 1478 Wyoming Mill Rd, Dover, De 19904 11:30AM Seating, 12:00 Noon Performance. Lunch will be served after the performance. Cost to be determined. Dress for officers & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable).

April 18th (Saturday)—Reunion #5 Location - Location - 818 N. Market St. Wilmington 9:30AM **Degrees are the 31° on DVD, And the 32° on stage.** We will open under the direction of the Delaware Consistory. Dress for officers & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable). Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

All KSA Knights and Squires are encouraged to attend!



The "Blue Envelop Appeal Challenge"

As many of you know, we just finished "Giving Tuesday" whereby once again we saw an outpouring of support for our Scottish Rite Charities. With a goal of \$332,000 the Telethon began and by the time it was all over we smashed right past that goal to finish up with a total of \$420,584. Such an outpouring of love, support, and fellowship is the hallmark of this great fraternity and Delaware once again did its part to shore up its support of these efforts.

That brings us to the second annual Blue Envelop Appeal Challenge. Like last year, the Supreme Council is challenging all the Valleys in the NMJ to engage in a bit of "Friendly" competition. This challenge comes in three flavors: (a) top 10 Valleys for the percent of membership donating, (b) top 10 Valleys for the number of members donating, and (c) top 10 Valleys for the amount of money donated. Competition can take many forms (against oneself, against a standard, against nature, and of course against others). Each form has its advantages and disadvantages, and usually when competing against others, as is being challenged here, there are usually more losers than winners, HOWEVER that is not the case with this "Friendly Challenge" for our charities will be on the receiving end and those to whom these charities benefit will certainly be the winners, hence there are NO LOSERS so let's get on board.



The way I see it, our Valleys in Delaware might be challenged to compete with the larger Valleys in some other states for total number of members contributing and total amount donated, BUT the advantage of being a smaller Valley is that we can win the percentage competition if we can just get everyone to SEND SOMETHING. Too often we think that we cannot afford to be benevolent but remember the story of the women in the Gospel of Luke (21:1-4) who put into the temple treasury two copper coins compared to those who were giving out of abundance and how favorably she was looked upon. So I ask, cannot everyone donate at least \$5 to this year's Blue Envelop Appeal? Of course you can always give more but I challenge everyone to send something. Let's blow the top off this challenge by getting over 90% of our membership to donate something and thus help our Brothers and their families whether it be through the Grand Almoner's fund, Abbott Scholarship fund, Children's Dyslexia Centers, or our Masonic Museum and Library. Remember there are NO LOSERS, only WINNERS and that includes you.





PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN YOUR MASONIC PRAYERS

Illustrious Brother Bruce Beck
Brother Pat Shearon MSA
Brother Greg Correll MSA



If you know of anyone who is in need of prayers, please contact the Secretary as indicated.



Fraternal Greetings Brothers & Sublime Princes,

The reunion on the 19th of October was well received and attended. There were 13 new candidates who witnessed the 4th, 5th and 6th Degrees. The 4th Degree and the 6th Degree were conferred via DVD video. The 5th degree was live action and the actors were excellent in their portrayal of the message The 4th degree "Master Traveler" will be replaced by a new version titled the "Builder". The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is in the process of filming the new version. According to the Supreme Council the new 4th Degree will provide a link to the 3rd Degree. I have read the new script, and it provides more information regarding the story of Hiram Abiff and the building of the Temple. To all of the new candidates, please visit the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction website to view upcoming degree dates, general information, and events at: www.scottishritenmj.org



Byrom Price
Thrice Potent Master



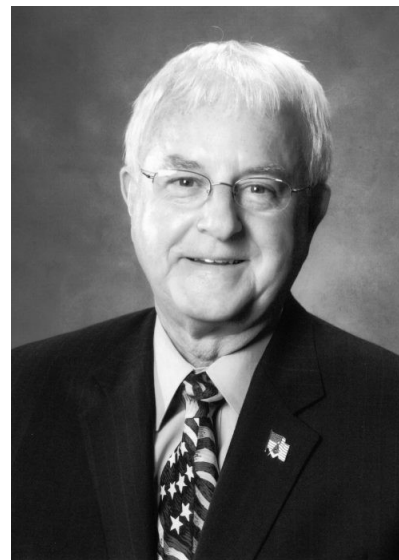
Do not forget to visit and "Like" the Valley of Wilmington's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/Scottish-Rite-of-Delaware-AASR-Valley-of-Wilmington-1517575941888449/>

Barry Cloud Hughes, age 73, of Wilmington, DE passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

Barry was born on St. Patrick's Day March 17, 1946 in West Chester, PA. He was the son of Cloud D. and Mabel F. Hughes. Barry's father passed away when he was young. His mother married Jesse P. Murdoch who raised Barry from 9 years of age. In August 1992, he married Patti Lafferty, daughter of Joseph and Betty Lafferty.

He graduated from Henderson High School in 1964 where he played baseball and soccer. In his senior year, he was part of the soccer team that won the PIAA State Championship. He attended Goldey-Beacom College from September 1964 to June 1966 graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in accounting and business administration. Barry enjoyed hunting and fishing and he played softball in the NCC Senior Softball League and in the Delaware Senior Olympics. He enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends telling stories and having a good laugh but most importantly he loved spending time with his grandchildren Hunter and Charlie who will remember him as "Pap".



In September 1966, he enlisted in the Army. After completing Army School for Radar and Computer Electronic Maintenance for Nike Hercules Missiles, he served two years on a Nike Hercules Missile Battery in Germany.

He was employed by Delta Airlines in October 1972 at Philadelphia International Airport, retiring after twenty-two years in 1994. In 1996, he was employed by Doherty Funeral Homes as a Certified Funeral Preplanning Consultant. He retired in June of 2017.

On April 23, 1985, he received his EA Degree and became a member of Granite Lodge 34. He received his FC Degree on May 21, 1985 and the MM Degree on June 1, 1985. He served as Worshipful Master of Granite Lodge 34 in 1990 and 2000. He was appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1992, Grand Marshal 2003, Elected Junior Grand Warden 2009, Senior Grand Warden 2010, Deputy Grand Master 2011, Grand Master 2012 and Grand Treasurer 2013 to date. He took over as chairman of the Committee on Education, Leadership and Work in 2014, and was a member of the Wilmington Masonic Hall Co.

He is a Past Sovereign Prince and Past Commander in Chief of the AASR, Valley of Wilmington and received the 33 degree on August 30, 2005. He is also a member of NUR Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, Brandywine Forest 20 TCL, RAM, Council and Commandery as well as a member of the Delaware Colonials Degree Team.



He is survived by his wife, Patti of 27 years, his twin daughters, Christine McKernan (Mike) and Lauren Sivak, his grandchildren, Hunter and Charlie, and his beloved dogs, Lulu, Mookie and Belli. He was predeceased by his sister, Anne R. DuMez (Ted).

Friends are invited to visit with Barry's family on Wednesday, December 11 from 4-7 pm at the Nur Temple Shrine, 198 S. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE where a Masonic service will follow at 7 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Barry's memory to the Granite Corinthian Lodge, # 34, 1611 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803.

The Scottish Rite of Delaware Ambassador Program.

Brethren building a strong fraternal network

The mission of the Valley of Wilmington and the Valley of Lower Delaware's Lodge Ambassador network is to introduce brethren from the many Blue Lodges across Delaware (see complete list below) to fellow Masons with whom they otherwise might not have an opportunity to meet through the inspiring, convenient, and enjoyable Scottish Rite experience. Ambassadors have been designated for each Blue Lodge to assist brethren in joining the Scottish Rite.

Although the Scottish Rite confers additional degrees with higher numbers and distinctive titles, there is no "higher" degree than that of Master Mason in all of Freemasonry, and Scottish Rite members comprise a vast network of active, dedicated Blue Lodge Masons interested in expanding the bonds of fellowship. These relationships between men of good character strengthen the fraternal chain and can last a lifetime.

Sponsoring candidates – a brotherly obligation

A candidate may have his petition signed by any Scottish Rite Mason in Delaware who is in good standing. Sponsoring a candidate is an important responsibility, one which can have the most meaning when members of the candidate's Blue Lodge share the Scottish Rite experience together. Of course, which brother he asks to sign his petition is the choice of the candidate.

Above all, no candidate should ever have to miss a joining opportunity due to a delay in finding sponsors. If unable to locate sponsor(s) in time to participate in a Reunion or other joining opportunity (such as during the summer when many Blue Lodges go dark), a candidate may print a sponsor's name on his petition and submit it. A new candidate is also not beholden to a paper petition. If a perspective member can't ascertain a signature, he is welcomed, if not encouraged, to go to our Northern Masonic Jurisdiction web site and fill out a petition. The petition will be routed to the proper Valley, and will then seek to obtain the requisite signature(s) in a timely fashion.

What are Lodge Ambassadors encouraged to do?

- While serving as a Scottish Rite representative to his Blue Lodge brethren, each Lodge Ambassador is encouraged to:
- Keep in touch with his Blue Lodge(s) and be willing to sponsor candidates who need petitions signed.
- Stay informed about Delaware Scottish Rite by attending meetings and functions, in the Blue Lodge.
- Whenever convenient, attend Scottish Rite events including fraternal, charitable, and social activities.
- Suggest the name of a reliable successor in the event he becomes unable to perform these functions.

An opportunity to share Scottish Rite Freemasonry

It is a privilege to represent the Scottish Rite at the Blue Lodge level, and Lodge Ambassadors may request support materials such as membership brochures, magazines, or videos. Lodge Ambassadors demonstrating exemplary performance are eligible for special recognition including membership awards for sponsoring candidates who go on to become active Scottish Rite Masons.

To have a petition signed or to reach a Lodge Ambassador listed below for whom you do not have contact information, or to be designated a Lodge Ambassador for your Blue Lodge (especially if it is among those not yet formally assigned one), please contact our Lodge Ambassador Coordinator.

Delaware Lodge Ambassadors

Names marked with an asterisk below have been tentatively identified as prospective Lodge Ambassadors based on their Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite membership status. If your name is listed with an asterisk and you'd like to be designated a Lodge Ambassador or suggest another lodge brother you think might be interested, please contact our Lodge Ambassador Coordinator, Stephen M. Tucker, 32° at (302) 598-9328 or Ill. Bruce A. Beck, 33° at (302) 998-6475.



District 1 Symbolic Lodges: Northern New Castle County

Wilmington	Washington Lodge No. 1	TBD	
Wilmington	Temple Lodge No. 11	Clinton D. Lemasters, 32°	*
Wilmington	Lafayette Lodge No. 14	Van D. Olmstead, Jr., 32°	*
Wilmington	Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29	TBD	
Wilmington	Oriental Lodge No. 27	TBD	
Wilmington	Brandywine Lodge No. 33	Ill. Patrick J. Burke, MSA, 33°	
Talleyville	Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34	Kenneth J Musto, Jr, 32°	*
		James A McClain, Jr., 32°	*

District 2 Symbolic Lodges: Central and Southern New Castle County

New Castle	St. John's Lodge No. 2	Frank E. Hartszel, 32°	*
Middletown	Union Lodge No. 5	Lawrence H. Biederman, 32°	*
Smyrna	Harmony Lodge No. 13	TBD	
Delaware City	Jackson Lodge No. 19	Thomas Edgell Keller III, 32°	*
Newark	Hiram Lodge No. 25	TBD	
Newport	Armstrong Lodge No. 26	Byrom I. Price, 32°	
New Castle	Ionic Lodge No. 31	Michael Swain, 32°	
Newport	Unity Lodge No. 32	Kenneth C. Weaver, 32°	
New Castle	Christiana Lodge No. 35	Andrew C. Gregg, 32°	*
Newark	Solomon Lodge No. 36	Andrew C. Greene, 32°	
Newport	High Noon Lodge No. 38	Abraham Rivera, 32°	

District 3 Symbolic Lodges: Kent and Sussex County

Laurel	Hope Lodge No. 4	TBD	
Dover	Union Lodge No. 7	Maurice W. Little, 32°	
Milford	Temple Lodge No. 9	John D. McDuff, 32°	
Georgetown	Franklin Lodge No. 12	James M. Locklear, 32°	
Lewes	Jefferson Lodge No. 15	Eric J. Evans, 32°	
Milton	Endeavor Lodge No. 17	Joseph R. Rodgers, II, 32°	
Seaford	Hiram Lodge No. 21	TBD	
Reliance	Gethsemane Lodge No. 28	TBD	
Millville	Doric Lodge No. 30	TBD	
Dagsboro	Delaware Lodge No. 37	David Paul Whetstone, 32°	
		Adam A. Blood, 32° MSA	

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Scottish Rite of Delaware /Chapter of Rose Croix
Solemn Ceremonial Feast of the Paschal Lamb**

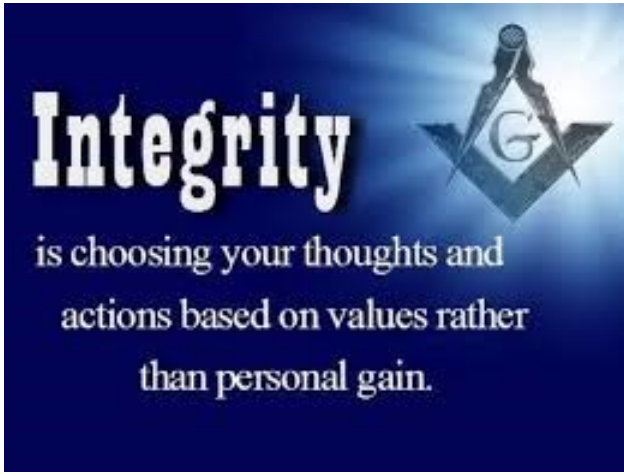


SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH 2020
11:30am Seating 12:00 Noon Performance
To be held at Union Lodge #7, 1478 Wyoming Mill Rd, Dover, De 19904
**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE CEREMONY
COST TO BE DETERMINED**

**Scottish Rite
Mason of the year 2019**

On Oct 17, 2019 Jefferson Lodge's Past Master Ron Ferraro, 33° received the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year Award at the monthly Valley of Wilmington Business Meeting.





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From the Desk of the Secretary ...

We are quickly approaching the end of the second half of the year and there are still a few members who have not sent in their dues. Please send them in as soon as possible. We also, still have a few members who have not paid their previous year's dues. Your membership in The Scottish Rite is valued to us. If you are having any problems paying your dues, please feel free to call me.

*** Please contact me if you are missing your plastic dues card. ***

Information to the family: Should the Scottish Rite Mason whose name appears on the mailing label be admitted into the Hospital, Nursing Home, or is incapacitated in any way,
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