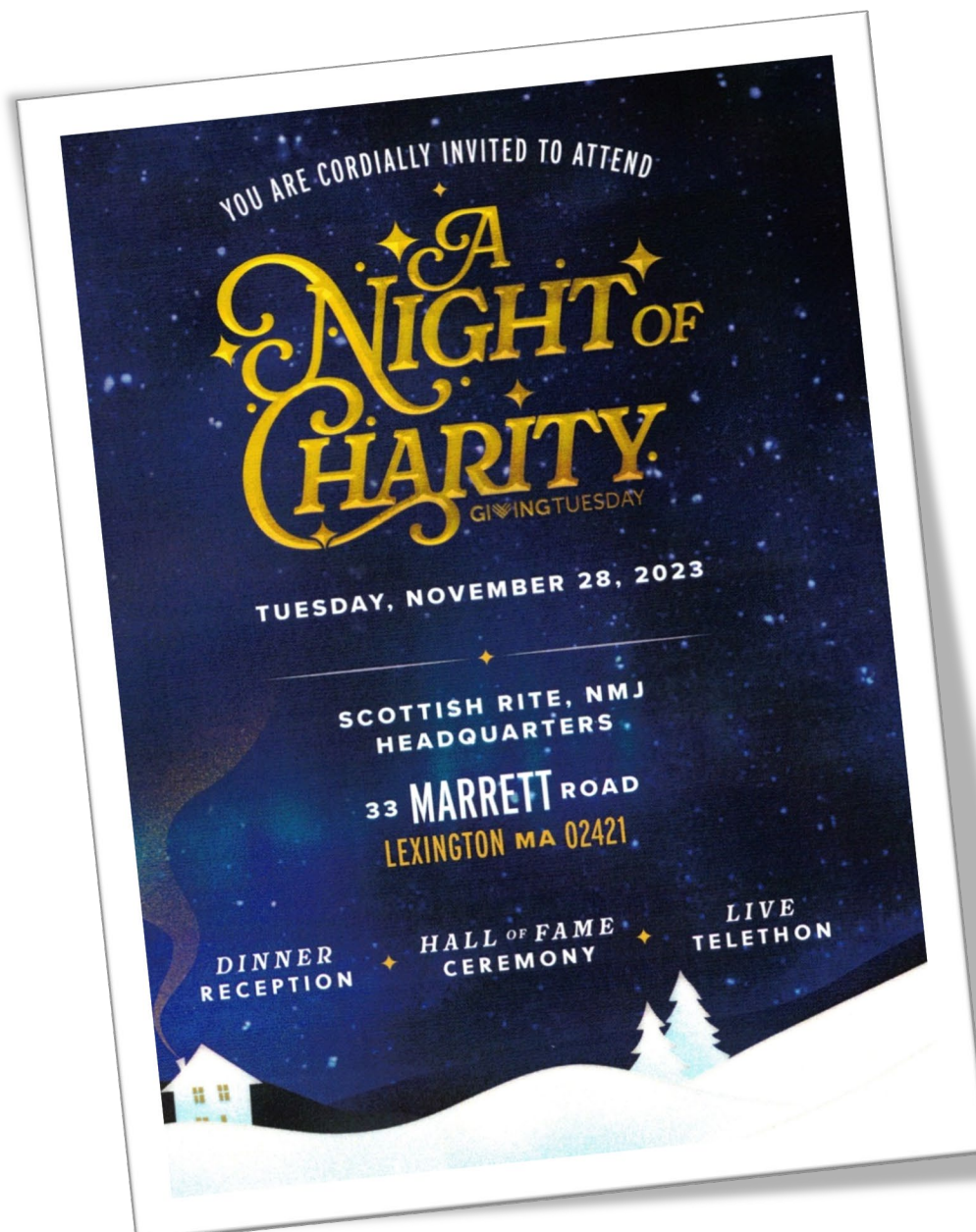




The Greatest of These is Charity



Awards Dinner



SCOTTISH RITE SCHEDULE 2023-2024

	DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEAL	LOCATION
October	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	7:30 PM	6:30 PM	Endeavor Lodge in Milton
	11/18/2023	REUNION #2 (15th, 27th, & 30th)	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 (12th, 22nd, & 31st)	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 (11th & 25th)	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 (6th & 32nd) 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.

Flag Distribution

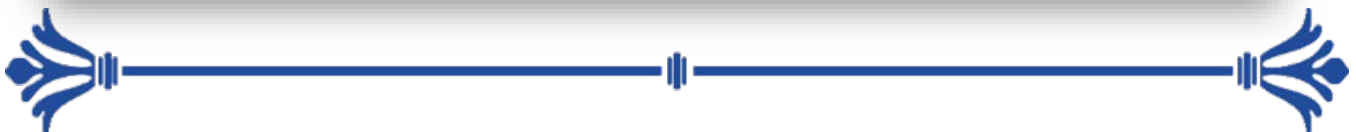


Calling our “Masonic Family” and your friends and families, to come join in honoring our fallen heroes as we place flags at the graves of our departed veterans at the Veteran’s Cemetery in Bear, Delaware.

Date: Friday, November 3, 2023
Time: 0800 Coffee & Donuts Available
0830 Flag placement at grave sites
Place: Veteran’s Cemetery – Bear, DE

Our masonic fraternity here in Delaware, has been volunteering for many years, to help in the placement of American Flags at the grave sites of our many fallen heroes at the Veteran’s Cemetery in Bear, DE, and we hope that you can join with us once again this year on Friday, November 3rd. It only takes about an hour of your time, and the reward in your heart is amazing.

We greatly appreciate your help and hope to see you there on November 3rd.



Reunion Number 2

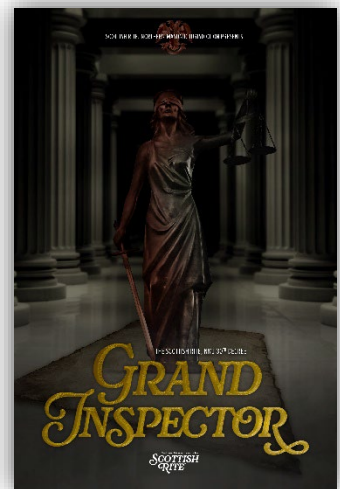
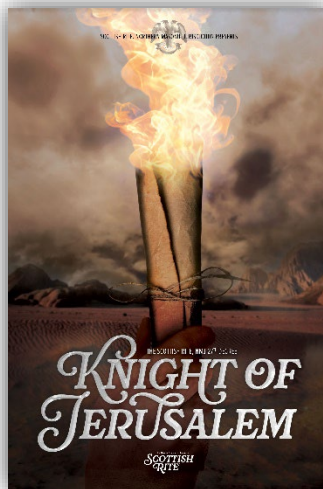
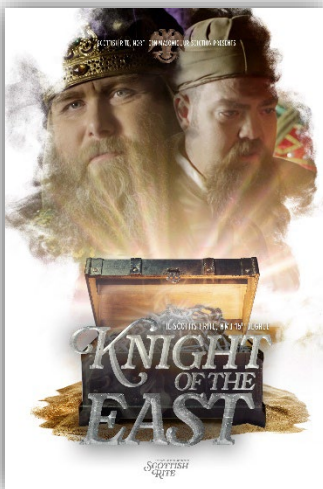
The Valley of Wilmington has its second reunion of the 2023 – 24 Scottish Rite calendar scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 818 N. Market Street, 4th floor. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Candidates are to report to the 4th floor at 8:00 a.m. to sign in and to meet the brethren ahead of viewing the 4th degree if needed. The opening of the reunion by the Wilmington Lodge of Perfection is at 9:00 a.m.

The degrees presented will be the 15th degree (Knight of the East) on stage, the 27th degree (Knight of Jerusalem) via video, and the 30th degree (Grand Inspector) via video.

The **Knight of the East** is the first of two Historical degrees presented by the Council Princes of Jerusalem. In the Allegories of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Degrees, we are taught, by the example of Zerubbabel, the important lessons of to conviction, fidelity to duty, devotion to Truth and the important core value of Integrity.

The **Knight of Jerusalem** is based on an historical incident in the lives of Emperor Federick, II and his former tutor, Pope Honorius III. Upon his coronation in 1215, Frederick promised to lead a crusade to free the Holy Land from the enemies of the Christian Church. The core value of Justice and Toleration is exemplified.

The **Grand Inspector** is a trial scene of a Knight in a Civil Court in England in the 14th century, during the reign of Edward II. The lesson he learns is in the hard school of experience as a defendant through the bar of Justice.



Scottish Rite New Member Mixer



WHEN: Wednesday, November 15, 2023
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

WHERE: La Casa Pasta; 120 Four Seasons
Parkway; Newark, DE 19702

WHO: All are welcomed. Candidates needed.

DRESS: Business Casual

Your Scottish Rite schedules two new member mixers every year. This is the perfect time to bring a new candidate or more to meet your brethren in your Scottish Rite and to learn what we are all about (ladies are invited). The cost of the mixer is \$10 per person HOWEVER, if you bring a new candidate (or more) your Scottish Rite will reimburse you the cost of yours and your candidate(s)'s admittance thus reducing the cost. Be sure to let Ill. Bro. Brady know you are coming and how many to expect by responding to the e-Vite that went out to all our members. If you can't find your e-Vite, please let Jimmie know so he can resend it to you. See you at the mixer.



Membership is everyone's responsibility
Thank you for your support



Giving Tuesday - A Night of Charity

Join us for our 6th annual Giving Tuesday Telethon celebrating our Scottish Rite Charities! Once again, guests are invited to experience this special event in person at our Lexington, Massachusetts headquarters.

Giving Tuesday - [A Night of Charity](#) will feature:

- Museum tours featuring our updated Masonic Hall of Fame exhibition
- Cocktail hour and dinner reception
- Live entertainment and audience participation opportunities
- Heartwarming stories of impact

You won't want to miss the opportunity to support our Charities and be a part of our live telethon audience as it streams to Brothers from Boston to Wisconsin.

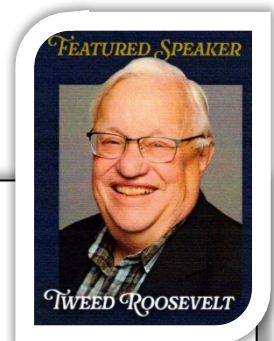
Your donations help support the following Scottish Rite Charities:

- [Children's Dyslexia Centers](#)
- [Grand Almoner's Fund](#)
- [Abbott Scholarship Fund](#)
- [Membership Education Fund](#)
- [Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library](#)

Doors open at 4:30 PM. Make your [reservation](#) today!

Tweed Roosevelt Featured Speaker

Tweed Roosevelt, great-grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, is a University Professor at Long Island University (LIU) and Chairman of The Roosevelt School at LIU. He is Past President of the Theodore Roosevelt Association where over the years, Mr. Roosevelt has done much to further the memory and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt, lecturing and teaching on the 26th President at numerous institutions and schools around the world. Mr. Roosevelt has two children and one granddaughter and lives in Boston and on Martha's Vineyard.



Be Part of our 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	Bro. Dave Gamble



One of the growth opportunities fairly unique to 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 various 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](#) 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 “Making Good Men Better opportunities that masonry is all about. Come on out and make new friends.

November Reunion – November 18th, 2023

Our second reunion of the year finds the Valley of Wilmington exemplifying the 15th degree – *Knight of the East* on stage. We will also be viewing the 27th degree – *Knight of Jerusalem* and the 30th degree – *Grand Inspector* via video. The educational exchange after the degrees will highlight the lessons and applications taught through the degrees to our lives. Mark your calendars and join us on November 18th.



The Configuration of the PA Masonic Hall in 1819



The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania secured its first building in 1802. Located on Filbert Street in Philadelphia, members dedicated it on St. John's Day (December 27) in 1802. However, membership in Freemasonry grew at such a rate over the succeeding years that the building soon was too small. By 1807, the search was on for new quarters. Later that year, the Grand Lodge purchased a vacant lot on Chestnut Street and began building according to a plan that architect William Strickland (1787-1854) submitted to their design competition. The new Masonic Hall was completed in 1809.

Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge would experience a relatively short tenure in this building. On March 9, 1819, a chimney fire spread rapidly, consuming the building. An engraving from the National Heritage Museum's collection, entitled *The Conflagration of the Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia*, and created by John Lewis Krimmel (1786-1821) and John Hill (1770-1850), depicts the scene. The Grand Lodge history explains that "so great was the interest taken by the general public in this great calamity which overtook the Brethren," that a painting was done "for the purpose of having an engraving made of the conflagration." [Read more here . . .](#)





FROM THE SOUTH . . .

Driving home after the first Scottish Rite reunion of the year, I was filled with much gratitude and a sense of deep accomplishment for what I just witnessed. The sense of true brotherhood and camaraderie exhibited by not only those who participated in the reunion, but the candidates and visiting brothers as well, made me proud to be not only a Mason, but a Scottish Rite Mason. There are always those butterflies and moments of apprehension and uncertainty in putting on a reunion, with its accompanying portrayal of degrees, but especially with the first reunion of the season. Despite some last-minute speed bumps and challenges, I think we all pulled off a memorable reunion.

A big “THANK YOU” especially to the Knights of St. Andrew for all the hard work and dedication in helping to make this reunion a success. A lot of work that is done by them takes place behind the scenes, and often times, I think, taken for granted. So, “hats off” to all my KSA brothers for a job well done. It was especially nice to see a visiting KSA brother from Philadelphia, dressed in all his Scottish finery, including kilt and sporran. Maybe we could make this the norm, rather than the exception? It was nice looking through the crowd today and seeing many glengarries.

Certainly, the KSA is growing and attracting new members. Speaking of, I would like to congratulate The Valley Of Lower Delaware’s two newest KSA members—Jeremy Walters and Hud Athey. Hopefully by the next Council of Deliberation, they will be able to move up from Squire status to full Knighthood. Next month is the feast day of St. Andrew, who is the patron saint of Scotland, as well as other countries and our groups’s namesake. As November is typically Scottish Rite month, perhaps we could expand that to include St. Andrew’s month, and while trying to attract new members to the Scottish Rite, we could also work on trying to inspire new members to the Knights of St. Andrew!!


Love and Service, Greg Vernicek, VOLD KSA Chief

Out and About





2023



Scottish Rite of Delaware
Valley of Lower Delaware
Presents

4th Degree – Master Traveler
10th Degree – Master Elect
14th Degree – Grand Elect Mason

818 N. Market Street
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Saturday, October 21, 2022