



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



Dates To Remember: ***** Please Look at the last page for more dates *****

Executive Committee Meeting - (Only the Heads of the Bodies are invited) - Thursday, January 24, 2019– 5:30 PM - Chelsea Tavern

**Business Meeting, Thursday, January 24, 2019- 7:30 PM—818 N. Market St. 4th Floor Wilmington, DE
(All Officers attendance is mandatory, all member are encouraged to attend)**

Reunion #3– February 2, 2019, Saturday February 2, 2019-Sign-In begins at 8:00 AM –Reunion Begins at 9:30 AM



Message From our New Deputy ...

Greetings! Wow, whatever happened to 2018. We have had a very successful year and it shows. As always, we need to take the good with the bad. The loss of Deputy James T. Elliott, Jr. set us all back quite a bit and, if nothing else, brought to mind our own mortality. Jim had big shoes and I realize that my feet just are not that big. So, I promise to endeavor to do my best to fill them, but I cannot guarantee that I can do it alone. Other feet have to jump in there with me.

So far, I have been blessed to have the help that I have received. Several brothers covered the Valley of Wilmington and Ill.: Stephen J McCarthy, 33°, covered the Valley of Lower Delaware while I had to attend to obligations in Lexington; I can never thank them enough. The trustees have done more for me to keep us balanced and afloat. The Secretaries and Treasurers have kept the “business end” of our Valleys running. The new heads of the bodies in both Valleys have stepped up to the plate and carried the load. James M. Brady, Jr., earned the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year award and Meritorious Service Award for the many, many things he covered for me. No less than taking over the entire ROTC/JROTC recognition program, Jim is the best. The Knights of St. Andrews were most helpful for the entire year, but particularly during the period of the death of Ill.: James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°. And our degree conferral teams (lead by Gregory P. Correll, MSA and Ill.: A. Tony Maxwell, 33°) for keeping us “rolling” along with the support teams (under Bryan Irwin, Craig Skotnicki and Ill.: Arthur A. Loveless, 33°). Plus so many more, I cannot name them all. Please accept my most heartfelt gratitude and personal “Thank YOU!”

Our accomplishments are many and it would take too much ink to name them all; however, most importantly we get to do it again in 2019. We figured out how to do a lot of things, more efficiently or effectively. And we will try to improve on every task we undertake and, hopefully, learn from our previous errors or omissions. From here our motto is onward and upward. I expect you to be honest with me and hope you will feel comfortable enough to talk to me about whatever will improve the Scottish Rite in Delaware. I always like to consider different inputs; it may not change my mind, but it helps to see different sides to an issue. Keep up the Great Work and continue to live up to our Brotherly Obligations.

We are now resuming our labors for the 2018 – 2019 Scottish Rite year and I look forward to greeting you at our meetings and reunions.

Illustrious :. Herbert J. Atkinson, 33°
Deputy for Delaware



WHITE HATS

Five members of our Valley were elected to be coroneted 33° next year in Milwaukee, WI.

M.: W.: Donald E. Rosenberry

W. Bryan Irwin, MSA

John (Jae) A. Eberly

Kennard E. Brown, III

Frederick J. Dawson

Congratulations on an outstanding accomplishment!

2018-2019 Ill.: JAMES T. ELLIOTT, Jr. CLASS

The 2018-2019 membership class has been named: "The Ill.: James T. Elliott, Jr. 33° Class". Ill.: Jim was a 36-year member of the Scottish Rite, a long time member of St. John's No. 2, and was its Worshipful Master in 1988. He was made a Sublime Prince in the Valley of Wilmington in 1983. Jim was coroneted an honorary member of Supreme Council on June 29, 1998. He was crowned an active member of the Supreme Council on August 29, 2006, and served as the Deputy for Delaware from 2010-2018.



RED HATS

At the Council of Deliberation this past June, two members were elected to receive the coveted Meritorious Service Award. **Patrick L. Shearon**, who is very active with the Lower Valley of Delaware and also serves as the VOLD's treasurer. He is most often at the sign-in desk, as well as getting whatever needs to be done, done!

James M. Brady, Jr. has been a member of the Valley of Wilmington for 36 years and spearheads the ROTC awards. James was also the recipient of the distinguished honor of "Scottish Rite Mason of the Year" and was presented a special apron.

Four students were awarded an **Abbott Scholarship for the Scottish Rite** this year through the Valley of Wilmington:

Travis W. Jaeger, son of Kenneth W. Jaeger
University of Maryland, Baltimore College, MD

Emily M. Johnson, daughter of Eric C. Johnson,
University of Delaware, DE

Lauren E. Bialecki, daughter of Ill.: Bernard John
Bialecki Jr., Regent's University London

In addition, the Valley of Wilmington awarded a scholarship to:

Emily T. Irwin, granddaughter of Ill.: Dale T. Irwin
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

We congratulate our four winners and their families and wish them well in their college careers and in their future endeavors.

Valley of Lower Delaware

The Valley of Lower Delaware received its 3rd body charter, for the Lower Valley Chapter of Rose Croix. The first slate of officers was installed in June. This valley and its members have been an integral part in the performances of 2, live, stage degrees, along with outstanding degree work. The Lower Valley of Delaware holds its business meetings at Endeavor Lodge, Milton, DE.

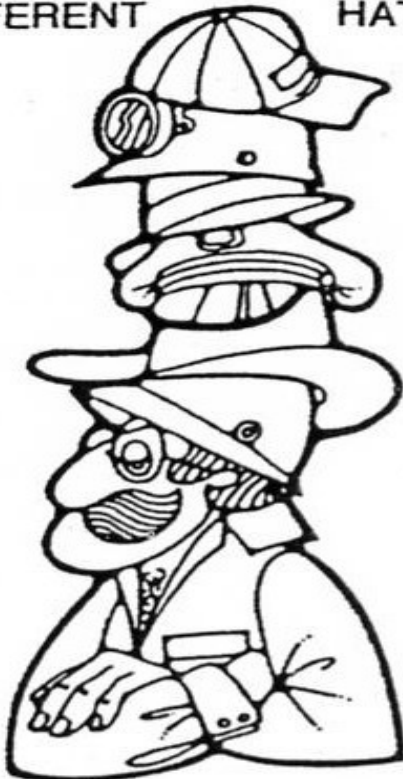
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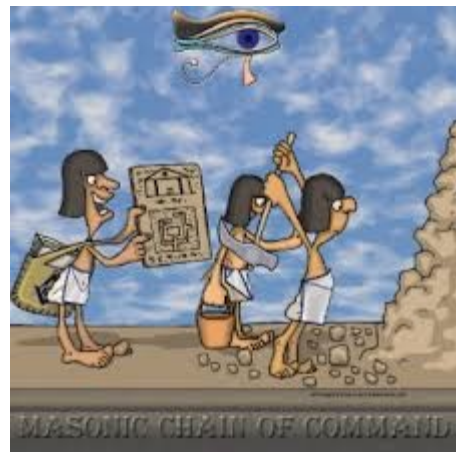
The following members of our Valley have had recent hospital stays, been sick and/or had surgery. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

- Ill.: Ronald W. Conaway, 33°
- Ill.: Barry Cloud Hughes 33°
- Forrest A. Boettcher, MSA, 32°
- John K. Lobley
- Peter Tyrrell, MSA, 32°
- William A. Coyle
- Ill.: Eugene R. Small 33°
- Ill.: Warren F. Schueler Sr. 33°
- Ill.: John Ellis Bednash 33°
- Kenneth C. Mars, MSA, 32°

MASONS WEAR MANY
DIFFERENT HATS



ONE OF THEM SHOULD BE A
SCOTTISH RITE CAP





ILL.:
DONALD DAVIS THOMAS, 33°

Ill. : Brother Donald Thomas, 33°, was born in Rochester, New York on June 3, 1931. He was the youngest of five children of Leslie G. and Francis Thomas. He attended the public school systems in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. He earned his Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, where he also taught in the School of Engineering for three years. Following University, he entered the Aerospace Industry participating in numerous space programs.

He met his wife Pamela Brewell, of Cheam, Surrey England when she came to visit his sister in 1949. Following five years of long distance correspondence, and the completion of his undergraduate degree and first year of Graduate School, Don and Pam were married in Christ Church, Sutton England in September of 1954. With members of both families still residing in England, they enjoyed frequent trips to Europe. He retired from the Elkton Division of Thiokol Corporation where, for 36 years he was manager of their Information Systems Department.

Ill. : Brother Donald had been a member of the Masonic fraternity for over 35 years. During this time he had served his mother lodge, Hiram Lodge Number 25, the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and Freemasonry across many borders. He was Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1978 and served as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in March 2003 and installed as Grand Master in October of 2004.

Thoroughly enjoying the ritual, as well as the studies of Freemasonry, Ill. : Brother Don actively participated in the activities of the Craft whenever and wherever possible. He was crowned a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Master Mason on September 26, 1979. He was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in September 2000, and became Deputy for Delaware in September 2002. He was appointed as the Intendant General for Delaware of the United Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine in June 1989. He was a member of the Jesse Green Priory No. 70, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, where he served as Prior and Recorder-he proudly wore four quadrants in that body. Ill. : Brother Donald also served as Dad to the Robert S. Gallagher Chapter of DeMolay in 1979 and he received the Honorary Legion of Honor, Delaware Preceptory. He was also past presiding offer of Delta Chapter Number 6, Royal Arch Masons, Gunning Bedford Council Number 1, Royal and Select Mason; St. John's Commandery Number 1, Knights Templar, Keystone Council Number 113, Allied Masonic Degrees; Delaware Council Number 18, Knight Masons; Two by Two Lodge Number 15, Royal Ark Mariners; First State York Right Collage Number 45, Order of the Purple Cross; Chief Adept Emeritus of Delaware College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis; a member of Brandywine Forrest Number 20, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Grand Masters Chapter Number 996, National Sojourners. He was also a member of the Ohio Chapter of Research, Quatuor Coronati Lodge Number 2076, London England, for which he had been the local Secretary for Delaware for 35 years, and is a Life Member of the Missouri Lodge of Research.

Outside of the Fraternity, Donald and his wife Pam were active members of the Newark Community and the United Methodist Church. Donald served his church as the Head Usher for the 9:30 am service for over 35 years. In addition they both continued to serve on a large number of Committees of the Methodist Church. Donald also was very active in Boy Scout Troop 255, located in Newark, and served as the church coordinator for that troop for 15 years.



ILL.: JAMES T. ELLIOTT, JR., 33°

James T. Elliott, Jr., age 71, passed away on August 14, 2018 at Christiana Hospital. He was born and raised in Wilmington and was the son of the late Lillie J. and James T. Elliott, Sr. He graduated from P.S. du Pont High School in 1964 and joined the U.S. Navy Reserve at the age of 17. Jim graduated from Widener University where he received a bachelor's degree in science. Jim proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy, on the destroyers, USS Dewey and during the Vietnam War on the USS C. V. Ricketts. He worked in the machine maintenance department for the U.S. Postal Service in the main post office in Wilmington, then in New Castle. Jim then worked for the former MBNA in consumer deposits and retired as a branch manager in 1994 after 8 years. He was a member of St. John's Lodge #2 A.F. & A.M. in New Castle where he served as Worshipful Master in 1988. Jim was an Active 33° member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington. He was a member of the Supreme Council and a Past Deputy for the State of Delaware. Jim belonged to Delta Chapter #6 R.A.M., Gunning Bedford Council #1, St. John's Commandery #1 K.T., First State York Rite College #45 receiving the Order of the Purple Cross in 2008, Jesse Green Priory K.Y.C.H. #70, Delaware College S.C.R.I.F., Delaware Council of Knight Mason #18, Keystone Council #113 Allied Masonic Degrees, Two-by-Two Lodge #15 Royal Ark Mariners, Delaware Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, and Wilmington Masonic Hall Company. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carolyn (Money) Elliott, his brother-in-law Carlton C. Money and his wife, Shirley and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Jim was preceded in death by his brother, John R. Elliott.

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The following members had mail returned, with no forwarding address. We would appreciate your help locating them.

Rodger W. Carr, MD 38,
110 Independence Drive; Elkton, MD 21921

Joseph C Boughner Jr., PA709
119 Wyndview Drive; Lynchburg, VA 24502-2995

Thomas N. Morgan, PA 625
316 Stonehouse Trail; Clyde, NC 28721-7395

Harlon H Talley Jr., PA646
37578 Pine Road; Selbyville, DE 19975-3972



FORE!

12th Annual Delaware Scottish Rite Golf Tournament

This is one of the foursomes that competed in the 11th Annual Delaware Scottish Rite Tournament, proudly supporting the Dover Air Force Base Support Squadron.

The tournament nearly reached its fundraising goal. The next tournament is scheduled for Friday May 17, 2019, with a rain date of June 7, 2019 at the Dover Air Force Base Golf Course.

Any Questions or concerns or if you would like a brochure, please contact: delawareaargolf@gmail.com.

WIDOW LIST HELP

Linda Depfer, - Wife of Ill Charles A. Depfer 33°
726 1541 Road Apt 45, Hockessin, DE 19707

Judy Benson—Wife of Ill.: Robert A. Benson 33°
No Address on File

Dear Brethren:

December 11, 2018

**DELAWARE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 200 and 209 of the Constitution of the Supreme Council, you are hereby requested to attend the ninety-first Convocation of the Delaware Council of Deliberation to be held at Lums Pond, 1068 Buck Jersey Road, Bear, DE 19701 at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 for the transaction of business concerning the welfare of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in the State of Delaware. This meeting will be followed by the Memorial Service and the Installation of the new Scottish Rite Officers.

You are expected to be present, if at all possible. Please be sure to notify the SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL, at the address listed below, in case of inability to attend, so that your absence may be regularly excused. We will have food and beverages available after the meeting. We will depart shortly afterwards, peace and harmony prevailing.

Attest:

By order of

Ronald P. Ferraro

Herbert J. Atkinson

Ill.: Ronald P. Ferraro, 33°
Secretary
24373 Blue Blvd
Millsboro, DE 19966-4413

Ill.: Herbert J. Atkinson, 33°
Commander-in-Chief

Dress Code -- Casual.



Message From our New Active

The “Blue Envelop Appeal Challenge”

Good day brethren and before I begin with what I have to say allow me to express my sincerest and heartfelt thanks to Ill. Bro. Herbert J. Atkinson, Active Member of the Supreme Council for the NMJ and Deputy for Delaware for his confidence in me to participate as part of his leadership team as an Active Member of the Supreme Council and Active for Delaware. I also want to thank every one of you for your support, encouragement, and words of inspiration as I assume this new role. I look forward to working toward advancing our mission alongside the finest group of men I have ever come to know. Thank you again.

Now, the **Blue Envelop Appeal Challenge** . . . You probably saw in this year’s Blue Envelop Appeal notice that the Supreme Council is challenging all the Valleys in the NMJ to engage in a bit of “Friendly” competition. This challenge comes in three flavors: (a) top 10 Valleys for the percent of membership donating, (b) top 10 Valleys for the number of members donating, and (c) top 10 Valleys for the amount of money donated. Competition can take many forms (against oneself, against a standard, against nature, and of course against others). Each form has its advantages and disadvantages, and usually when competing against others, as is being challenged here, there are usually more losers than winners, **HOWEVER** that is not the case with this “Friendly Challenge” for our charities will be on the receiving end and those to whom these charities benefit will certainly be the winners, hence there are **NO LOSERS** so let’s get on board.

The way I see it, the Valley of Wilmington might be challenged to compete with the larger Valleys for total number of members contributing and total amount donated, **BUT** the advantage of being a smaller Valley is that we can win the percentage competition if we can just get everyone to **SEND SOMETHING**. Too often we think that we cannot afford to be benevolent but remember the story of the women in the Gospel of Luke (21:1-4) who put into the temple treasury two copper coins compared to those who were giving out of abundance and how favorably she was looked upon. So I ask, can everyone donate at least \$5 to this year’s Blue Envelop Appeal? Of course you can always give more but I challenge everyone to send something. As of this writing we are currently in 3rd place in the percentage category at 6.25%, just behind Birmingham, NY at 6.37% and Lancaster-Littleton, NH at 7.44%. Let’s blow the top off this challenge by getting over 90% of our membership to donate something and thus help our Brothers and their families whether it be through the Grand Almoner’s fund, Abbott Scholarship fund, Children’s Dyslexia Centers, or our Masonic Museum and Library. **Remember there are NO LOSERS, only WINNERS and that includes you.**



Stated Meeting: January 24, 2019

A Stated Meeting of the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Wilmington, State of Delaware, will be held at the Grand Opera House on the 4th Floor, at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 24, 2019, for the purpose of receiving petitions and other such business as may be regularly brought before the bodies. This meeting will be run by the Wilmington Chapter of Rose Croix. This meeting is open to all Scottish Rite Masons.

FIRST-LINE SIGNERS FOR 2019 CLASS

Bruce A. Beck
Robert W. Carroll
Dale T. Irwin
Marc R. Koble

Robert J. Leone
Donald E. Rosenberry

Clinton D. Lemasters
Kevin D. Finch
Lawrence H. Biederman
Richard C. Rodgers , III
Brian Keith Connell
Roger W. Carr
David J. Walters, II
Jason D. Crook
Keith T. Shoemaker
William D. Pudvan

Let's Keep Moving Forward! Keep the petitions coming. Please remember that the Scottish Rite, NMJ web site has our petitions on line for the convenience of our new members.



*The sun has set in the West, for our dear departed brethren, their labor is now completed, their tools are put away and they leave their posts in the East and the West and South we and will remember that bound together by our fraternal ties of our masonic obligations, we will always remember you.
Amen.*

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE MAY 2018

Our Brothers Who Have Been Called from Labor "...that we may all be prepared to welcome death, not as a grim tyrant, but as a kind messenger sent to translate us from this imperfect to that all perfect, glorious and celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides."

<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Brothers Name</u>	<u>Date Of Death</u>
5/12/1921	Stewart A. Bain	12/16/2012
1/7/1939	Raymond A. Barcus, Sr.	5/14/2018
12/30/1926	Webb Blevins	6/4/2018
8/23/1947	Harry C. Bostic	6/16/2018
6/14/1931	Kenneth R. Bragg	8/12/2018
3/6/1928	Eugene Bunting	6/13/2018
1/13/1926	Ellsworth H. Cloud	7/5/2018
10/16/1923	Wesley Culver	8/28/2014
11/16/1938	Charles R. David	7/3/2017
4/16/1924	Preston L. Dyer	5/9/2018
11/24/1946	James T. Elliott Jr.	8/14/2018
3/10/1926	Edward P. Frederick	7/14/2018
1/2/1934	William M. Griffith, Jr.	11/3/2018
10/28/1925	Ralph L. Holloway	6/5/2018
5/14/1919	Benjamin E. Jones	11/30/2017
10/4/1917	Robert R. Loyd	9/16/2018
1/17/1931	John A. Mills	4/20/2018
11/30/1931	Thomas I. Moore, Jr.	9/3/2018
4/15/1929	Edwin M. Newth	5/24/2018
12/28/1946	James F. Peterson	7/16/2018
7/27/1935	Jimmie G. Quillen	7/9/2018
12/25/1920	Charles W. Shoop	7/15/2017
5/15/1953	John A. Skrobot, Jr.	7/8/2018
9/5/1945	Lynn A. Spayd	5/15/2018
5/21/1926	Jennings H. Spicer	7/27/2018
6/3/1931	Donald D. Thomas	5/22/2018
5/27/1936	C. William Tulloch	5/13/2018
3/7/1919	W. Fred Wallace, Jr.	6/4/2017
8/10/1927	Robert G. Walters	6/25/2018
11/7/1943	Richard A. Webb	3/23/2018

Reunions

(officers wear tuxedo hat, jewels)

- Sat. Feb 2, 2019 12° & 16° 818 N. Market St. 4th Floor
- Sat. Mar 2, 2019 6° & 18° 818 N. Market St. 4th Floor
- Sat. Mar 30, 2019 **Degrees to be Announced** - Jefferson Lodge # 15
- Sat. May 11, 2019 32° 818 N. Market St. 4th Floor **

**** Ladies are welcome to attend a special program.
More Details To Follow In Upcoming Communications**

All Reunions Start at 9:30 AM– Check-In
Begins at 8:00AM

Business Meetings

(officers wear coat, hat, jewels, and tie)

- Thurs, Jan 24, 2019– **Executive Committee Meeting**-
Chelsea Tavern - 5:30 PM
(Top officers from each body only.)
- Thurs, Jan 24, 2019 - **Wilmington Chapter of Rose Croix**
818 N. Market St. 4th Floor - 7:30 PM
- Thurs, Apr 25, 2019 - **Consistory**
818 N. Market St. 4th Floor - 7:30 PM

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ATTEND THE MEETINGS!

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