



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

2021—IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday Night at the Rite

Thursday, Apr 15 7:30 PM ET
30° Grand Inspector

A fourteenth century trial in the English civil court during the reign of Edward II is conducted. To be attentive, impartial, and equitable in judging others.



Thursday, Apr 29 7:30 PM ET
19° Brothers of the Trail

Along the Oregon Trail in 1840, one pioneer lives up to his sacred obligation to care for his brother. A Mason's word is good as gold anyplace in the world where a man's word still counts for something.



4/1/21 (8pm): BeAFreemason.org Round Table Discussion (60 Minutes)

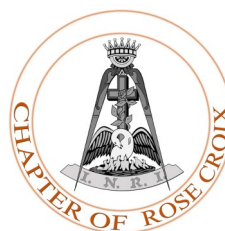
Login to the NMJ website for this special edition of Thursday Night at the Rite. Join Commander Glattly; Imperial Potentate James Smith, and Richard Hoover (Deputy in the Orient of Florida) as they discuss the state of the Crafts and the impact and results of BeAFreemason.org.

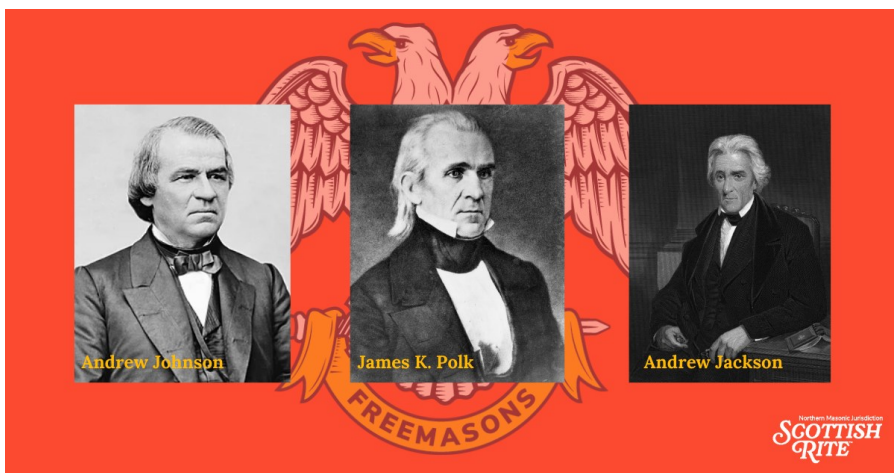
5/08/21: 9:00am EST - Virtual Reunion - 4° + 3 Degrees TBA

5/13/21: 7:00pm EST - Virtual Reunion (Encore) - 4° + 3 Degrees TBA

5/22/21: 10:00am EST - 32° Celebration

5/27/21: 8:00pm EST - 32° Celebration (Encore)





Here's a fun Masonic fact for your day:

To date, every President of the United States who has hailed from the state of Tennessee has also been a Freemason. These are Presidents Jackson, Johnson, and Polk.

On March 9th, 1819, as the Masons of Washington Lodge No. 59 in Philadelphia, PA met, a chimney fire spread throughout the building, engulfing it in flames. Standing for only eight years before burning down, it was the first Masonic temple erected in the city. Residents of New Castle, Delaware claimed they could see the flames 32 miles away.



The Scottish Rite, NMJ Member Center

When we launched our [Path Forward](#) program in 2017, we committed to providing new resources to help Scottish Rite brethren better engage with the craft. Today, we offer a robust Member Center filled with educational and interactive materials to help Scottish Rite Masons continue their Masonic journey and explore our philosophies.

Exclusive to Brothers of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, you can use the Member Center to challenge your Masonic knowledge through our [trivia page](#), attend one of our exciting virtual events and livestreams, or participate in seasonal initiatives to learn more about yourself and your brethren.



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 living or deceased 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 Bro. James Brady, Secretary / AASR - Valley of Wilmington / 818 N. Market Street / 3rd Floor / Wilmington, DE 19801-3077. All materials **MUST** be received no later than **April 15, 2021**.

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.



Charitable works from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

As part of our vision of caring for our members, we are continuously creating new and innovative educational programming to help brethren further connect with the Craft and our Brotherhood - both online and in-person. These initiatives are fueled by the Membership Education Fund. Make a gift today and ensure your brethren have the tools they need to delve deeper into the Craft and become the best they can be: <https://srnmj.us/support-charities>

When you donate \$50 or more, you'll receive the first in a series of collectible coins based on our Scottish Rite core values. Don't wait - donate today!



COVID-19 and Masonry

During this current pandemic, many of us are sitting at home, either teleworking, telecommuting or just hanging out. Some Brothers have been laid off, some are considered essential, and some are just simply doing the best they can with the cards they have been dealt. But I think many of us are asking ourselves one question – What can I do as a Mason to help?

If we remember in our Entered Apprentice lecture, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. In light of this (see what I did there?), what are you doing to relieve the distressed?

The Valley of Wilmington Scottish Rite has taken upon itself to call every Brother on the membership roster. We have Brothers in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and even Korea volunteering to call members – not just to check up on them, but to ensure we invite them to our next reunion and let them know they are missed. This outpouring of affection has resonated well with our brethren and we will continue to do this, with or without a pandemic, to lock us down.

So, what can I do you ask? The simplest thing you can do is pick up a phone and call a Brother, check on him, wish him well, see if he needs anything, and invite him to a reunion. Maybe you can deliver a meal or mow his grass too - as long as you maintain your social distancing. Lastly, when this is all over, don't stop these acts of kindness and charity. Give a Brother a ride to a reunion or Blue Lodge meeting, take an elderly brother out for a meal, go bowling, shoot guns, ride horses, whatever! Find a connection and get out and do something after being locked down so long!

And don't forget the Almoner's fund. This is one of those emergencies that the fund was established for. Donate what you can when you can. And if any of our Brothers find themselves on hard times, please reach out to the Scottish Rite leadership for assistance.

Take care, be safe,
Mark Button MSA

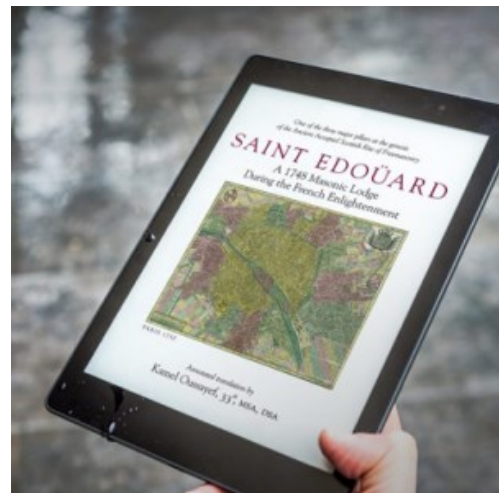


If you are looking to learn more about the history of Freemasonry or Masonic teachings and symbols, why not do it the old-fashioned way? Get started with a few of our favorites:

Saint Edoüard: A 1748 Masonic Scottish Lodge During the French Enlightenment. Ever wondered what it was like to be one of the first Freemasons in Europe? Thanks to the new publication by Brother Kamel Oussayef, 33°, MSA, DSA, you now have a chance to feel as though you were there during the genesis of 32° Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

The Lost Keys of Freemasonry. In this classic, Bro. Manly P. Hall writes about the history and the spiritual side of the Craft, as well as the ethical training and character traits that a Mason builds within himself on his journey toward more light. This is a great read for those seeking more insight into the teachings from the three blue lodge degrees.

A Sublime Brotherhood: Two Hundred Years of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. For those Brothers interested in learning about this appendant body of Freemasonry, look no further. This text offers an immersive glimpse into our history, dating back to our founding two centuries ago and our evolution into one of the most popular American fraternal groups during the 20th century.





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From the Desk of the Secretary ...

We are quickly approaching the end of the second half of the year, 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 to The Scottish Rite is valued to us. If you are having any problems paying your dues, please feel free to call me.

*** Contact the secretary if you are missing your plastic dues card. ***

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"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be dissapointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."



- Bro. Benjamin Franklin

