



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Mixer February 29, 2012—6:00 PM—*Irish Eyes in Lewes*

16 & 18th Degree Reunion – March 17, 2012 - 9:30 AM—NUR



MESSAGE FROM OUR SOVEREIGN PRINCE

Greetings Brothers and Happy New Year! I certainly hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

As the New Year begins, many of us reflect on the things that we have left undone, and things that we need to do in the New Year. Each of us reflect on promises and resolutions that will provide for an enjoyable, healthful, and productive New Year. Hopefully, we can keep our

promises and resolutions, and treat every day like it's the beginning of a New Year.

The Valley of Wilmington has produced a very comprehensive schedule for this coming year, and I encourage all Brethren to attend not only the degree ceremonials, but the other functions that have been implemented for our benefit and pleasures.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our 5th Annual Charity Golf outing on May 19, 2012 at Eagle Creek Golf Course on Dover Air Force Base. This event is a charity event to benefit the Children of our Military service members who are serving in harm's way. We encourage and need your support.

There is no higher degree than that of a Master Mason, but the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite serve to enrich the philosophy of the Symbolic Lodge. A Mason who chooses to further his Masonic experience by becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason will be expanding upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Please attend your Blue Lodge and encourage our Brethren to seek these 29 degrees. I feel that it will have a positive effect on the expansion of their knowledge of Masonic and Scottish Rite Freemasonry. *(Continued on Page 2, Column 1)*



MESSAGE FROM OUR MOST WISE MASTER

Greetings Brothers and a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fulfilling Holiday Season and had time to spend with their loved ones.

First, I would like to thank Brother Tony Maxwell for the outstanding Christmas Theatre production of Scrooge of which I, along with the children enjoyed, very much. Thanks Brother Maxwell.

Also, I would like to offer my thanks and my appreciation to all of the Chapter Officers for their dedicated participation in all of our Chapter functions.

We are anticipating having a Chapter picnic for all of the Officers to include their wives and children. The date, time and location will be announced at a later date.

I certainly would recommend that all Scottish Rite members give full support to our staff officers for the programs that they have implemented for our pleasure, which include all the Ceremonies and other related activities by attending and showing our appreciation for their dedicated service to the craft.

Fraternally,

Clarence A. Timmons
Most Wise Master

Inside this Issue you will find

- The Message from our Sovereign Prince (pg 1-2)
- The Message from our Most Wise Master (pg 1)
- *Upcoming Events Open to all Members* (pg 2)
- *Business Meeting to Remember* (pg 2)
- Prayer list (pg 3)
- 5th Annual Charity Golf Outing information (pg 3)
- History Lesson on Fort McHenry (pg 3)
- Deaths reported since our last bulletin (pg 4)
- Jewels of the Scottish Rite (pg 3-4)

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

— Ronald Reagan

UPCOMING EVENTS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

(MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR SO YOU DO NOT FORGET)

February 29, 2012—Mixer for Prospective Members at Irish Eyes in Lewes, DE. Come bring a Prospective Candidate to celebrate the Leap Year. Heavy appetizers and refreshments included. If you sign your Candidate, no cost to you. Otherwise, the cost is \$10/person with ladies invited. Event starts at 6:00 PM, business casual dress.

March 17, 2012—16th & 18th Degrees at NUR Temple. Reunion starts at 9:30 AM and lunch (of an Irish nature) at NOON. DRESS: Tux, hats, jewels for officers—Coats & ties for others. At this reunion, the Deputy and Active will be presenting Service Award Certificates. Candidates should report 45 minutes earlier.

April 15, 2012—Our Church Service at the Masonic Home at 2:00 PM. All are welcome. Coats and ties for Scottish Rite members.

April 19, 2012—Business Meeting & Election of Officers. At the Masonic Home, beginning at 7:30 PM. DRESS: Coats, ties & hats for officers. Light refreshment follows.

April 21, 2012—21st, 31st & 32nd Degrees at the Baby Grand. Reunion starts promptly at 9:30 AM. Lunch on the 4th Floor at 818 Market St. Parking is FREE at the 8th & Orange Parking Lot. DRESS: Tux, hats, jewels for officers—Coats & ties for others. Candidates should report 45 minutes earlier.

May 18, 2012—The 5th Annual Charity Golf Outing at Eagle Creek Golf Course (Dover AFB). FLYERS WITH DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. Registration begins at 9:00 AM; Shotgun start at 11:00 AM; Dinner/Reception at 5:00 PM. All profits go to the Support Unit for Children's Activities and Families of our Military.

August 11, 2012—Scottish Rite of Delaware Trip to Fort McHenry. Buses will leave from NUR Shrine and Union Lodge #7 in Dover in time to see the ceremonial flag unfurling. This will be followed by a self-guided tour. After the tour and some time in the shops, we will travel to Inner Harbor Baltimore for lunch on your own and whatever activity you may desire. On our way home, we are trying to arrange a stop and wreath laying at the gravesite of Major George Armistead, Commander of Fort McHenry. The event is open to all members and their families with advanced reservations (seating is limited by the number of seats on the bus). **YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVED SEAT** by contacting the Secretary of the Valley of Wilmington.

(Continued from Page 1 Column 1)

MESSAGE FROM OUR SOVEREIGN PRINCE (Continued)

From all the Council Officers, have a Happy New Year with Health and Happiness.

Fraternally,

John E. Bednash
Sovereign Prince

A BUSINESS MEETING TO REMEMBER:

January 19, 2012—Bear, Delaware. Thirty-four members and ladies joined in dinner at Stewart's Brewing Company. Business was brief, food was great and the fellowship was marvelous. One of the most interesting things that happened was that at least three of our most recently constituted and proclaimed Sublime Princes were present. They all talked to the heads of the bodies and the Director of Work about taking part in our Reunions. Below are a few pictures from that event (more are in our new photo gallery on our website).





5th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Equity Council and the Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem have joined forces with the Valley of Lower Delaware to again host the 5th Annual Charity Golf Outing.

Here is the information:

LOCATION: Eagle Creek Golf Course (Dover AFB)
 DATE: Friday, May 18, 2012
 REGISTRATION: Begins 9:00 AM
 TEE TIME: Shotgun start at 11:00 AM
 RECEPTION/DINNER: Approximately 5:00 PM

Our charity this year is the same as last year, the Dover AFB Services, Combat Support & Community Services, Support Unit for Children's Activities and Families of our Military.

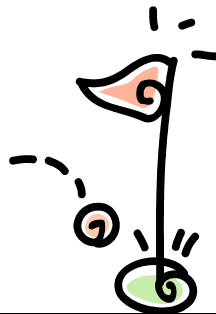


Last year was a great time with fine food, great prizes and plenty of fun. Using "Best Ball" format, prizes include closest to the pin, closest to the line and longest drive. We will also award to some four-some where all members are from the same lodge, the Grand Master's Trophy.

We are limited to 100 golfers, so get your reservations in early. (Due to government regulations, no reservations will be taken after May 12, 2012.) Flyers will be available in the next Newsletter and, hopefully, on our website.

MORE INFORMATION

TO COME!!



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN YOUR MASONIC PRAYERS

Brother Winfield W. Lane, MSA
 Brother Donald D. Mitchell
 Brother Eugene R. Hazzard
 Brother John S. Hanna, Jr.
 Brother John D. Walters
 Brother Harold G. Snyder
 Brother Ira G. White
 Brother Edwin M. Newth
 Brother Bennie L. Bell
 Illustrious Brother William F. Huxtable

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

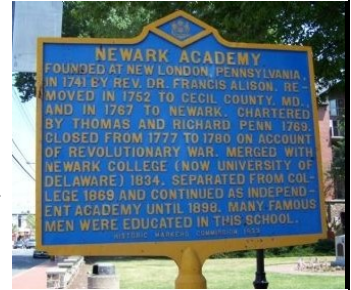


FORT McHENRY

(History for our Scottish Rite Trip)

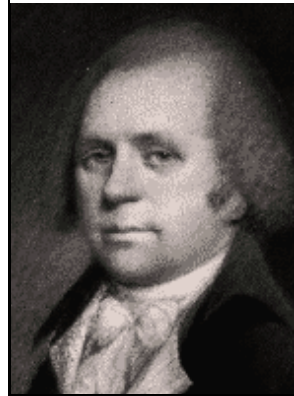
When I found out that this year's trip will be to Fort McHenry, I started to look into the history and origins of the Fort. One interesting facet turned out to be why it was named Fort McHenry. Fort McHenry was named after James McHenry, a signer of the Constitution of the United States and a Brother Mason. Born November 16, 1753, he was a Scots-Irish immigrant who came to the Colonies in 1771. He was a surgeon and soldier.

He studied at Newark Academy in Delaware (in 1834 it merged with Newark College to become what is now known as the University of Delaware per the historical marker to the right) and apprenticed under Dr. Benjamin Rush.



During the Revolutionary War, he served as Surgeon in the 5th Pennsylvania Battalion and later Major and Aide-de-Camp to General Lafayette. He held the cabinet post of Secretary of War under Presidents Washington and John Adams.

Information from the Grand Lodge of Maryland states that he was a member of Spiritual Lodge No. 23, Maryland, receiving his E.A. Degree May 21, 1806; F.C. June 18, 1806; M.M. July 30, 1806.



He died May 3, 1816 at his estate ("Fayetteville") near Baltimore and is buried in Westminster Presbyterian Churchyard.

- Editor

Source

- MSA Publication *Masonic Membership of the Signers of the Constitution of the United States*

CHEERS!

In the vain of "Norm" from *Cheers*:

"My wife has been missing for a week now, Woody. The police said to prepare for the worst; so, I went down to the Goodwill to get all of her clothes back."

Sam: "What did your Doctor say, Norm?"

Norm: "That I should eat right and exercise."

Sam: "What did you say?"

Norm: "And die anyway. Another beer here, Woody!"

(continued from page 4, column 2)



CONSISTORY (Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret to left)

The Jewel is a Teutonic cross of heavily gold-plated metal on which rests a double-headed eagle — half black and half white.

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
08/19/1928	Walter W. Stewart, III	12/06/2011
12/16/1929	Orland E. Dukes, Jr.	12/17/2011
10/22/1912	Walter F. Megonigal	12/19/2011
09/06/1917	Herschel W. Billings	12/21/2011
03/15/1926	Ralton H. Dennis	12/21/2011
08/22/1910	Chester C. Coffin	01/07/2012
05/21/1919	Dewitt C. Rice	01/13/2012
06/03/1951	Joseph F. Robinson	01/14/2012
09/15/1923	Joseph Deboutez	01/22/2012
10/24/1929	R. Nelson Biggs	01/22/2012

100 YEARS

As you may or may not know, this year, 2012, marks the 100th Anniversary of the formation of our Consistory. The actual date of formation is October 3, 1912.

Obviously, this is an opportunity to celebrate and we will. More information will follow, but definitely keep your sights set for something(s) to happen this fall and maybe into the first half of 2013.

BE PREPARED!

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

valleyofwilm098@verizon.net

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

JEWELS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE



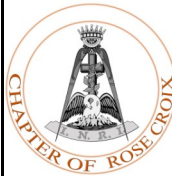
LODGE OF PERFECTION (left)

Within the circle is the jewel of the Lodge of Perfection (4th—14th Degrees). The Jewel is a crowned compasses on a segment of a circle; on the segment are engraved 3, 5, 7, 9; in the center is a golden sun with nine points; on the reverse of the center is a blazing star of five points, engraved with the Enochian characters.



COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM (right)

The Jewel is a diamond-shaped mother-of-pearl having encrusted upon it, in gold and silver, a balance in equipoise, on either side of which are "D" and "Z" — beneath the center of the scale a dagger — with the point up — and Five stars surrounding the point — the uppermost one larger than the other four.



CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX (left)

The Jewel is a crowned compasses extended to an angle of 45° resting upon a quadrant; between the legs of the compasses is a cross resting on the quadrant of a circle; its center on one side is occupied by a full-blown rose whose stem twines around the lower limb of the cross; at the foot of the cross covering the lower part of it and extending between the legs of the compasses is a pelican piercing her breast with her bill to feed with her own blood her young, seven in number, in a nest under it. On the reverse side is an eagle with expanded wings. On one side of the quadrant is the hieroglyphical characteristic of the Knight, and on the other the password in cipher. The eagle, pelican and rose are of silver, the rest of the Jewel of gold. *(continued on page 3, column 2)*

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 179
WILMINGTON, DE

ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
818 MARKET ST—3RD FLOOR
WILMINGTON, DE 19801-3077