



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

**April 9 (Saturday)—REUNION # 5 18th—21st—16th degrees. —818 N. Market St.
April 30th (Saturday) Valley of Boston will be performing the Woodchoppers Degree @ NUR Shrine**

2016—IMPORTANT DATES

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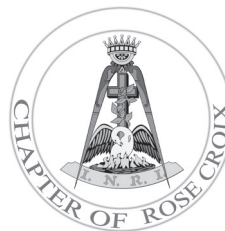
April 23—1st Ever Lower Valley Reunion - at Jefferson Lodge #15 116 2nd Street 2nd Floor Lewes, DE 19958. 4th—7th—15th degrees. There will be a special Passport Stamp Comerationing this auspicious occasion. Ceremonial starts at 9:00 AM (candidates report 45 minutes earlier). Dress for officers & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable). Free parking at in rear of lodge and on the street.

April 28 (Thursday)—Business Meeting # 4. NUR Shrine. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM sharp. This will be a business meeting, under the direction of the Delaware Consistory. The main purpose of this meeting is for the election of officers for the ensuing Scottish Rite Year. Dress for officers & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable).

April 30 (Saturday) — On April 30, 2016 Massachusetts Consistory will be performing the Woodchopper’s Degree for the Valley of Wilmington DE.. At NUR Shrine. Tickets are \$10.00. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please Send your check to the Delaware Consistory— In the memo section— “Woodchoppers Degree”. There will special commemorative items at this event!

May 7 (Saturday) Worker’s Dinner. Deerfield Country Club 6:00 PM. This dinner is for all officers, actors and workers. Please call the office to confirm reservations. Dress for officers—tux, all others coat and tie.

August 6 (Saturday) Valley Trip! We are off the Camden Aquarium and The U.S.S. New Jersey. We will leave Dawson’s Bus Company at 7:00 a.m. then depart from NUR Shrine at 8:30 a.m.



What we do for ourselves dies
with us – what we do for
others remains and
is immortal.

- Albert Pike

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



- Illustrious Brother Robert Carroll
- Brother Forrest A. Boettcher
- Illustrious Brother Warren Schuller, Sr.
- Illustrious Brother Herbert P. Fulmer, III
- Illustrious Brother Benjamin F. Lloyd
- Illustrious Brother Patrick J. Burke, MSA
- Illustrious Brother Jamie Turner
- Brother Michael J. Ratcliff
- Brother Peter Tyrrell, MSA.
- Brother Joseph L. Kauffamn
- Illustrious Brother Eugene R Small 33°

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

A Message from the Most Wise Master

Greetings Brethren,

Scottish Rite illustrates the lessons of Freemasonry, in a way not seen in other Masonic bodies. These lessons are explained and played out with a sense of art and drama that is not seen in any other Appendant Body. One only has to observe any one of the innumerable Scottish Rite degrees to understand that these dramatic performances expound upon the basic tenets of Freemasonry. Often, when we are Entered into the Lodge and receive the subsequent degrees, we are a little bit blown away by the Ritual. This is to be expected. The reverence and mystery of the first three degrees of Masonry are not lost on us. The lessons that should be learned are lost in the work. We should be paying attention, but sometimes we are overwhelmed by the rigidity of the Blue Lodge and the dependence upon sometimes very outdated speech patterns and phrases of the English language.

Scottish Rite Masonry and the dramatic interpretations of the true Masonic virtues are invaluable to any righteous and virtuous Mason. We need to embrace and perpetuate the traditions that Scottish Rite Masonry has given to us. It is not only a Brotherhood of like-minded men; it is an opportunity to explore the lessons of Masonry in a way that other forums cannot duplicate.

These like-minded men have the truest and most noble expectations. It is the goal of these men, not only to practice the virtues of Freemasonry, as any good man should do, but to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of what it really means to be a Mason, and the lessons therein.

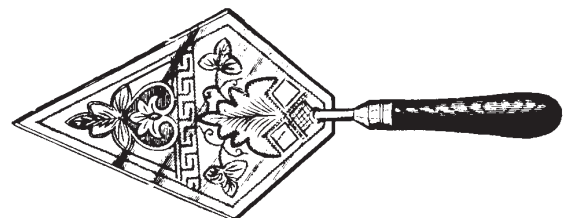
It is not enough to memorize ritual and words. These are but vehicles to communicate the true message. We must keep our traditions pure. In keeping this venerable institution viable and relevant, the lessons of ritual must be explained. Scottish Rite degrees perform this function beautifully. One only has to pay attention. Participation, however, is the path to knowledge. We can watch any degree, any number of times, and become jaded as to the true purpose. We can memorize the most eloquent passages and not understand their true meaning.

Let us emulate our Brothers who have preceded us in glory. George Washington and Andrew Jackson look down at us from above. They understood what the tenets of Masonry are and conducted themselves accordingly. These two very different men had one very important thing in common. Their commitment to honor, truth, and righteousness cannot be disputed.

Scottish Rite Masonry lets us see, in a very visceral way, how these Presidential virtues can be applied to everyday life.

Every good Mason has an innate moral compass. This is expected. It is through the Scottish Rite degrees, however, that we really can see and understand the lessons that are Freemasonry.

Bradley Driscoll 32°
Most Wise Master
Valley of Wilmington

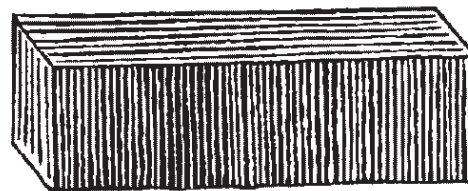
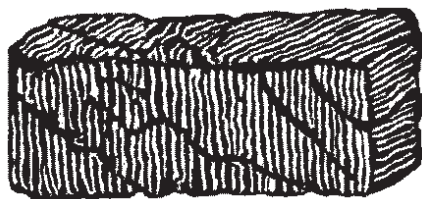


Brethren:

We are in an era of transition and change within Scottish Rite. Our leadership is executing a structured plan to modernize our fraternity. We will not be having a 32° ceremonial this year as we have in the past, but we are ushering in a new way to celebrate the principles that unite us. Change is difficult and often met with resistance, and we should expect some unforeseen bumps in the road. But I believe we can all agree that some upgrading is in order, and I am grateful for the direction and vision provided by Ill. James Elliott and Ill. Herbert Atkinson. We are in good hands, and it is exciting to be an active member during this historic time.

Fraternally,
John Bialecki, 32°

Commander in chief



9TH ANNUAL DE SCOTTISH RITE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, May 20 2016 9:00 am - Eagle Creek G.C. at Dover A.F.B., Dover, DE

Friends, The Scottish Rite of Delaware Golf Tournament is an annual event that raises money for a designated worthy charity. This year, we return to Dover Air Force Base to support the 436th Force Support Squadron.

Our 2016 tournament is dedicated to help this worthy organization provide Combat Support and Community Services for the families and children of our active military families whose loved ones are deployed and serving our Country all around the world.

We have limited space, so sign up today! If you're not a golfer, consider supporting us with a donation. The United States Government does NOT FUND the Force Support squadron. 100% of all charitable proceeds go to the families of our Airmen.

\$70.00 Per Player
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Illustrious Charles (Granny) Granville McVey 33°



Ill Charles Granville McVey, 33° was called from labor to that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, crossed over on February 23, 2016, at the age of 92, he finally laid down his working tools with his children taking the final days of the journey with him.

Granny was born in Oxford, Pennsylvania on November 11, 1923, to the late Ralph and Isabella (Pierce) McVey

and was raised in Elsmere, Delaware, and educated in the local schools. After graduating from Wilmington High School in February 1942, he worked as an aircraft machinist for the Bellanca Aircraft Company in New Castle, Delaware, until March 1943 when he was inducted into the Army, serving with the 116th Anti-Aircraft Battalion in the European Theater until December 1945. In August 1946, he married Margaret M. Lindell of Richardson Park, Delaware and in 1953 moved to their home in Newark, Delaware, where they raised their three daughters, Judith A. (McVey) Leasure, wife of Charles Leasure, Williamsburg, VA; Diane E. McVey, Newark, DE; and Gayle E. (McVey) Davis, wife of Eugene Davis, Newark, DE. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Gwendolyn K. Davis and Owen R. Davis, both of Newark, DE. Granny was also predeceased by his wife, Margaret M. (Lindell) McVey and his sister, Mary Jane (McVey) Traynor. Granny was a member of Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE.

Granny was a dedicated Freemason. The Senior Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 25, he joined the fraternity in 1956 and served as Master in 1964. He served as Secretary of the Newark Past Masters Association for 22 years. On a State Level, he served on the staff of the Grand Lodge of Delaware in 1982 and again in 2004 and was active on many Committees of the Grand Lodge including

chairing of the Delaware Freemason for nine years. He was a Past Presiding Officer in Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery and for his service to these Masonic bodies was awarded the Silver Meritorious service medal by the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International and elected into Jesse Green Priory No, 70, Knights of the York Cross of Honor in 1989. Granny was also active in the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Wilmington and served as the presiding officer in the Chapter and Consistory. On a National Level, for his service to the Youth, he was welcomed as an Honorary Member, DeMolay Legion of Honor, he is Past President of the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests. in Washington, D.C., Past Grand Governor to Delaware for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and the recipient of the Purple Cross of that body, former Intendent General for the Division of Delaware for the United Grand Imperial Council of Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines. He was Coroneted an Honorary 33rd degree member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1989. For his many literary works and his dedication to Masonic education, he was welcomed into the Masonic Brotherhood of the Blue Forget-Me-Not. On an International level,

Granny was a member of the Correspondence Circle, Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, England. In addition, Granny was a member of some fifteen other State or National Masonic bodies, many of which he was a Past Presiding Office, including having served as Worthy Patron of Newark Chapter No. 10 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Granny was an active, dedicated, beloved, well respected and honored Freemason. Funeral Services were held Monday, February 29, 2016, 11 AM at Gracelawn Memorial Park.



Knights of St. Andrew



We are a service-based organization for Delaware Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Our ranks are mainly composed of 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Membership within our ranks, although voluntary, is not given lightly.

We serve because service is needed. We help when no one else will. We answer the call when others turn a deaf ear. We stand strong when all others have fallen down. We lay up treasures in a place where they never will tarnish. When one of us steps forward, he will find a brotherhood taking that step with him. When one of us puts his hand to a task, he will find an army of hands helping him. Given the heritage that makes up the very fabric our order.

The Knights of Saint Andrew exist as a service organization on behalf of all members of Delaware Freemasonry. They are under the immediate supervision of the Deputy of Delaware Scottish Rite, and it's Actives and provide services where they are needed. This includes, but not limited to, aiding the tilers, acting as greeters, providing escort services for dignitaries or for special events created for the ladies during reunions or other functions, serving as guides, assisting the Scottish Rite degree work, and even helping walk those to their cars after a meeting.

Knights of Saint Andrew also assist in the calling committees, participate in parades or civic activities, promote fund-raising events, and aid in any special event. The list can continue on as new ideas and concepts are developed to meet needs and goals.

Their flexibility and enthusiasm make the Knights of Saint Andrew one of the states most active and desirable organizations. It is an excellent way to nurture and develop future leaders as they learn their organizational and leadership skills, explore the inner structures of their Scottish Rite Bodies, and thus gain a deeper admiration for our Order and Brethren who work in Freemasonry as a whole.

Historically, the medieval order of the Knights of St. Andrew was formed by King Robert the Bruce of Scotland, in 1314. It was to honor the Knights

Templar who were instrumental in the victory over the English during the Battle of Bannockburn.

In line with these historical beginnings, the modern Knights of St. Andrew also focuses on outstanding service. In early 1993 the late, Ill. Weldon Good 33° of the Tulsa Valley in Oklahoma had a need for assistance during reunions. When he noticed that many brothers were joining the Scottish Rite but not returning to assist and participate, he developed the organization now known as the Knights of St. Andrew as a service organization for the valley.

In setting up the by-laws, he stated that the Knights of St. Andrew would be a "Black Hat" group and any member who received the honor of MSA (Meritorious Service Award or Red Hat) could not hold an office or vote but they could still work and assist. The main duties of the Knights of St. Andrew were to assist as needed during the reunions and be available to the Valley's Executive board for any assigned duties.

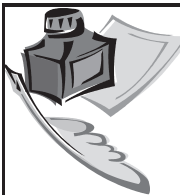
Today, the Knights of St. Andrew is still open to any "Black Hat" 32° Scottish Rite Mason, although any other 32° or 33° Mason may become a member as well; however, only the "Black Hats" can hold office and vote.

Fred Palmer 32°
KSA Chief 15-16



DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

| Date Born | Brothers Name | Date Died |
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| 12/17/1928 | Brother Lloyd W Behmke | 11/05/2015 |
| 11/29/1932 | Brother Charles Frank Mitchel, Jr. MSA | 11/29/2015 |
| 07/15/1942 | Brother Terrance Arthur VanGorder | 01/06/2016 |
| 02/05/1923 | Brother Petro G. Contompasis | 01/14/2016 |
| 02/15/1931 | Brother Benjamin Joseph Ewing, Jr. | 01/26/2016 |
| 01/28/1936 | Brother Harley K. Long | 12/18/2015 |
| 11/11/1923 | Ill.: Charles Granville McVey, 33° | 02/23/2016 |
| 10/19/1921 | Brother Horace C. Sherrill, Jr. | 02/23/2016 |
| 05/16/1915 | Brother Jack B. Clinch | 02/16/2016 |
| 10/23/1926 | Brother John Delton Waters | 03/01/2016 |



From the Desk of the Secretary ...

We are quickly approaching the end of the second half of the year, there are still a few members ,who have not sent in their dues. Please send them in as soon as possible. We also, still have a few members who have not paid their previous years dues. Your membership to The Scottish Rite is valued to us. If you are having any problems paying your dues, please feel free to call me.

*** Please contact me if you are missing your plastic dues card. ***

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.**

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On February 23rd, we held a night of video degrees. We had over 84 brothers attend. A big shout goes out to Jack Foreaker , Ill.: William Shaw, 33°, Fred M. Palmer, and the members of the Knights of St. Andrews for helping to make this event successful.

Pictured here are our new candidates as well as some of the visitors that traveled from places as far as Texas to New York!

