



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Dates To Remember:

***** Please Look at the last page for more dates *****

Reunion # 3– March 2, 2019, Saturday - Sign-In begins at 8:00 AM 818 North Market Street 4th Floor 6° & 18°

Reunion # 4– March 30, 2019, Saturday - Sign-In begins at 8:00 AM Jefferson Lodge #15 Lewes, DE Degrees TBD

Message From our New Deputy ...



UNBELIEVABLE! As of this writing, we are now just about half-way through our Scottish Rite Year! 2019 holds quite a lot of opportunities. We have some of the usual things we do (a few more Reunions, a business meeting, golf outing, etc.) So, let me give a little more detail and tell you what we have in mind. But first, THANK YOU, to so many people that we would blow the printing budget by just listing them (let alone what they have helped do)!

REUNIONS: There are three left in this Scottish Rite year and we are changing them a bit. Our February Reunion had “puppets” exemplify the 16th Degree. It was the only puppet performance in the NMJ, if not more. The 32nd Degree will be tied to the Workers’ Dinner so that we can include a “gala” atmosphere for our culminating degree and also our ladies. We are still working out the details, but I promise you will love it.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Once again, we host the 12th Annual Golf Outing to benefit the families of the Dover Air Force Base FORCE Support Squadron. Help support our military families as they protect us with a foursome, tee sign or sponsorship. You will feel much better and they really appreciate it.

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION: We are going to try to make this a family outing at Lum’s Pond. Good food, great family fun, and some necessary business that we promise not to make boring. Plus, we are going to shed the tuxedos to be more comfortable.

VALLEY TRIP: It is time to revisit some of our most successful valley trips we have held in the past. This year we will return to the Baltimore Aquarium which was a roaring success. We are going to limit the trip to two buses, so you will want to make early reservations once the details are announced.

BIANNUAL OF SUPREME COUNCIL: The five, thirty-third candidates and all other Honorary Members who can attend will be treated well in Milwaukee. For most, it will be a hectic but fun experience from Saturday August 24 – August 28.

So, what I promise is that the best is yet to come; join me in this journey and let’s have a great time.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Illustrious Herbert J. Atkinson, 33°
Deputy for Delaware

The Valley of Lower Delaware *Significant Events* 2018-2019

The Valley of Lower Delaware kicked off the 2018-2019 Masonic Year with it's first meeting held by the Lodge of Perfection under Thrice Potent Master Gerald Conway at Endeavor Lodge in Milton. The officers and members in attendance discussed upcoming events that would take place during Scottish Rite Month in November. A schedule for acting practice was also set in preparation for the upcoming reunion in November.

One such event was a ladies' night social mixer which was to be held at the Rookery North in Milford, Delaware in November. The event was held in partnership with the Kent-Sussex Scottish Rite Club and included a buffet style dinner and entertainment by DJ Cousin Bruce. In keeping with the Lower Valley's membership initiative, it was decided that the dinner, held at a cost of \$20.00 per plate, would be free to potential candidates. The dinner was a great success, drawing 54 members, including candidates and guests.

The Valley's second meeting was held in the month of November and was presided over by Sovereign Prince Scott Anderson and the officers of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem. During this meeting, 15 members and officers in attendance finalized plans for the upcoming reunion in Wilmington on November 17th. The need to continue the brother to brother initiative was also emphasized and cards were sent to two ailing members of the fraternity.

Plans were also made for the Valley to present two live degrees at 818 North Market Street on November 17th. Members of the VOLD cast presented the 7th degree *Provost and Judge* and the 14th Degree *Grand Elect Mason* to members and candidates in attendance.

In January of 2019 the Valley of Lower Delaware held its first meeting of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem under Most Wise Master John Badeen with 17 officers and members in attendance. Topics of discussion for this meeting included plans to present the 5th degree *Perfect Master* in live form and the 6th degree, *Master of the Brazen Serpent* on video. A practice schedule for actors was set by Director of Work, MSA Adam Blood. The reunion will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 0900 hours at Jefferson Lodge #15 in Lewes. Members also discussed plans for a second dinner/mixer in the Spring with a tentative date in April or May of 2019.

ON THE MEND



The following members of our Valley have had recent hospital stays, sick and/or surgery: Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Ill.: Robert W. Carroll, 33°
Ill.: Barry Cloud Hughes 33°
Forrest A. Boettcher, MSA, 32°
John K. Lobley
Peter Tyrrell, MSA, 32°
William A. Coyle
Ill.: Eugene R Small 33°
Ill.: Warren F. Schueler Sr. 33°
Ill.: John Ellis Bednash 33°
Kenneth C. Mars, MSA, 32°
Ruben H. Kelly, 32°

2018-2019 III. JAMES T. ELLIOTT, Jr..CLASS

The 2018-2019 membership class has been named the Ill. James T. Elliott, Jr. 33°. Ill.: Jim was a 47-year member of the Scottish Rite, a long time member of St. John's No. 2 and was its Worshipful Master in 1988(**can you give me dates**). He was made a Sublime Prince in the Valley of Wilmington in 1983. He was made an active member of the Supreme Council on August 29, 2006, and served as the Deputy for Delaware from 2010-2018.

Lodge of Perfection

Message from our Thrice Potent Master

John S. Foreaker, 32°, MSA



Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection,
Our year started with the October Reunion. The Lodge of Perfection opened in the 14th degree in ritualistic form and welcomed our new Active for Delaware – Ill.: Dr. Ricky L. Swalm, 33°

On October 28th, we held a family Halloween Party at the Grand Opera House on the 4th floor. It was not well attended, but the Grand Master of Delaware and his Lady enjoyed the event.

I would like to thank the Scottish Rite of Delaware for their donation of \$200.00 to the Lodge of Perfection. We have decided to donate \$100.00 to a local homeless shelter in Wilmington and have not made final plans for the remaining \$100.00.

The Lodge of Perfection has been selling chances on a “Steinbach Nutcracker – The Mason” and will donate the proceeds to the Almoner’s Fund. We are planning to draw the winning ticket at the February Reunion.

We thank you for your support and are looking forward to the upcoming Reunions.

S & F
John Foreaker, TPM



Chapter of Princes of Jerusalem

Message from our Sovereign Prince

Evan R. Moody, 32°

Brethren, as we continue through our cold winter season, we are also looking forward to Spring and the warmth of long Summer days.

The Princes of Jerusalem continue to meet on the second Monday of each month between September and June. We also take a lead in the Valley of Wilmington regarding the 15th and 16th degree. (Knight of the East or Sword) & (Prince of Jerusalem).

Our dinner meetings, which include our ladies, are currently held at Tyler's Restaurant @ 5343 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE. on the second Monday of each month with a social hour at 5:00 and dinner meeting at 6:00.

Although we participate in many Scottish Rite activities. our most important activity is our Delaware Scottish Rite Golf Tournament in which all proceeds support the children and families of our active military men and women. This year the golf outing will be held on Friday, May 17 at the beautiful lush green Dover Air Force Base Golf Course.

This year we celebrate 12 years supporting the children of our Dover Air Force personnel of the 436th Force Support Squadron. Please help us help them by taking out an ad in our advertising book or buying a tee sign or maybe even getting a foursome together and playing in the golf tournament. Brochures are available at all Blue Lodges and from the Valley of Wilmington Scottish Rite.





Message From Our Active

Abbott Scholarship

Every year, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction awards over 400 scholarships to worthy students to help them realize their dreams of furthering their educations and thus promoting the Masonic Fraternity's foundation of the importance of an educated mind and the capacity to promote the liberal arts. In conjunction with this program, the Valley of Wilmington and the Valley of Lower Delaware encourage you and/or your children and/or grandchildren, nephews and/or nieces to apply for one of the many local scholarships made available through the Abbott Scholarship Fund.

The eligibility to apply are as follows . . .

- A Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Wilmington or the Valley of Lower Delaware;
- or
- A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Wilmington or the Valley of Lower Delaware;
- or
- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Valley of Wilmington or the Valley of Lower Delaware.

Additionally, the qualifying student must be ONE of the following:

- A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited college, university, or trade school 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 college or university.

Applicants in our jurisdiction must submit their completed application forms to the Secretary of the Valley of Wilmington, along with **ALL** appropriate supporting materials (professional goal statement, letter of recommendation, current transcripts, and current Student Aid Report (SAR)) to Ill. Bro. Bruce Beck, Secretary / AASR - Valley of Wilmington / 818 N. Market Street / 3rd Floor / Wilmington, DE 19801-3077. All materials **MUST** be received no later than **April 1, 2019**.

The application form can be located on the Valley of Wilmington's website and/or the Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's website.

<http://www.srvalleyofwilmde.com/philanthropies.html>
<https://scottishritenmj.org/abbott>

If you have any questions about the Abbott Scholarship, please contact Rick Swalm at rswalm@temple.edu.



Ill.: Ronald W. Conaway, 33°, PGM

1940 – 2019

Ronald William Conaway, 78, passed away Sunday, January 27, 2019 at his home in Seaford, Delaware surrounded by loved ones. Ronald was born September 14, 1940 to Marshall T. and Hilda F. Conaway, the oldest of five children. Ronald attended high school in Bridgeville before serving in the [United States Marine Corps](#) from 1958 until 1962 and was honorably discharged on April 8, 1964. He graduated from James H. Groves High School in 1972. Ronald joined the E.I. DuPont Company in Seaford and was employed there for 32 years, retiring in 1996. After retiring, Ronald worked for an outside contractor at the same DuPont site for four more years to help train maintenance staff in the Engineering Department. While working for DuPont, he met his beautiful bride of 51 years, Ruth Dukes Conaway. Ronald was Past Grand Master of A.F. and A.M. of Delaware 2005-2006 as well as Worshipful Master of Hope Lodge No. 4 Laurel in 1998-1999 and again in 2001-2002. His other Masonic affiliations include: Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite 33°, Valley of Wilmington; Delaware Lodge of Research; NUR Shrine; Hope Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons; Saint Andrews Commandery No. 2; candidate for the Delaware College; member of the Delaware Colonials; member of the Tall Cedars; Past Vice President and President of the Kent and Sussex Scottish Rite Club; member of the Lower Delaware Shrine Club; member of the Lower Delaware Shield and Square Club; and member of the Past Masters Club and Degree Team. Ronald enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He had a variety of interests during his lifetime: football in high school, Little League Umpire, and Cub Master. He also enjoyed hunting on the family farm, surf fishing, long distance casting, and camping. He was gregarious and well-known for his infectious smile complemented by his positive, kind, and compassionate spirit.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Angela Naylor (Sonny Warrington); son, Timothy Conaway (Julia); and daughter, Eleanor "Suzette" Marine (Kevin); grandchildren: Michael Short, Jr. (Cathy), Michelle Lecates (Chad), Brittany Cole (Omosanya), Alexa Mercie (Keith); great grandchildren: Landon Short, Kennedy Cole, Emmitt Short, and Devyn Cole; sister, Edna "Fay" Shufelt; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by his brothers: Larry Conaway and Richard Conaway; and his sister, Ruth Ann Coulbourn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ronald's memory to Hope Lodge No. 4, 102 West 6th Street, Laurel, Delaware 19956.

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE December 2018

Our Brothers Who Have Been Called from Labor "...that we may all be prepared to welcome death, not as a grim tyrant, but as a kind messenger sent to translate us from this imperfect to that all perfect, glorious and celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides."

<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Brothers Name</u>	<u>Date Of Death</u>
7/9/1951	Karl E . Alexander	12/29/2018
12/25/1927	John H. Brandenberger, Jr.	10/6/2018
1/22/1921	Francis H. Brown	11/8/2018
12/2/1944	David L .Chidester	1/11/2019
9/14/1940	Ronald W. Conaway	1/27/2019
8/6/1929	George B. Flint, Jr.	12/12/2018
6/3/1941	Stephen A. Leishman	12/18/2018
10/4/1917	Robert R. Loyd	9/16/2018
3/31/1930	Martin G. Minard	12/21/2018
6/20/1926	Virgil Scantlin, Jr.	7/22/2017

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The following members had mail returned, with no forwarding address. We would appreciate your help locating them.

Rodger W. Carr, MD 38,
110 Independence Drive Elkton, MD 21921

Joseph C. Boughner Jr., PA709
119 Wyndview Drive Lynchburg, VA
24502-2995

Thomas N. Morgan, PA 625
316 Stonehouse Trail Clyde, NC 28721-7395

WIDOW CONTACT LIST HELP

Brethren, we have lost touch with these widows, we need your help in contacting them.

Linda Depfer, - Wife of Ill. Charles A. Depfer 33°
726 1541 Road Apt 45, Hockessin, DE 19707
No Address or Information on File

Judy Benson—Wife of Ill. Robert A Benson 33°
No Address or Information on File

Reunions

(officers wear tuxedo)

Sat. Mar.2, 2019 6° & 18° 818 N. Market St. 4th Floor

Sat. Mar 30, 2019 **Degrees to be Announced**
Jefferson Lodge # 15

Sat. May 11,19 32° 818 N. Market St. 4th Floor

**** Ladies are welcome to attend , a special program , ****
Details To Follow

All Reunions Start at 9:30 A.M.– Check-In
Begins at 8:00AM

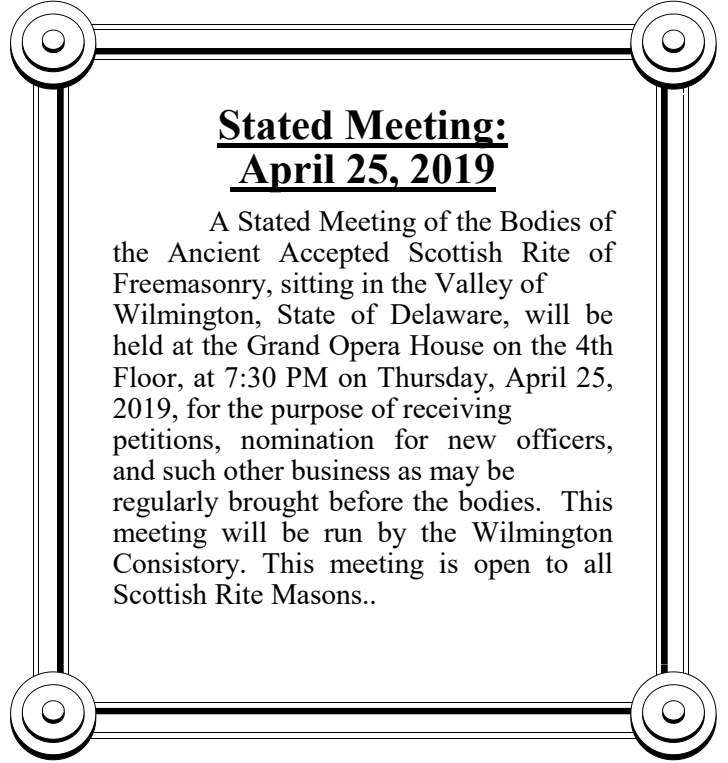
Business Meetings

(officers wear coat, hat, jewels, and tie)

Thurs., Apr. 25, 2019 - **Consistory**
818 N. Market St. 4th Floor - 7:30 PM

SUPPORT YOUR LODGE

ATTEND THE MEETINGS!



Stated Meeting:
April 25, 2019

A Stated Meeting of the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Wilmington, State of Delaware, will be held at the Grand Opera House on the 4th Floor, at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 25, 2019, for the purpose of receiving petitions, nomination for new officers, and such other business as may be regularly brought before the bodies. This meeting will be run by the Wilmington Consistory. This meeting is open to all Scottish Rite Masons..

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