

NEWSLETTER OF THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON 2011-2012 ISSUE NO. 2

<u>SCOTTISH RITE</u>



VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

## **CEREMONIAL AT THE BABY GRAND**

15th, 18th, 31st & 32nd Degree Ceremonial – November 19, 2011 - 9:30 AM LUNCH and OPEN HOUSE following the Degrees

WILMINGTON, Del. The Scottish Rite of Delaware and the Coordinate Bodies of the Delaware Consistory are having a "Grand Celebration" to highlight our move to 818 Market Street.

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, the Delaware Consistory will host the 15th, 18th, 31st and 32nd Degree Ceremonial on the stage of the Baby Grand! That is right! On the stage of the Baby Grand.

Here is the agenda for the day:

8:00 AM—Doors open (use Baby Grand entrance or the back door)

8:15 AM-Pastries and Coffee for the early birds

8:30 AM—Candidates report (4th Degree video for those in need of the degree)

9:30 AM—Ceremonial and short business meeting will be held on the stage at the Baby Grand.

12:30 PM—Lunch on the 4th Floor of 818 Market Street (catered by Jimmy's Grille)

Here is what you get:

Pastries and coffee for the early birds

Lunch by Jimmy's Grille

Cash Bar in the Bedford Club

Free parking if you park in the 8th and Orange Streets parking lot

Guard service to/from parking lot

Further information on our website at www.srvalleyofwilmde.com or by calling the office at 302-998-6475.

## You really do

# Want to miss this one!!

#### Brethren,

What a busy Masonic year it has been for me. Serving as your Grand Master has been an honor and pleasure, which I will always appreciate. I wish to convey my thanks to all of you for your allegiance and support. I now must turn my attention and duties to serve you as Sovereign Prince for the ensuing Scottish Rite Masonic year.

As we proceed in our duties of conferring the two Historical Degrees in the Council of

Princes of Jerusalem, I thought perhaps a brief narrative would be beneficial.

The two Historical Degrees conferred in a Council of Princes of Jerusalem covers the period from 538 B.C. to 516 B.C. The degrees cover events related to the conclusion of the Babylonian Captivity of Israel, and the eventual return of captives to Jerusalem, and the rebuilding of the Temple.

In the 15th Degree, Knight of the East of Sword, Zerubbabel, a Jewish captive, wins the favor of King Cyrus and the release of the Jews from captivity. Several years later, in the 16th Degree, Prince of Jerusalem, Zerubbabel returns to Babylon to plead with King Darius for military protection against the enemies of Israel, and for assistance in the rebuilding of the Temple. These degrees teach loyalty to conviction in the face of temptation, fidelity to duty, and a devotion to truth.

It will be our pleasure having you with us to enjoy these Degrees. Hopefully, we will see you on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Let the journey begin.

> Fraternally, John E. Bednash, 33° Sovereign Prince

#### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN YOUR MASONIC PRAYERS

Brother Eugene R. Hazzard Brother Joseph F. Robinson Brother R. Nelson Biggs Brother John D. Walters Brother Harold G. Snyder

If you know of anyone who is in need of prayers, please contact the Secretary as indicated.

#### MILTON BERLE ON "The Post Office"

I wrote a letter to the Postmaster General, telling him how to improve the mail service. It got lost!

When you write "fragile" on a package, it helps the clerks at the post office. When they hear the sound of glass breaking, they know which package it came from.

I just got my new driver's license in the mail. It expired last month!

As the newly elected Most Wise Master of the Wilmington Chapter of Rose Croix, I bring you fraternal greetings and best wishes for the coming year. I would like to thank Past Most Wise Master Caesar E. Aniceto, 32° for his tireless efforts and dedication this past year. I would also like to thank the Chapter of Rose Croix for electing me to this illustrious position. I am looking forward to an outstanding and fruitful year in Scottish Rite Masonry, in particular, the Wilmington Chapter of Rose Croix.



The Chapter of Rose Croix attempts to provide the candidates with a deeper understanding of religion, philosophy, ethics and history through a variety of complex historical degrees. Being responsible for the 17th and 18th Degrees, it is hopeful that the reflections of the materials that are contained therein will be an advancement in knowledge of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for all of our candidates.

If you have not been present to observe the Scottish Rite Degrees in quite some time, please join us on Saturday, November 19, 2011. The message of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is more relevant than ever.

Remember, "the gift of the human imagination is that it has no limits or ending .... Neither does Freemasonry."

Fraternally, Clarence A. Timmons, 32° Most Wise Master

## VISIT OUR WEBSIT FOR .....

- Calendar of events, office hours, event information, etc.
- Interesting articles
- Links to other websites
- Officer information, contacts, etc.
- Pictures of people, places and things connected to our Scottish Rite
- Advanced copy of Newsletters (it is in color on the website)
- Areas of Special interests and more









## **SCROOGE The Musical**

-- a wonderful Christmas show to enjoy with the entire family. Come out and participate in a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Family Life Program event by attending an outstanding musical version of the Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" by the **ADULT WING** of the Delaware Children's Theatre.

This musical is adapted from the popular television movie. It is one of the first Broadway Musicals to be re-edited for community theatre. This classic tale of the hard hearted Scrooge is a special holiday experience for the entire family!

This production of SCROOGE The Musical is recommended for children 4 years of age and older.

Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 PM

Doors open at 1:30 pm and guests should arrive no later than 1:45 pm for group seating



Delaware Children's Theatre 1014 Delaware Avenue Wilmington, DE

Free parking is available across the street from the theatre in the Colonial Parking / Bellevue Holding Lot next to CVS, as well as street parking all around the theatre. There is also free parking available at the Ursuline Academy Cultural Arts Center parking lot at the end of Park Place and Van Buren Street behind the Theatre.

## TICKETS are \$12 for adults and for children

To make reservations or for more information, call Tony Maxwell at (302) 528-2636 or write tonymaxwell@hotmail.com.

## Please make reservations by December 2<sup>nd</sup> and send a check payable to "DCT" by December 7<sup>th</sup> to:

Tony Maxwell 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Family Life Program 4609 Sylvanus Drive Wilmington, DE 19803



Greetings and salutations from the Delaware Consistory. All of the degrees from the 4th through the 32nd inclusive that you have received contain many useful and constructive lessons. In all of these degrees, they teach and aid in obtaining many valuable character-building qualities that will help us in becoming better citizens. They teach us the values of faith, hope, charity, honor, and service. In the 19th through the 32nd Degree, we learn the values of duty and unselfish service, the dignity of labor, and the ultimate victory of good over evil. We are taught the virtue of forgiveness and that we must be tolerant of the views of others, and like *Constans* in the 32nd Degree, we must be tried by the tenets that are taught in all the degrees of the Delaware Consistory. Brethren, if we live by these principles, we will all become better men and masons.

Fraternally yours, Carl H. Cox, 33° Commander-In-Chief

## Most Worshipful Brother Harry Truman

## On Polls

It isn't polls or public opinion of the moment that counts. It's right and wrong and leadership—men with fortitude, honesty and a belief in the right that make epochs in the history of the world.

## On Government

It has been my experience in public life that there are few problems which cannot be worked out, if we make a real effort to understand the other fellow's point of view, and if we try to find a solution on the basis of give and take, of fairness to both sides. Page 4, November 2011 Scottish Rite Newsletter

## DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
03/03/1929	Thomas E. Neil	03/21/2011
04/23/1930	James R. Hamill	08/04/2011
06/29/1917	Henry J. Ahrens	08/07/2011
11/26/1921	Vernon E. Artz	10/01/2011
12/14/1926	Granville E. Hudson	10/13/2011
12/02/1938	Charles L. Booth	10/14/2011
07/13/1935	Norman A. Lemon, MSA	10/17/2011
05/04/1937	David C. Ware	10/18/2011
08/23/1936	Edward H. Scott	10/27/2011

## Did You Know?

## SMALLPOX and the CRAFT

Dr. Edward Jenner, an early English Physician, observed that milk maids who had had smallpox did not get the disease when exposed to it. After experimenting, he announced his discovery in 1789, and vaccination followed shortly thereafter.

He was Worshipful Master of Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge No. 270 in Berkeley, England, in 1811-1813.

Information to the family: Should the Scottish Rite Mason whose name appears on the mailing label be admitted into the Hospital, Nursing Home, or is incapacitated in any way, Please notify the Secretary of the Scottish Rite. (302) 998-6475 or

valleyof wilm098@verizon.net

Published by The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington 818 North Market Street 3rd Floor Wilmington, Delaware 19801-3077 Brethren,

## FROM THE SECRETARY

This month, on Saturday, November 19th, we will be celebrating with a gala ceremonial affair in the Baby

Grand at 818 Market Street. Parking is always the number one concern; however, the Wilmington Parking Authority has assured me that parking is free (that is correct, FREE) on the weekend at the 8th and Orange Streets Parking Lot. It is a flat lot (no ramps to worry about) and you can park all day if you need to. It is about a two block walk to the

Also, if you have business with the Scottish Rite during normal business hours (see our website, <u>www.srvalleyofwilmde.com</u>), please park in the Customs House Square Parking Lot and bring your "ticket" to the Secretary. You will receive a validation for the time you spend on business at the Scottish Rite.

Baby Grand depending on where in the lot you park.

Also, a reminder that we have several events coming up in the near future that REQUIRE you to make reservations. If you wish to attend, please make sure you make reservations with the Secretary and receive confirmation. If you show up, we will accommodate you, but it will cost you the premium paid for not including you in the count. That is our new policy to try to cut back on expenses.

Fraternally, Herb

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