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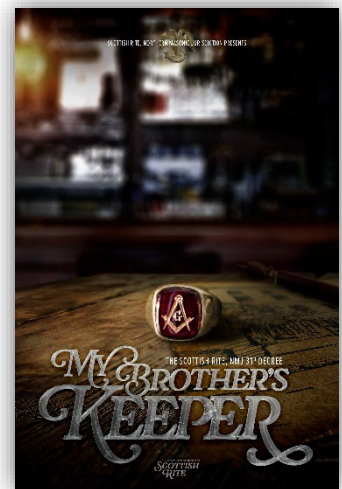
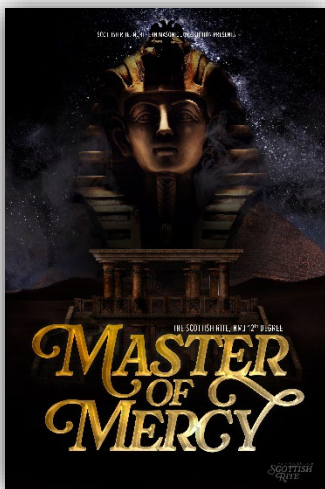
The Valley of Wilmington has its third reunion of the 2023 – 24 Scottish Rite calendar scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 818 N. Market Street, 4th floor. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Candidates are to report to the 4th floor at 8:00 a.m. to sign in and to meet the brethren ahead of viewing the 4th degree if needed. The opening of the reunion by the Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem is at 9:00 a.m.

The degrees presented will be the 12th degree (Master of Mercy) via video, the 22nd degree (Prince of Libanus) via video, and the 31st degree (My Brother's Keeper) via video.

Master of Mercy: The purpose of the Twelfth Degree is to teach the quality of forgiveness. Forgiveness means a spirit of compassion and a tenderness of heart which dispose a person not just to overlook the opportunity for revenge, but to cease to feel enmity or resentment toward an offender.

Prince of Libanus: In this degree, a brother seeks further advancement by reason of birth and rank in Masonry. He learns that these alone are not sufficient. He is taught that work is honorable, and that the laboring man is his equal. He is admonished to realize that honest work is noble in the sight of man and God.

My Brother's Keeper is a fictional adaptation of lessons found in the Old Testament (Cain and Able) and a parable in the New Testament. It dramatically exemplifies two of the Scottish Rite Core Values: Integrity and Service.



DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEAL	LOCATION
1/25/2024	Executive Council Meeting	6:00 PM	YES	McGlynn's in Dover
1/25/2024	Business meeting	7:30 PM	NO	Union #7 in Dover
1/27/2024	REUNION #3 (12th, 22nd, & 31st)	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
2/1/2024	Reception for the Grand Master	5:30 PM	YES	Felton Fire Hall
2/24/2024	REUNION #4 (11th & 25th)	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
3/4/2024	VOLD Meeting			TBD
3/9/2024	Feast of Pascal Lamb	11:30 AM	LUNCH	Union #7 Dover
3/13/2024	Mixer #2 - VOW	6:00 PM	NO	Mulligan's Point Country Club
3/15/2024	Brotherhood Night	5:30 PM	YES	Nur Shrine Center
4/18/2024	Annual Business meeting	7:30 PM	NO	Newport
4/21-26/2024	Committee Week	----	YES	Lexington, MA
4/27/2024	REUNION #5 (6th & 32nd) and Gala	9:00 AM	YES	Modern Maturity Center
5/6/2024	VOLD Meeting			TBD
5/11/2024	VOLD Reunion	8:00 AM	BRKFST	Temple Lodge, Milford
5/11/2024	Worker's Dinner	2:00 PM	YES	Clayton Fire Hall
5/17/2024	Charity Golf Outing	11:00 AM	YES	Odessa National Golf Course
5/18/2024	Council of Deliberation	10:00 AM	LUNCH	Clayton Fire Hall
8/19-23/2024	Supreme Council Executive Sessions	----	YES	Lexington, MA

“A plan is what. A schedule is when.
It takes both a plan and a schedule to get things done.”

- - - Peter Turla

“You may delay, but time will not.”

- - - Benjamin Franklin

Remember to bring your Membership Card to all events as we will be scanning them into Journey 365 to help build your portfolio and that of our Valleys.

LEON M. ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIPS

“Helping those who most need it strive for greater heights”

The Supreme Council is pleased to announce an expansion of the eligibility criteria for Abbott Scholarship awards. Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Abbott Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing undergraduate and graduate education of Scottish Rite Masons, young men and women from Scottish Rite families, and Masonic related youth groups.

Eligibility: Those meeting any of the following criteria are eligible to apply for the Abbott Scholarship program:

- 🏰 A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is in good standing.
- 🏰 A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a current or deceased Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- 🏰 A member of a Masonic sponsored youth group located in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

In addition, the applicant must be either:







- 🏰 A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school or college or university who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale OR
- 🏰 An undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited trade school or college or university.

To apply, applicants should print the form, complete it, and mail it to the appropriate Valley secretary (Jack McDuff – VOLD or Jim Brady VOW) received by April 15, 2024. Applicants should submit their application to the Valley of the sponsor of the applicant.

To apply, please visit our [Abbott Scholarships](#) page.



Be Part of our Dramatics Group

 Director of Work	Bro. Tom Buchanan
 Director of Reunions	Bro. Mark Button
 Asst. Director of Reunions	Bro. Greg Correll
 Staging & Props	Ill. Bro. Jack Foreaker
 Costumes	Ill. Bro. Art Loveless
 Sound & Lighting	Bro. Dave Gamble

One of the growth opportunities fairly unique to the Scottish Rite is the experience of performing on stage to teach our core values: Reverence for God, Integrity, Devotion to Country, Justice, Tolerance, and Service to Humanity. There are various levels through which one can participate. Of course, there is the obvious role of learning a part and performing it on stage. These come in all sizes from a few lines to major roles. There are also those supporting roles which require no lines to memorize, only positioning and interacting on stage. Then there are those behind the scenes roles such as props, lighting, sound, and stage managing. Whichever level might interest you, know that all roles are important and come together at every Reunion to make Scottish Rite Masonry a truly memorable experience.

Contact [Bro. Tom Buchanan](#) and let him know your interest in joining in on the fun. Whether it is a non-speaking part, a few lines, a major roll, or behind the scenes, it is as they say, “there are no minor rolls in theater”. This is one of those “Making Good Men Better opportunities that masonry is all about. Come on out and make new friends.

January Reunion – January 27th, 2024

Our third reunion of the year finds the Valley of Wilmington presenting the 12th degree – *Master of Mercy* and the 22nd degree – *Prince of Libanus via video as well as exemplifying* the 31st degree – *My Brother’s Keeper* on stage. The educational exchange after the degrees will highlight the lessons and applications taught through the degrees to our lives. Mark your calendars and join us on January 27th.



Episode 1

Thursday, Feb 01, 2024

8:00 PM ET

Intendent of the Building.

Based on the Old Testament story of King David and his assignment to his son, the future King Solomon. Core values explored are Reverence for God, Integrity, and Service to Humanity.

Presented by Valley of Pittsburgh

Episode 2

Thursday, Feb 16, 2024

8:00 PM ET

Knight of the Rose Croix.

The teachings of Jesus of Nazareth are used to exemplify the universal principles of life. Core value explored is Integrity.

Presented by Valley of New Jersey



Davy Crockett: The Freemason of the Frontier

Davy Crockett was a Freemason, frontiersman, politician, and American folk hero. Explore his life in and outside of Freemasonry on the SRNMJ Blog

In the vast tapestry of American history, few figures stand as tall and enduring as [Davy Crockett](#)—a frontiersman, politician, Freemason, and hero of the Battle of the Alamo. His life's journey weaves through the untamed landscapes of the early 19th-century United States, leaving an indelible mark on the nation's narrative.

A Child of the Tennessee Wilderness

The Crockett lineage traces back to French Huguenots who settled in America during the early 1700s. Brother Crockett's father, John, was born in 1753 in Frederick County, Virginia before his parents moved the family to Tryon County, North Carolina. Around 1768, John became a frontiersman and served with the Overmountain Men during the American Revolutionary War.

To read more about Davy Crockett on the SRNMJ Blog, click on the following [link =>](#)

Scottish Rite New Member Mixer



WHEN: Wednesday, March 13, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHERE: Mulligan's Point CC; 224260 Sussex
Pines Road; Georgetown, DE 19702

WHO: All are welcomed. Candidates needed.

DRESS: Business Casual

Your Scottish Rite schedules two new member mixers every year. This is the perfect time to bring a new candidate or more to meet your brethren in your Scottish Rite and to learn what we are all about (ladies are invited). The cost of the mixer is \$10 per person HOWEVER, if you bring a new candidate (or more) your Scottish Rite will reimburse you the cost of yours and your candidate(s)'s admittance thus reducing the cost. Be sure to let Ill. Bro. Brady know you are coming and how many to expect by responding to the e-Vite that goes out to all our members. If you can't find your e-Vite, please let Jimmie know so he can resend it to you. See you at the mixer.



Membership is everyone's responsibility
Thank you for your support





Portraits of Two Members of Shackamaxon Lodge No. 343, Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Sometime between 1851 and 1857, two members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Shackamaxon Lodge No. 343 had their portraits taken by daguerreotypist Thomas H. Newcomer (ca. 1827-1896) of Philadelphia. Though the subjects of these portraits in the collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library are unidentified, the images offer clues about the circumstances under which their portraits were taken.



An impression in the velvet-covered inner covers of the cases of these photographs reads “T. H. Newcomer 316 N. Second St. Philadelphia.” This mark helped identify the artist who took these photographs. According to directory listings, Newcomer pursued his business at 316 N. Second St. from about 1851 to about 1857. In 1852 a newspaper advertisement extolled Newcomer’s virtues to readers, encouraging them to: “Remember the merits of Newcomer’s pictures...Newcomer, who takes such fine portraits. Newcomer, who has a fine reputation as an artist. Newcomer, whose prices are cheap. Newcomer, who is very celebrated.”

To read more, click on the following link: [Read more =>](#)



16th Annual Delaware Scottish Rite Charity Golf Tournament



Proudly Supporting



FRIDAY, MAY 17th, 2024

Odessa National Golf Club
1131 Fieldsboro Rd.
Townsend, DE 19734

*\$125 per golfer
Open to EVERYONE!!*

Grand Master's Trophy

To qualify, you must be a four-member team composed of Masons from any jurisdiction



Sign up or Sponsor Online!!

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/scottishritegolf>

For brochures or information, contact us at delawareaasrgolf@gmail.com

Prizes !!
Games !!
Contests !!
Breakfast & Lunch !!



It is never too early to plan for a golf outing. Building upon the success of last year, your Scottish Rite returns to Odessa National Golf Club for its 16th annual charity golf tournament. As in the past, all proceeds will go to help support the 436th Force Support Squadron at Dover Air Force Base in providing combat support, community and family services, counseling, and social events for the families and children of our active military men and women who are deployed and serving our Country. Here are some pictures from events our support provided last year.





Philosophy according to Charles Schultz

You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them. Read it straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers.

They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies.

Awards tarnish ...

Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List five teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name five friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of five people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.