



Reunion #2 – November 18, 2023



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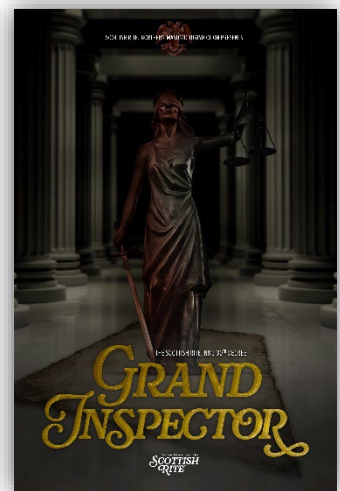
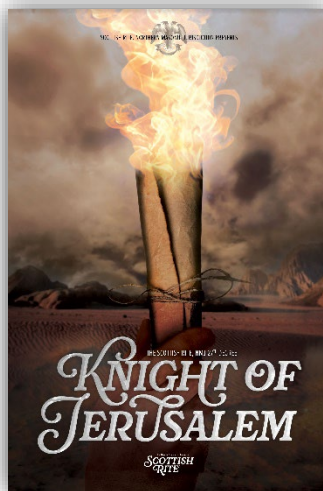
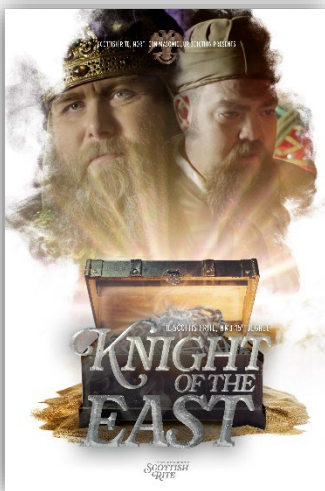
The Valley of Wilmington has its second reunion of the 2023 – 24 Scottish Rite calendar scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 818 N. Market Street, 4th floor. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Candidates are to report to the 4th floor at 8:00 a.m. to sign in and to meet the brethren ahead of viewing the 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 Frederick, 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 of Delaware - Wilmington Valley Blue Envelope Raffle !!

Show your support for the NMJ SR Blue Envelope Program
And receive a chance to win a

**Limited edition signed Gilmore Butch Wagoner
Ducks Unlimited Green wing Teal
Chesapeake Bay style collectable decoy (est.\$150+ value)**

HOW IT WORKS

- 1) Fill out a Blue Envelope with your Information (Name & Member #)
- 2) Place your donation (any donation \$5 or greater accepted) in the envelope
- 3) Give the envelope to the raffle coordinator

**THAT'S IT!! YOU ARE IN THE RAFFLE FOR THE DECOY!!
GOOD LUCK & THANKS FOR SUPPORTING
The Scottish Rite Charities and The Blue Envelope Program**

Raffle to take place ONLY at the November 18th SR Reunion #2 – Wilmington, DE
One winner to be drawn after the raffle closes at the Reunion #2
Decoy is donated by Jason Crook 32° - KSA

SCOTTISH RITE SCHEDULE 2023-2024

DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEAL	LOCATION
11/01-30/2023	SCOTTISH RITE MONTH	----	----	----
11/18/2023	REUNION #2 (15th, 27th, & 30th)	9:00 AM	LUNCH	818 N. Market Street
11/28/2023	GIVING TUESDAY	ALL DAY	NO	WEB - On-line
12/3/2023	33 rd & MSA Holiday Party	1:30 PM	BUFFET	Exec Banquet & Conference Cntr
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
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
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
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
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
8/19-23/2024	Supreme Council Executive Sessions	----	YES	Lexington, MA

“You can always amend a big plan, but you can never expand a little one. I don’t believe in little plans. I believe in plans big enough to meet a situation which we can’t possibly foresee now.” — Ill. Bro. Harry S. Truman, former U.S. President.

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.



Brethren, there are only 2 weeks left until our Giving Tuesday [#ANightOfCharity!](#)

Tune in online on November 28 for:

- Heartwarming stories of impact
- Live entertainment
- A Q&A with Tweed Roosevelt, grandson of Theodore Roosevelt
- A first look at the 2023 Masonic Hall of Fame inductees

...and more!

Learn how you can tune in: <https://lnkd.in/g4CrYpcX>

Add the date to your calendar so you don't miss out: <http://evt.to/addaihnhw>

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*"Because of you, my Brothers,
the world is a better place."*

- Sovereign Grand Commander Walter Wheeler, 33°



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.

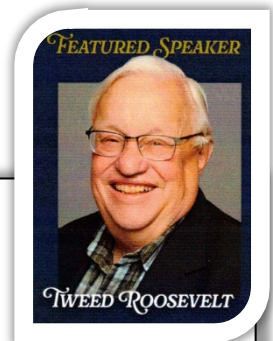
Your donations help support the following Scottish Rite Charities:

- [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.

Scottish Rite New Member Mixer



WHEN: Wednesday, March 13, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHERE: Mulligan's Point CC; 224260 Sussex Pines Road; Georgetown, 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 goes 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





Now on View: 300 Years of Anderson's Constitutions



This year, 2023, marks the three hundredth anniversary of the printing of *The Constitutions of the Free-Masons*, a book that codified the earliest rules and regulations of organized Freemasonry. To mark the occasion, the [Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library](#) has brought together seven editions

of the Constitutions in a reading room exhibition, "[300 Years of Anderson's Constitutions](#)."

The Grand Lodge system of organized Freemasonry can be traced back to the 1717 founding of the Grand Lodge of England in London. The group published its first Constitutions in 1723. This work contained a mythologized history of Freemasonry, as well as the group's Charges and Regulations, a set of rules governing lodges and the expected behavior of Masons. Although often referred to as "Anderson's *Constitutions*," after one of its authors, today, the 1723 *Constitutions* is viewed as the work of three people—the Reverend James Anderson (1679-1739), the Reverend Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers (1683-1744), and George Payne (ca. 1685-1757).

The 1723 *Constitutions* begins with a "traditional history" of Freemasonry, written by Anderson. This narrative fancifully traces Freemasonry back to the biblical Adam in the Garden of Eden. Anderson's history was intended—and should be read—as literary hyperbole, created to burnish the young organization by giving it a place within a well-known narrative. Following this is a section setting out rules and regulations governing who could join, as well as the Enlightenment principles of meritocracy and egalitarianism governing Freemasons. [Read more here . . .](#)





FROM THE SOUTH . . .

As we inch our way through November, many images cross my mind, both Masonic and otherwise. Foremost is that November is the month of Thanksgiving, where our actions and thoughts should center around giving thanks for what we have and the people we have in our lives, but also thinking of how we can give to others who might not have the resources and means that we might. The Masonic fraternity, in particular, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction, celebrates the Feast of Tishri around this time every year. The significance of the Feast of Tishri rests on three factors: First, the wandering of the children of Israel in the wilderness for forty years; Second, the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple; and Third, the harvesting time and thanksgiving to God for his blessings and bounty.

November 30th is also the feast day of St. Andrew, the namesake of the Knights of St. Andrew, a service organization of the Scottish Rite, that exists to provide help and support for Masonic activities throughout the state. Andrew, an apostle of Jesus, was a fisherman, and one of the first disciples of Jesus, who fervently followed Jesus, spreading the Word throughout the lands that they visited. He was crucified by the Romans in Greece on a X-shaped cross, which he specifically requested as he thought himself unworthy to die on a similar cross to that of Jesus. The X-shaped cross has since become his distinctive symbol as well as the symbol and flag of Scotland, of which he is the patron.

As I look back over the last twelve months, I certainly have much to be thankful for, namely my family and friends, and relatively good health. I also owe a debt of gratitude to my Masonic family, especially the Scottish Rite, who has taken this good person, and hopefully made him a little better, and who continually strives to fulfill that goal.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Love and Service, Greg Vernicek, VOLD KSA Chief



"It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore. "Hello Eeyore," said Pooh. "Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet," said Eeyore, in a Glum Sounding Voice. "We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay." Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now." Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house. Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?" "We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are." "Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were There.

No more; no less."

*Because you are my Brother and for that I am Thankful
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving*

Out and About

