



# Valley of Wilmington SCOTTISH RITE

Newsletter

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# 2023 Council of Deliberations and Installations

The Delaware Scottish Rite 2023 Council of Deliberations met at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover to Install into Office next year's officers in the following bodies:

## Valley of Wilmington

### Lodge of Perfection

- Thrice Potent Master David J. Walters II, 32<sup>o</sup>, HGA, MSA
- Deputy Master Scott Christensen, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Senior Warden Greg Correll, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Orator Steve Savatelli, 32<sup>o</sup>,
- Master of Ceremonies Marc Koble, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Captain of the Guard James Seager, 32<sup>o</sup>

### Council of Princes of Jerusalem

- Sovereign Prince Stefan F. Darczuk, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- High Priest James Alexander, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Senior Warden Mark K. Button, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Junior Warden Byrom Price, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Master of Ceremonies Michael Rogers, 32<sup>o</sup>

### Chapter of Rose Croix

- Most Wise Master Gerald C. Brennan, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Senior Warden David J. Walters II, 32<sup>o</sup>, HGA, MSA
- Junior Warden Robert R. Dion, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Orator Charles M. Porter, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA

# 2023 Council of Deliberations and Installations (cont.)

## Valley of Wilmington

### Consistory

- Commander in Chief William J. Shaw, 33<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- 1st Lieutenant Commander Gregory P. Correll, MSA
- 2nd Lieutenant Commander John Eberly, 33<sup>o</sup>
- Grater Ronald P. Ferraro, 33<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Chancellor John Foreaker, 33<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Master of Ceremonies Mark K. Button, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Engineer and Seneschal Mark R. Koble, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Standard Bearer Joseph R. Rodgers II 32<sup>o</sup>
- Color Bearer Scott Christensen, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Captain of the Guard Eric Evans, 32<sup>o</sup>

### Knights of St. Andrews

- Chief Harry L. (Bud) Skinner, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Chieftain Michael Swain, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Headsman James Seager, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Secretary/Treasurer Don Lemasters, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Chaplain James Alexander, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Sentinel Al Disilvio, 32<sup>o</sup>

### Valley Officers

- Secretary James M. Brady, 33<sup>o</sup>, MSA, SRMOY
- Treasurer Cesar E. Aniceto, 33<sup>o</sup>
- Tiler Stefan F. Darczuk, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA

New Trustee \*\*\* Kennard E. Brown, 33<sup>o</sup> \*\*\*

# 2023 Council of Deliberations and Installations (cont.)

## Valley of Lower Delaware

### Lodge of Perfection

- Thrice Potent Master John Badeen, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Deputy Master Eric Evans, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Senior Warden Roger Willey, 32<sup>o</sup>

### Council of Princes of Jerusalem

- Sovereign Prince Carl Wenke, 32<sup>o</sup>,
- High Priest Joseph R. Rogers, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Senior Warden Gerald Cowan, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA

### Chapter of Rose Croix

- Most Wise Master Randy Parsons, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Senior Warden James Coulbourne, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Junior Warden Roland Cohee, Jr., 32<sup>o</sup>

### Knights of St. Andrews

- Chief Gregory M. Vernicek, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Chieftain Roland Cohee, Jr., 32<sup>o</sup>
- Headsman Roland Cohee, Sr., 32<sup>o</sup>
- Secretary Jack McDuff, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Treasurer Arthur Sutton, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Sentinel Earl Sennett, 32<sup>o</sup>
- Chaplain Josh McDuff, 32<sup>o</sup>

### Valley Officers

- Secretary Jack McDuff, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Treasurer Pat Shearon, 32<sup>o</sup>, MSA
- Tiler Earl Sennett, 32<sup>o</sup>



# Council of Deliberations







# Flag Distribution



Every year around the middle of May, our Masonic Fraternity has volunteered to help honor our fallen heroes by helping to distribute flags at the Bear Veteran's Cemetery. Our own Ill. Bro. James Brady has been instrumental in establishing this tradition and has captained the ship for decades. This year he passed off the mantle of leadership to Bro. Scott Christensen who will take over Bro. Jim's duties going forward (pictured top of next page). At this year's event, we distributed 16,000 flags in about 35 minutes. Pictured bottom of next page is Ill. Bro. Ken Brown placing one of those 16,000 flags.

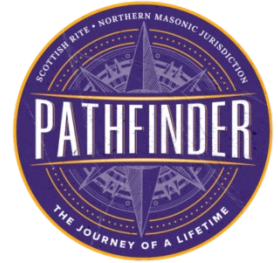
Thank you, Brothers Jim, Scott, Ken, and all those who showed up to be part of this memorial event. This is truly Masonry at its best.







# Pathfinder





Have you started your “Journey On” with Pathfinder yet? Now is a perfect time to get started.

Click the individual videos to find out more

Where can I get more information on the Pathfinder Program?

<https://scottishritenmj.org/pathfinder>

Journey of a Lifetime	
Program Overview	
Getting Started	



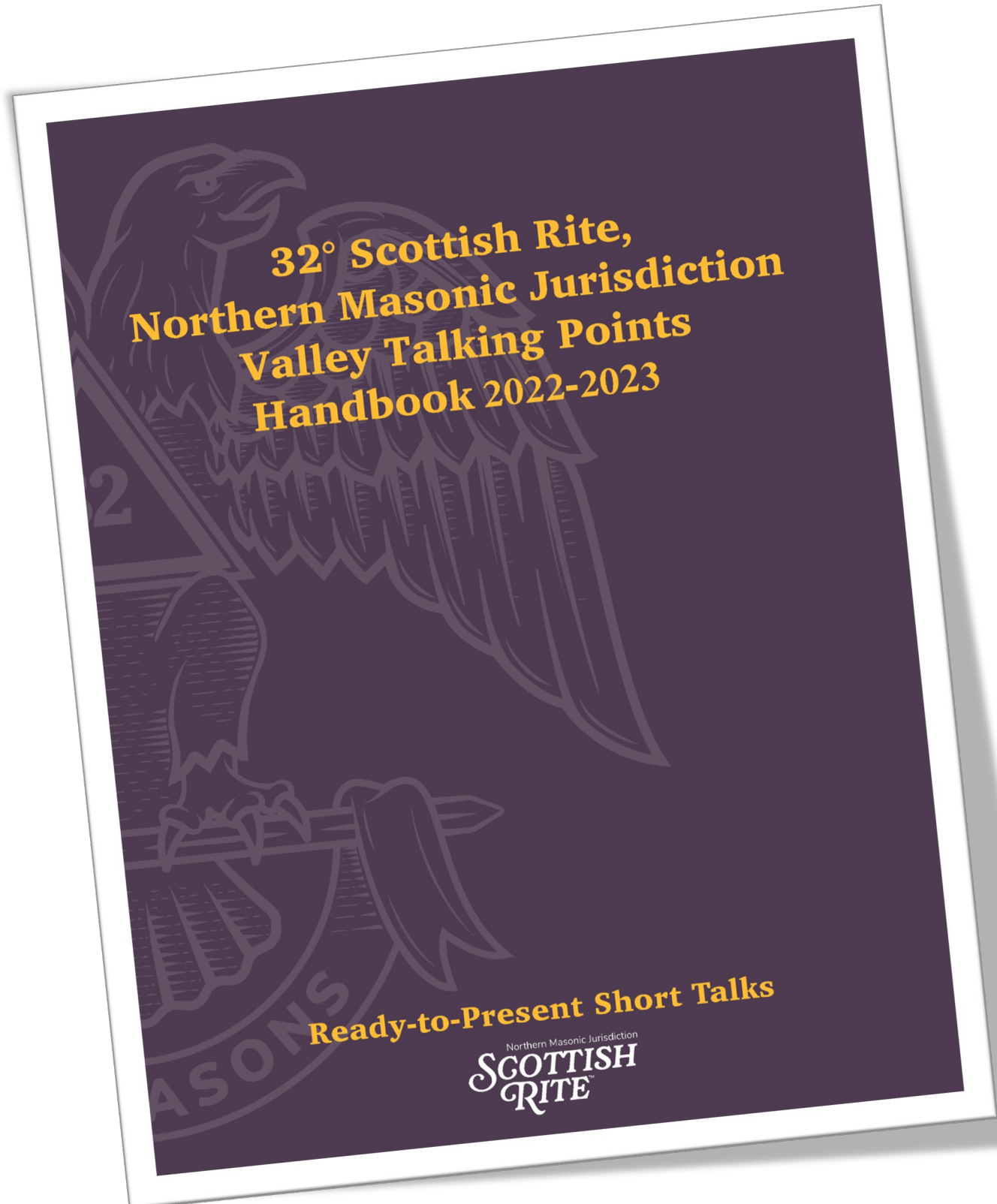
This online exhibition explores the ways Masons have expressed their involvement with the fraternity, drawing on paintings and decorative arts in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's collection. The material in the exhibition is drawn from "'Every Variety of Paintings for Lodges': Decorated Furniture, Paintings and Ritual Objects from the Collection," which was on view at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library in 2015.

Read more about this exciting exhibit "Every Variety of Paintings for Lodges": Decorated Furniture, Paintings and Ritual Objects from the Collection on the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library's website, click on the following link to learn more . . . [On-line Exhibit.](#)





## Leadership Resource Center





## **To Valley Secretaries and Brethren of the 32° Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction**

We are pleased to present to you a Talking Points Handbook. You may be wondering what it is, and why do you need it?

At Reunions there is often time to fill between degree presentations or other activities. The Talking Points handbook is designed to make it easy for you to present interesting and accurate information to candidates – all in the form of ready-to-read short talks.

Each section of this handbook is written as a ready-made talk you can present on topics related to Scottish Rite degrees, activities, awards, charities, and more. All you have to do is find a talk of interest and present! It's all done for you.

The handbook will be updated twice each year to be sure all information remains accurate. New versions will be distributed as needed.

In the handbook you will find ready-to-read talks that include:

- General Address to the Valley
- What is 32° Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
- The Scottish Rite System of Degrees
- The Passport Program
- Scottish Rite, NMJ Charities
- Scottish Rite, NMJ Member Resources
- November is Scottish Rite Month
- What is The Path Forward
- What is Journey On
- Scottish Rite Awards & Medals
- The Sammy Lee Davis, 33°, Defender of Peace and Freedom Veterans Recognition Program

We hope you find the Talking Points Handbook makes your job a little easier. Reach out to the marketing team at [communications@srmj.org](mailto:communications@srmj.org) with suggestions for other topics we can include.

Thank you for all you do for the Scottish Rite.



# Talk I

## General Address to the Valley

Distinguished Brethren, Brethren all, welcome.

The Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Commander Samiec have been hard at work implementing a multiphase program to improve the membership experience for all our Scottish Rite Brothers, new and old alike.

Within that plan are a number of tools and programs to encourage engagement between members as well as educational resources to help us all journey deeper into the Craft. Armed with these new resources, we are excited to venture forth together and make the most of this, the 209th year of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

To our Brother Masons joining us for their first ever Reunion and for those who might be returning for their first Reunion in some time, we extend to you an especially warm welcome.

For those of you who are new to the fraternity of the Scottish Rite, we expect you may have many questions. Perhaps you are unsure what to expect from your experience as part of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Maybe you are unsure of how to get involved or maybe you'd simply like to know more about our history.

While we will strive to answer some of those questions for you tonight, we encourage all our Brethren who recently joined to seek out and share in the insights of their peers. Your Scottish Rite Brothers are a fountain of knowledge about Scottish Rite history, decorum and philosophy. Opening yourself up to your Brothers, learning from them and sharing with them is the surest path to internalizing the teachings of our great fraternity and carrying them with you beyond these walls into your daily life.

***\*\*Talk can stop here or continue to Talk II - What is 32° Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction?***

## 2023 Tentative Schedule

Every year, the Appendant Bodies in Delaware meet with the incoming Grand Master at what is called the Unity Meeting in an attempt to coordinate calendars and avoid as many conflicts as possible. Of course, this is a major challenge given the number of brothers involved in multiple bodies as well as all the various events each group schedules. None the less, your Scottish Rite attended this year's Unity meeting and submitted the following calendar as our best guess at what we will be doing when and where for the ensuing year.

As the year progresses, it is not uncommon that something will change. One of the advantages of the new monthly digital newsletter is that we can push out these changes to you on a month-to-month basis. Always know that we do post this schedule and any changes that pop up on the [Grand Lodge Calendar](#) so if you have any questions or doubt, just click on over to the [Grand Lodge Calendar](#) and check out the date and time for the event in question.

A lot of these events, such as reunions, are pretty much set in stone as they occur basically at the same date and time each year. However, DO NOT get complacent and think just because some occurred at a certain time and place last year that it will be the same this year. We try to have consistency, but it is not always possible. We appreciate your attentiveness and support as we move into our new year.

I have printed the 2023 - 24 calendar on the next page for you to be able to print and post or to add to your own personal calendar. I look forward to seeing you out at our events next year and getting to know you better and hoping to meet your needs as we travel together on this path forward.



## SCOTTISH RITE SCHEDULE 2022-2023

	DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEAL	LOCATION for 2023-24
August	8/9/2023	Meeting with the Masters & Wives	6:30 PM	YES	Union #7 in Dover
	8/23-30/2023	Supreme Council Executive Sessions	----	YES	Louisville, KY
September	9/11/2023	VOLD Meeting		YES	TBD
	9/21/2023	Executive Council Mtg	5:30 PM	YES	James St. Tavern, Newport
	9/21/2023	Business meeting / Memorial Service	7:30 PM	NO	Newport
October	10/10/2023	Installation of Grand Master	7:00 PM	NO	Semi-annual (Sands in Rehoboth)
	10/19/2023	Business meeting	6:00 PM	YES	Porky Olivers
	10/21/2023	REUNION #1 (4th, ???, & 14th degrees)	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
	10/22-27/2023	Committee Week	----	----	Lexington, MA
November	11/01-30/2023	SCOTTISH RITE MONTH	----	----	----
	11/1/2023	Veterans Day Event	6:00 PM	YES	Jefferson
	11/3/2023	Flags Distribution	8:00 AM	NO	Veterans Cemetery (Bear, DE)
	11/6/2023	VOLD Meeting			TBD
	11/18/2023	REUNION #2 ( )	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
	TBD	Mixer #1 - VOLD	6:00 PM	YES	TBD
	11/28/2023	GIVING TUESDAY	ALL DAY	NO	WEB - On-line
December	12/3/2023	33rd & MSA Holiday Party	1:30 PM	BUFFET	Exec Banquet & Conference Cntr
January	1/8/2024	VOLD Meeting			TBD
	1/8/2024	VOLD Meeting			
	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 ( )	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
February	2/1/2024	Reception for the Grand Master	5:30 PM	YES	Felton Fire Hall
	2/24/2024	REUNION #4 ( )	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
March	3/4/2024	VOLD Meeting			TBD
	3/9/2024	Feast of Pascal Lamb	11:30 AM	LUNCH	Union #7 Dover
	TBD	Mixer #2 - VOW	6:00 PM	NO	TBD
	3/15/2024	Brotherhood Night	5:30 PM	YES	Nur Shrine Center
April	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 ( ) and Gala	9:00 AM	YES	Modern Maturity Center
May	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	Modern Maturity Center
August	8/19-23/2024	Supreme Council Executive Sessions	----	YES	Lexington, MA

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.

# Casting Call !!

One of the truly unique opportunities offered by 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 many

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. Which ever 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. Greg Correll](#) 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 "Growth opportunities that masonry is all about. Come on out and elevate yourself and make new friends.

VOLD's May Reunion

