



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

**Business Meeting-September 20, 2012— 7:30 PM—Masonic Home Basement
Reunion 4°-16°- October 6, 2012—9:30 AM—818 N. Market St.—4th Floor
GALA REUNION—100th Anniversary of Delaware Consistory—DETAILS INSIDE**

SIZZLIN' SUMMER

So, it has been a hot Summer, especially for your Scottish Rite!



July 27, 2012—Blue Rocks outing organized by “Coach” John Bednash



July 25, 2012—Abbott Scholarships were awarded to Mancy Maxwell (Left picture) and Sharon Dutton (Right picture) See full article inside.



August 11, 2012—Over 100 members and families joined us on the Valley of Wilmington Trip to Ft. McHenry. The trip was organized by Bruce Beck

IMPORTANT DATES

This fall, the Delaware Consistory will be celebrating 100 years. October 3, 2012 is the official date of our 100th Anniversary. We are planning several events to celebrate. Below is the full schedule for the fall 2012:

9/16 (Sunday) - OPEN HOUSE IS POSTPONED

9/20 (Thursday) - BUSINESS MEETING at the Masonic Home beginning at 7:30 PM. Members only. Coat, tie, hats and jewels as appropriate. This meeting will be under the direction of the Lodge of Perfection. Light refreshments following the meeting.

10/4 (Thursday) - OPEN INSTALLATION of the next Grand Master. The Grand Master will present the MSA and 33° jewels to our recipients. Open to ALL, coat and tie required.

10/6 (Saturday) - REUNION of the 4th, 14th and 16th Degrees. These degrees will be presented in various formats on the 4th Floor of 818 Market Street. FREE parking at the 8th & Orange Streets parking lot. Reunion begins promptly at 9:30 AM and includes lunch which will be served as a part of the 16th degree. Candidates should report by 8:45 AM. Dress is: Officers & 33rds—Tux, hat & jewels. Members and candidates—Coat & Tie (jewel & hat if appropriate).

10/20 (Saturday) - REUNION GALA. We will celebrate 100 years of Delaware Consistory by witnessing the original degrees presented by neighboring Valleys when Delaware Consistory was formed. The Valleys of Central New Jersey, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Reading will perform the ritual used 100 years ago. This event will be held at the McCullough Middle School, 20 Chase Avenue, New Castle, DE. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 AM, Lunch around NOON. Come, join us in our Grand celebration. Degrees and festivities will begin at 9:30 AM. (17th and 18th to be communicated.)

11/4 (Sunday) - HONORS EVENT. Join us as we recognize recipients of all awards, 33°, MSA and other special awards. Event begins at 3:00 PM with appetizers, cash bar and live entertainment. We will be at the Cavalier's Country Club and this event, open to you and your families, **REQUIRES YOUR RESERVATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 21, 2012.**

WEBSITE INFORMATION:

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100 Years of Service

It has often been said that time rules all things. At first this seems a little trite but upon reflection it is a statement that provides very little room for alternative points of view. If you miss the moment or make the most of it, that one snapshot in time is gone forever.

This year, 2012, the Delaware Consistory will have been about the business of providing a fraternal experience to Freemasons in Delaware and the surrounding area for 100 years. 100 years is a marker that everyone has used to express a time in the past that was so long gone as to be foreign to our understanding. It is true that 100 years represents 3, 4 or 5 generations depending on what standard you accept. It bestows the title antique on any object that was manufactured or crafted that many years ago. A person who attains the age of 100 years is referred to as a centenarian, in polite company. 100 years ago the world was yet to fight the Great War (WWI) to end war forever. It is truly a measure of a long time.

In those 100 years the Delaware Consistory has performed its message at the New Century Club on Delaware Avenue (now the Delaware Children's Theater), the Playhouse in the Hotel DuPont, the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Lea Boulevard and the Nur Shrine Center in New Castle. How many times have the several degrees in their different iterations been performed? We would be hard pressed even to take a guess at the number. The fascinating thing is that the Rite itself doesn't look its age. It draws its vitality from the men who view it as a relevant force of inspiration, convenience and enjoyment in a Freemason's life today. It is ready to mark a milestone and move into the future. Don't miss the opportunities to celebrate this moment in time with your Brothers.

Jim Elliott,
Deputy for Delaware

Meet your Sovereign Prince—George D. Johnson

I was born and raised in Wilmington, DE 78 years ago. My dad was a Wilmington Firefighter until his death at age 40, which left my mom to raise me and my two brothers. I graduated from P.S. DuPont high school in 1952 and joined the Marine Corp in 1956. I have been married for over 56 years to the love of my life and we have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. My oldest son and grandson are both Masons. I was employed at Atlantic Aviation, retiring after 32 years of service.

I became a member of Ionic Lodge #31 AM&FM in Newport, DE and was raised to 3° May 1969. I entered the Scottish Rite in October 1983, and joined NUR Shrine in 1984. I joined the NUR Oriental Band in 1984 and enjoyed over 20 years of playing the horn (Musset) and the many Jamborees. I am now a member of the Legion of Honor at NUR Temple, a unit for former or active members of the Armed Services. We march in many local parades and some out of state. In 2008, I became a member of the Princes of Jerusalem. I started in line as Master of Ceremonies and now am very proud to be the Sovereign Prince of the Wilmington Council, Princes of Jerusalem. (George's picture is on page 3)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE

ABBOTT AND VALLEY OF WILMINGTON SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Supreme Council for the NMJ awards scholarships to deserving students from the Abbott Scholarship Program. The students are required to have a completed application submitted by April 1st of each year. The applications are sent to the Delaware Consistory Scholarship Committee for their consideration and recommendations. The committee selects the students based on the guidelines of the Scholarship Program. In addition, the Valley of Wilmington budgets to award one Scholarship per year.

Abbott Scholarships for 2012 were given to the following:

Ms. Sharon E. Dutton-Daughter of Brother George C. Dutton, Sr. and his wife, Jennifer, is a Sophomore, attending Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.

Ms. Nancy R. Maxwell-Daughter of Illustrious Brother A. Tony Maxwell, 33°, and Nancy A. Maxwell. She is attending Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA, as a Senior.

Ms. Elaine C. Rasnake-Daughter of Brother Roy A. Ransake, 32° and wife Elizabeth; Elaine is attending Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg PA.

The Valley of Wilmington Scholarship for 2012 went to:

Mr. Patrick Bowers-Son of Thomas and Janice Bowers and is in his Senior year at Virginia Tech.

We wish to acknowledge and congratulate the above recipients for receiving these scholarships. We wish you well in your future good endeavors and look forward to hear of your accomplishments in the future.

We add a special "Thank you" to our Scholarship Committee consisting of:

Ill.: Ricky L. Swalm, 33°, Chairman

Ill.: Arthur L. Bright, 33°

Ill.: Warren F. Schueler, Sr., 33°

Ill.: Randall C. Mullen, 33°

Ill.: Maynard Mires, 33°

Welcome from Sovereign Prince:

Welcome Brothers to the Fall season and the many activities that will be coming up. The Golf Tournament in May at the Dover Air force Base was a great success and everyone had a great time. I want to thank everyone who participated and the volunteers who worked so hard to make the event a success. I am looking forward to upcoming months. I am proud to be the Sovereign Prince of the Princes of Jerusalem and proud of the officers who will be supporting me and the Equity Council members.

My Line Officers are:

- High Priest, Terry Martz
- Senior Warden, Terrence Vangorder
- Junior Warden, Greg Correll
- Master of Ceremonies, Forrest Boettcher
- Master of Entrances, William Stephey
- Tyler, Michael Downey
- Hospitaler, James Blake



All of these Officers are also active in their Blue Lodges and other branches of Masonic bodies. I am very fortunate to have such a group of men to help me through this year as your Sovereign Prince. On a personal note, we, as officers and members, are also fortunate to have someone beside us for encouragement and support, whether it be a friend or spouse. My wife, Janet, whom I have been married to for over fifty-six years, is my best friend and confidant (and my Princess). Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Fraternally,
George D. Johnson
Sovereign Prince

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
11/14/1928	James W. Ancarrow	03/15/2011
09/11/1922	Robert G. Hayden	01/11/2012
03/10/1928	John E. McKaye, III	02/21/2012
03/28/1932	Chester F. Laudemberger	02/21/2012
04/08/1921	Ross M Smith	03/16/2012
02/25/1929	Isaac F. LeVan	03/28/2012
12/14/1923	John F. Dorn	04/15/2012
09/23/1927	St. Sen. Walter M. Baker	04/17/2012
07/27/1943	Thomas J. Walsh, Jr.	04/28/2012
02/07/1912	Howard E. Hobson	05/06/2012
06/19/1923	Sidney Goldstein	06/13/2012
12/05/1935	George H. Benton	06/15/2012
05/07/1930	Leslie E. Hearn, Jr.	07/18/2012
09/27/1933	Edward R. Schmidt	07/27/2012

THIS DATE, OCTOBER 3, IN HISTORY

1908 – The Pravda newspaper is founded by Leon Trotsky and other Russian exiles in Vienna.

1912— Delaware Consistory is formed

1918 – King Boris III of Bulgaria accedes to the throne.

1919 – Cincinnati Reds pitcher Adolfo Luque becomes the 1st Latin player to appear in a World Series.

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Uncle Miltie said:

The difference between an itch and allergy is about \$50.

A specialist is a doctor with a smaller practice but a bigger home!

I told my doctor I couldn't hear. He told me I was better off the way things are today!

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

- Brother Winfield W. Lane, MSA
- Brother William S. Downing
- Brother Donald D. Mitchell
- Brother Eugene R. Hazzard
- Brother John S. Hanna, Jr.
- Brother Carl H. Carlson, Jr.
- Brother Harold G. Snyder
- Brother Ira G. White
- Brother Edwin M. Newth
- Brother Bennie L. Bell
- Illustrious Brother William F. Huxtable
- Brother Earl V. Nichols, Sr.
- Brother Lyman L. Krimmel
- Brother John J. Nuss



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

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