Fifteenth Annual Delaware Scottish Rite Charity Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, MAY 19th 2023

$125.00 Per Player

Open to Everyone

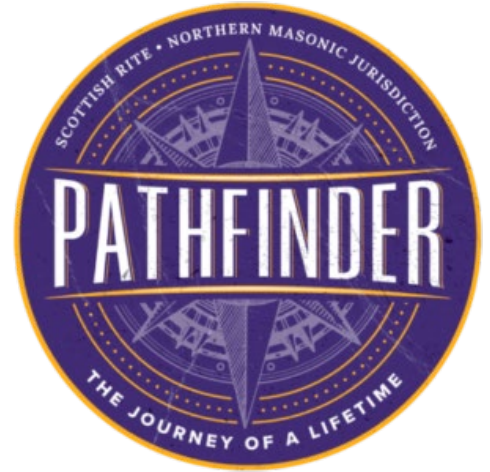*"Scramble Format"*

Odessa National Golf Club

1131 Fieldsboro Road

Townsend, DE 19734

Pathfinder

   With the beginning of the year, I would like to invite all of the Scottish Rite Brothers in Delaware to look at the Pathfinder Program and realize what a great program it is. Other jurisdictions have embraced it and really are moving with it.   Delaware should as well.   Let's be the first state again and be the first to get every member involved.

Continuing with the theme of the beginning I would like to challenge every member to do one mile marker in each of the six categories.   These mile markers are simple.   For example, in the organization category the 2nd mile marker is "What is the vision statement of the Scottish Rite, NMJ?   Commit this to memory and list three ways that the term "care" can be interpreted and applied to our members. Record your findings in your field book entry."

Start simple and build from there!   Remember: "The Journey begins in the Heart. Always in the Heart."

Have fun, Brothers and Journey on!

Fraternally,

David J. Walters II 32°, HGA, MSA

KSA Corner

Greeting, Brothers!   Well, the year has gotten off to a great start.   We have had a successful first reunion by all accounts.   Your Knights of St. Andrew did another fine breakfast and assisted all around.   There isn't any area of your Valleys that we are not a part of.   We have members in all the officer lines.   We help set up for the dramas. We participate in the Dramas.   We serve meals for you and we clean up after the event.   This is who we are.

We have been asked to help the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at the semi-annual communication.   Bud Skinner is heading that up for us. Visibility for the Scottish Rite and your KSA is crucial to our success and growth and we do it well.   Our distinctive Glengarry is noticeable and is becoming recognized throughout the state.

The Valley of Lower Delaware is well on its way to having its own clan thanks to the tireless efforts of the members of that valley.   It, hopefully, will be constituted at the Council of Deliberation this spring.   We will also have a large class of new knights being knighted at the same time.   What an exciting year we are going to have here in Delaware!
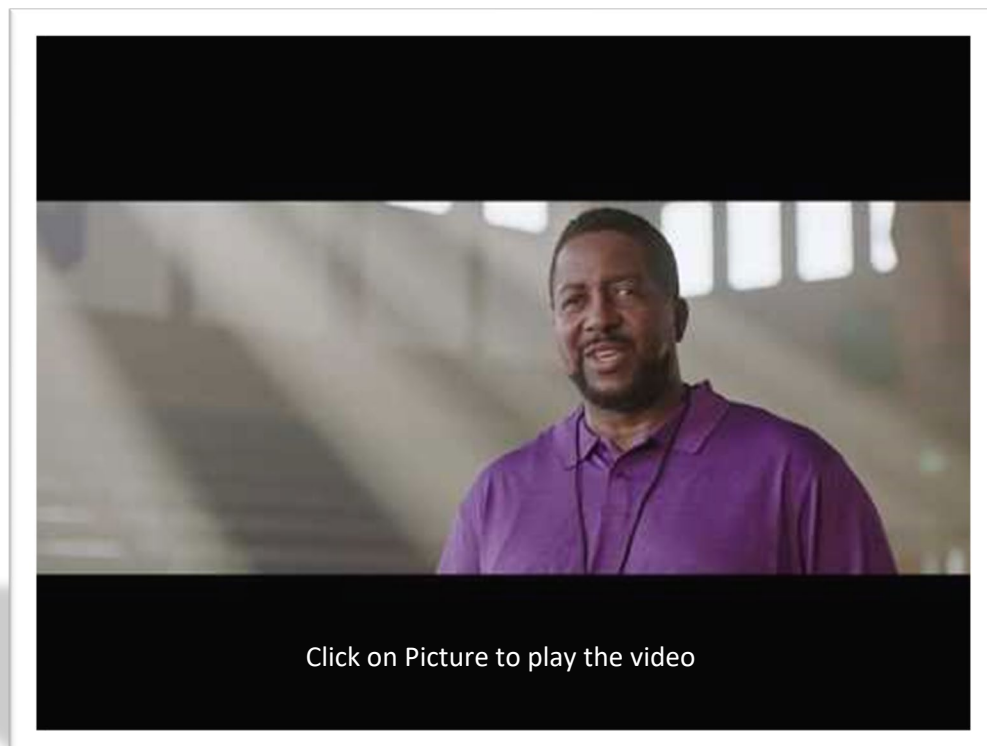
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Delaware Consistory Knights of St Andrew
Chief

Upcoming Events

February	2/02	Reception for the Grand Master	5:30 PM	Felton Fire Hall
	2/25	**REUNION #4 (18th & 26th)**	**9:00 AM**	**818 N. Market St.**
March	3/17	Annual Brotherhood Night	5:30 PM	Nur Shrine
	3/25	Semi-annual Communication	9:00 AM	Nur Shrine
April	4/01	Feast of Pascal Lamb	11:30 AM	Union #7 Dover
	4/20	Annual Business meeting	7:30 PM	Newport
	4/22	**REUNION #5 (19th & 32nd)**	9:00 AM	818 N. Market St.
	4/24-27	Committee Week	- - - -	Lexington, MA
May	5/13	Worker's Dinner	2:00 PM	Clayton Fire House
	5/13	**REUNION VOLD (7th & 28th)**	9:00 AM	Temple Lodge
	5/19	Charity Golf Outing	11:00 AM	Odessa National
June	6/03	Council of Deliberation	10:00 AM	Modern Maturity Ctr
August	8/25-30	Supreme Council Exec. Sessions	- - - -	Louisville, KY

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Masonic Mathematics: The 47th Problem of Euclid

January 24, 2023

Past Master's Jewel, 1823. Thomas Harper (ca. 1735-1832). London. 2017.018.2. Photograph by David Bohl.

Do you remember the Pythagorean Theorem? This geometric figure, also known as the 47th Problem of Euclid, represents the idea that the area of the two smaller squares created by using the lines of a right-angle triangle as bases is equal to the area of the largest square created in the same way. It is stated mathematically as $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ in which "c" is the hypotenuse (longest side) and "a" and "b" are the other two sides. Like many geometric expressions, it's difficult to describe with words, but its meaning is fairly comprehensible visually.

Luckily, then, this symbol appears on Masonic aprons, jewels, pitchers, quilts, lantern slides, mark medals, tracing boards, and other decorative and ritual material in the collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library. Freemasonry draws symbols from a variety of sources, including geometry, to teach instructive lessons to its members.

This geometric figure has two names associated with some of mathematics' historic giants: Pythagoras (ca. 570 B.C.E. – ca. 495 B.C.E.) and Euclid (ca. 300 B.C.E.). However, its roots reach back further. Babylonians (ca. 1900 - 1600 B.C.E) used it to solve geometric problems that involved right triangles. In Freemasonry, it is often called the 47th Problem of Euclid. This symbol is introduced in the 3rd or Master Mason degree.

The object above, an engraved Past Master's jewel, bears a particularly compelling visual representation of this noteworthy geometric figure. English silversmith Thomas Harper (ca. 1735-1832) crafted this jewel, marking it with his initials and British silver hallmarks. The "leopard's head" mark indicates that the silver was hallmarked in London after 1822. The lowercase "h" indicates Harper made the item in 1823, according to the "date letters" that were used in British silver.

Masonic Mathematics (*continued*)

This form of a Past Master's jewel featuring a right-angle square with a rectangle engraved with a depiction of the 47th Problem of Euclid, was popular in English lodges in the early decades of the 1800s. This style of jewel inspired Past Master's jewels in Pennsylvania, which often have a right-angle square bearing a suspended rectangle with the geometric figure engraved on it.

This fascinating Past Master's jewel is currently on view at the museum in "What's in a Portrait?" and in our online exhibition. You can see other items in the museum's collection that bear the 47th Problem of Euclid on our searchable online collections database.

Valley of Excellence

The Valley of Excellence award recognizes Valleys in the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who go above and beyond in their endeavors. With focuses on areas of membership, service/philanthropy, leadership development and operations, this program encourages Valleys to deliver a premier Scottish Rite experience to their members.

Last year, the Valley of Wilmington achieved the Valley of Excellence Award due to the hard work of the members and officers in the Valley. This year, we congratulate the Valley of Lower Delaware who just recently exceeded the threshold to achieve a Valley of Excellence Award. Congratulations to the officers and members of the Valley of Lower Delaware.

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 for undergraduate studies:

- A Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- A student directly related (bloodline or by legal means) to a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- A Scottish Rite Mason, or a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction who is:
- A high school senior, currently accepted at an accredited trade school who has attained a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A high school senior, or undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.

To apply, applicants should print the form, complete it, and mail it to the appropriate Valley secretary. Applicants should submit their application to the Valley of the sponsor of the applicant.

To apply, please visit our Abbott Scholarships page.

Photo: Ill. Bro. Charles L. Klingaman, 33°, presented Jacob Stahley with an Abbott Scholarship at a Valley of Bloomsburg event.

Casting Call !!

If you were at last week's Reunion you saw an exceptional degree performed with enthusiasm and vigor. We saw some new actors break onto the stage with performances that left the brethren in awe. This is an excellent time to jump onboard and join your fellow Scottish Rite brethren as we rejuvenate our drama group. Help us continue to provide live performances that exemplify our Core Values all the while offering you an excellent opportunity to extend your masonic experience. It is both exhilarating and rewarding to engage in this truly unique Scottish Rite experience. Contact Bro. Greg Correll and tell him about your interest in joining in on the fun. Whether it is a non-speaking part, a few lines, or a major roll, all are important and allows you to enter at your own comfort level.

If you have never seen our Puppet Degree, you certainly don't want to miss it next time we put it on stage. Jack Foreaker out did himself in producing and directing this rendition of our 14th degree.

Episode 3

Thursday, Feb 16, 2023
8:00 PM ET

Perfect Master.

Two sons of Aaron, corrupted by greed and ambition, allow the sacred flame to extinguish. Trustworthiness is more valuable than life and is the basis for Masonic honor. Core values explored are Reverence for God, Justice, and Integrity.

Presented by Valley of Portland

Episode 2

Thursday, Feb 2, 2023
8:00 PM ET

Knight of the Sun.

Masonry's transformation from an operative guild to speculative moral fraternity. The working tools of the builders' art are used to express unique qualities of moral instruction. Core value explored is Integrity.

Presented by Valley of Bridgeport