



Valley of Wilmington SCOTTISH RITE

Newsletter

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Supreme Council 2023

This year as the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America gathers in Louisville, KY, we will welcome our newly elected 33rd degree candidates to their coronations and congratulate them with what promises to be a most memorable event with all the pomp and circumstance befitting their elevation.

We congratulate the following brothers and welcome them as honorary members of the same Supreme Council.

- 🏛️ John Badeen
- 🏛️ Keving Bard
- 🏛️ Mark Button
- 🏛️ George Taylor IV
- 🏛️ Stephen Tucker
- 🏛️ David Walters
- 🏛️ Roger Willey

Brethren, we in the Valleys of Wilmington and Lower Delaware are so very proud of you and hope you will breathe in all the pageantry of the session and fill your souls with the power of the 33rd degree. Meet fellow Scottish Rite Masons from across the jurisdiction walking the same path. Participate in all the Supreme Council Session affords you. Enjoy the city of Louisville, the culture of the area, the history of the Derby, the cuisine of the restaurants, the friendship of your brothers, and the meaning of the degree.



Top 3 officers in each body . . .

Valley of Wilmington

Lodge of Perfection

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| • Thrice Potent Master | David J. Walters II, 32 ^o , HGA, MSA |
| • Deputy Master | Scott Christensen, 32 ^o , MSA |
| • Senior Warden | Greg Correll, 32 ^o , MSA |

Council of Princes of Jerusalem

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| • Sovereign Prince | Stefan F. Darczuk, 32 ^o , MSA |
| • High Priest | James Alexander, 32 ^o |
| • Senior Warden | Mark K. Button, 32 ^o , MSA |

Chapter of Rose Croix

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| • Most Wise Master | Gerald C. Brennan, 32 ^o |
| • Senior Warden | David J. Walters II, 32 ^o , HGA, MSA |
| • Junior Warden | Robert R. Dion, 32 ^o |

Consistory

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| • Commander in Chief | William J. Shaw, 33 ^o , MSA |
| • 1st Lieutenant Commander | Gregory P. Correll, MSA |
| • 2nd Lieutenant Commander | John Eberly, 33 ^o |

Knights of St. Andrews

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| • Chief | Harry L. (Bud) Skinner, 32 ^o |
| • Chieftain | Michael Swain, 32 ^o |
| • Headsman | James Seager, 32 ^o |

Valley Officers

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| • Secretary | James M. Brady, 33 ^o , MSA, SRMOY |
| • Treasurer | Cesar E. Aniceto, 33 ^o |
| • Tiler | Stefan F. Darczuk, 32 ^o , MSA |

Valley of Lower Delaware

Lodge of Perfection

- Thrice Potent Master John Badeen, 32^o, MSA
- Deputy Master Eric Evans, 32^o
- Senior Warden Roger Willey, 32^o

Council of Princes of Jerusalem

- Sovereign Prince Carl Wenke, 32^o,
- High Priest Joseph R. Rogers, 32^o
- Senior Warden Gerald Cowan, 32^o, MSA

Chapter of Rose Croix

- Most Wise Master Randy Parsons, 32^o
- Senior Warden James Coulbourne, 32^o, MSA
- Junior Warden Roland Cohee, Jr., 32^o

Knights of St. Andrews

- Chief Gregory M. Vernicek, 32^o
- Chieftain Roland Cohee, Jr., 32^o
- Headsman Roland Cohee, Sr., 32^o

Valley Officers

- Secretary Jack McDuff, 32^o, MSA
- Treasurer Pat Shearon, 32^o, MSA
- Tiler Earl Sennett, 32^o

Tentative Schedule

SCOTTISH RITE SCHEDULE 2023-2024

	DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEAL	LOCATION
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	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 & Awards	6:00 PM	YES	Porky Olivers
	10/21/2023	REUNION #1 (4th, 10, & 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 (TBD)	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
	11/15/2023	Mixer #1 - VOLD	6:00 PM	YES	La Casa Pasta, Newark
	11/28/2023	GIVING TUESDAY	ALL DAY	NO	WEB - On-line
December	12/3/2023	33 rd & MSA Holiday Party	1:30 PM	BUFFET	Exec Banquet & Conference Cntr
January	1/8/2024	VOLD Meeting			TBD
	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 (TBD)	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 (TBD)	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
	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
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 (TBD) 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	Clayton Fire Hall
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.

Leon M. Abbott Scholarship



This year, your Scottish Rite awarded scholarships to 10 exceptional young adults pursuing various degrees at numerous institutions of higher learning. We congratulate these outstanding future professionals and wish them all the best as they return to school to continue their educations.

Sam Button Loyola University Lawyer

Lindsay Correll Rutgers University Nursing

Ryan Correll Rutgers University Actuarial Science

Miranda Lawrence Relay Graduate School of Ed. Elementary Teacher

Jaeli McDuff West Virginia University Management Info. Systems

Jenna McDuff West Virginia University Physician Assistant

Rachel Price University of North Carolina Occupational Therapist

Marina Santini University of Delaware Law or Psychology

Carson Watts West Virginia University US Army or Adventure Rec.

Jared Wright University of Delaware Mechanical Engineering



Meet our 2023 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	Ill Bros. Dale & Brian Irwin



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. 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](#) 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.

October Reunion

We kick off the 2023-24 Scottish Rite Reunion Series with our first reunion on October 21, 2023. The VOLD will be exemplifying the 14th degree - *Grand Elect Mason* on stage. We will also be viewing the 4th degree – *The Builder* and the 10th degree – *Master Elect* via DVD. We will also be introducing a new educational exchange after the degrees to highlight the lessons and applications to our lives. Mark your calendars and join us on October 21st.



Now on View

From Head to Foot

Fraternal Regalia

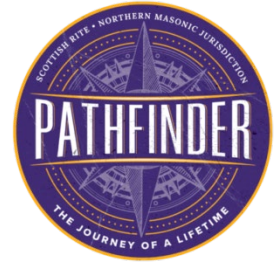
Illustrations



In the 1800s and 1900s selling regalia and costumes to fraternal groups became big business. Regalia companies seeking to attract customers produced richly illustrated catalogs and colorful advertising material to highlight the costumes and uniforms they manufactured. The artwork and advertising material in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's new exhibition, "From Head to Foot: Fraternal Regalia Illustrations," were produced by the Cincinnati Regalia Company (1895-1998), of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Ihling Bros. Everard Company (1869-1995), of Kalamazoo, Michigan. These regalia makers, along with others, produced uniforms, regalia, and accessories for Masons, Shriners, Elks, and additional fraternal groups. These items can help us better understand how companies marketed and sold fraternal regalia between 1900 and 1980.

Read more about this exciting exhibit "From Head to Foot: Fraternal Regalia Illustrations, on view July 24, 2023 to July 26, 2024 from the Exhibitions on the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library's website, click on the following link to learn more . . . [On-line Exhibit.](#)

Pathfinder



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

Bro. Greg Vernicek kicked off the Pathfinder Club on July 10th, 2023, at Temple #9 in Milford. A dozen brothers attended and got their journeys started. The next meeting is scheduled for August 21st, 2023, at Temple #9 (125 Causey Ave. in Milford, DE), starting at 6:30 pm with pizza and then the meeting starts at 7 pm. Come out and get started.

NEW! Pathfinder Guidebook Update



New Guidebook! Have you embarked upon your Pathfinder journey yet? Make sure you have the latest and greatest version of our Guidebook. Download your copy today and get started on your journey of a lifetime.

[DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE BOOK](#)



Our Mission

We are a non-profit, community based volunteer organization which provides care, service and support to the families of the fallen attending the dignified transfer of their loved one at Dover AFB.



Who are Friends of the Fallen?

Our board is comprised of a seven member elected board, two advisors and approximately 50 volunteers. All volunteers complete an application, background check and a three-part training program followed by recurring training.

History of Friends of the Fallen

March 2009

The Secretary of Defense announces a change in policy that allows media to witness the return of fallen service members.



Early 2010

The Center for the Families of the Fallen (CFF) opens, formed 501 (c)(3).



Late 2010

Fisher House opens along with a meditation pavilion adjacent to the CFF, creating a private campus for the Families of the Fallen .



Mid 2012

A playground dedicated to the children of our fallen was donated to the Fisher House by Friends of the Fallen™.



What is a Dignified Transfer?

A dignified transfer is conducted for every U.S. military member who has given their lives in the service of our country.

The dignified transfer is a solemn movement of the transfer case by a carry team from the fallen member's respective service, from the aircraft to a waiting vehicle.

The vehicle then moves the fallen to the Port Mortuary.

A senior ranking officer of the fallen member's service presides over each dignified transfer.



Friends of the Fallen

We are a private, non-profit organization, operating exclusively with volunteers and donations.

For more information on becoming a volunteer or to donate, please visit our website at:

www.FriendsOfTheFallen.org

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On Behalf Of A Grateful Nation



"I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

~ Abraham Lincoln —1864