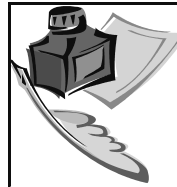


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Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
03/28/1933	Gene A Carter 32°	04/03/2016
04/17/1928	George T Clark 32°	08/03/2012
10/24/1930	John W Darrell Jr 32°	05/05/2016
07/19/1935	Dr. Charles A Depfer 33°	09/08/2016
12/15/1929	Roy B Kemp Jr 32°	09/28/2016
07/23/1931	Benjamin F Lloyd Jr 33°	07/04/2016
04/25/1932	William L Morris 32°	08/20/2016
08/05/1919	James W Palese 32°	08/16/2016
10/12/1932	Maynard E Ritter 32°	06/28/2016
08/18/1931	Richard W Terrell 32°	09/07/2016
04/29/1945	Thomas D Webster Sr 32°	07/29/2016



From the Desk of the Secretary ...

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has sent their dues in already. I urge those who have not paid their dues to please get them in as soon as possible. We still have a few members who have not paid their previous dues bill. 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. Another big thanks you to all those who let me know that they were missing their plastic dues card. We mailed out 15 cards since the last bulletin. Please remember that these are your permanent cards. Please don't throw them away. Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

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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Message from the Chief Gregory P. Correll, 32° M.S.A.

Sir Knights, It is with sincere humility and reverence that I assume the station of Chief for the 2016-2017 Scottish Rite year. I would like to personally thank each of our Knights for all of your tireless efforts in assisting the Rite in whatever capacity is requested or you. We have accumulated a total of 834 hours of service over the past 3 years – an incredible feat!

Our October reunion was a wonderful affair, and our knights certainly were a huge part of that effort. Due to our labors, the officers and on-stage talent were able to focus their efforts on what they do best; exemplifying leadership and providing the best event possible for our twenty-seven candidates!!

We are now only a few weeks away from the first annual Scottish Rite Day. Every valley in the NMJ will be holding a special event on the same day – a first of its kind. The day will be full of events for both Brethren and their Ladies, culminating with a formal dinner to celebrate our new class. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP, CONTACT THE SCOTTISH RITE SECRETARY AT (302) 998-6475. Tickets are \$65 or \$120 for a couple, and room reservations are available at a discounted price.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - Francis of Assisi

Fraternally, Gregory P. Correll, 32° M.S.A. Chief



**NEWSLETTER OF THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
2016 ISSUE NO. 2**

SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



SCOTTISH RITE DAY

**Dover Downs Hotel and Casino
November 12th 2016**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 11:00AM-11:30AM - Registration & Reception
- 12:00PM– 2:00PM- Lunch with the Ladies
(Suggested Attire~ Men- Dark Business Suit ~ Officers - Tuxedo~ Ladies - Sunday Attire)
- 2:00PM – 5:00PM - High Tea for Ladies
(Entertainment by Sweet Adeline)
- 2:15PM – 4:00PM - Conferral of 31st and 32nd Degree
(Scottish Rite Members Only)
- 5:30PM – 6:30PM- Social Hour
- 6:45PM Formal Dinner and Dance - Live Band
(Suggested Attire~ Members- Tuxedo or Dark Business Suit – Officers-Tuxedo and Jewels- Ladies- Cocktail Dress or Evening Gown.)

**PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 15, 2016
PLEASE E-MAIL : VALLEYOFWILM098@VERIZON.NET
AND SHADS069@VERIZON.NET OR CALL (302) 998-6475**

**Candidates and Lady or Guest – Free (Still Need to RSVP)
Member Alone : \$ 65.00 - Member with Lady or Guest : \$120.00**

**THE COMMEMORATIVE JEWEL ABOVE, WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR \$25.00 AFTER THE DEGREE AND DURING DINNER.**



31°



32°



**DO SOMETHING
TODAY THAT
YOUR FUTURE
SELF WILL
THANK YOU FOR.**

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



- Ill. H. Richard Hoffman, 33°
- Ill. John E. Bednash, 33°
- Ill. Steven J. Quillen, 33°
- Brother Bernard J. Bialecki, 32°
- Brother Forrest A Boettcher, 32°
- Brother James D. Rouke, 32°

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

A Message from the Thrice Potent Master
Greetings Brethren,
This summer we had our 9th Annual Golf Outing to support the families and children whose loved ones are deployed. This golf outing is always very well done.

We also had our Worker Dinner at Deerfield Country Club with are families. And our Annual trip, this time was to the Camden Aquarium and USS New Jersey and was a very nice, well done family oriented trip. Valley of Wilm. has so many family oriented things for the family that I encourage all to attend these events. It also can be fun to be and actor or a helper in our degree work (even though some of the parts are none speaking parts) or there is always something to help with, and you get to go to our Workers Dinner. I was very impressed that we had 26 candidates at our Oct 1st Reunion. We need these new people to help build up our Valley of Scottish Rite!

I want to thank the people who stepped up for me because of my injury to get the Reunion to be a success, including guys from Lower Delaware!

Coming up is Scottish Rite Day at Dover Downs with a Ladies and Members Group Luncheon, High Tea for ladies, and a Formal Dinner (31st and 32nd degrees will be conferred at this event)

James D. Rouke 32
Thrice Potent Master
Valley of Wilmington



Do not forget to visit and "Like" the Valley of Wilmington's Facebook page.

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Illustrious Charles A. Depfer 33°



Charles A. Depfer, age 81, of Hockessin, formerly of Wilmington, was called from labor, to that celestial lodge above on September 8, 2016.

Charlie was born in York, PA to the late Dorothy and Ed Depfer. He graduated from York HS and York College and went on to attend medical school at PCOM in Philadelphia,

earning his degree in 1955. He completed his Residency at Riverside Hospital in 1956, and completed a Residency in Anesthesiology in 1958, but returned to his first love, Family Practice, until his retirement in 2010. In addition to Christiana Care and St. Francis, Charlie was a staff member at Riverside where he served in numerous positions such as Chief of Staff, Co-Director of the Residency Program and President of DSOMS. He also served as the President of the DE Division Cancer Society, and was a long time member of the Delaware State Medical Society.

Charlie was very active in numerous organizations. He joined the Masonic Fraternity in 1966, Lafayette Lodge #14 and served as Commander of the St. John's Commandery #1, Knights Templar in 1987, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar of DE in 2006. Charlie joined the Scottish Rite in October of 1966 and received his 32nd degree on April 1st, 1967, he became the Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1972 and Commander in Chief of the Consistory in was the Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1972 and Commander in Chief of the Consistory in 1982. Aided by a near photographic memory he was an excellent ritualist. For his significant contributions he was conferred an honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in

1982. He was a 20 year member of the NUR Shrine, and was a member of the Knight Commander in the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, a non-Masonic Order of Knights Templar. He was a member of the Osher Academy of Lifelong Learning, where he participated as an instructor of medical series. Charlie joined Rotary International in 1995 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was president of the Rotary Club of Brandywine Hundred 2005/2006. During his presidency he instituted the donation of books to Foster Grandparents to recognize the club's guest speakers each week. The club has been recognized by Foster Grandparents over the years at their annual luncheon as a long-time supporter of this project.

Charlie was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he served 2 terms each as Deacon and Session member and participated in Westminster by Heart. In his spare time he enjoyed University of Delaware Football, a season ticket holder since 1987, and loved spending time at his vacation home in Duck, NC.

Charlie is survived by his beloved wife of 29 years, Linda Green Depfer; 6 children Cynthia Crane (David), Jeffrey Depfer (Jamie), Deborah Wilson (Richard), Michael Blackway (Jeannie), Cynthia Wise, and Jeffrey Blackway (Patrice); 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and nephew Greg Noss. He was predeceased by his only sibling, Nancy Noss in the spring.



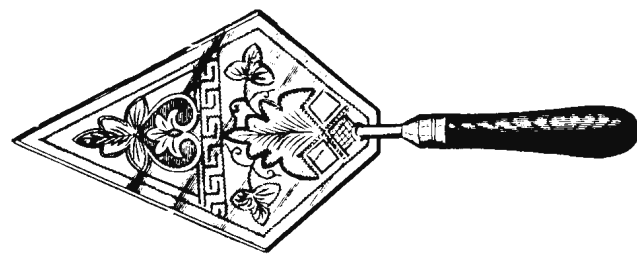
Illustrious Benjamin Franklin Lloyd, Jr. 33°



Benjamin F. Lloyd Jr., age 84 of Wilmington Delaware died on Monday, July 4, 2016 at Christiana Hospital. He was born in Yorklyn Delaware to Benjamin F. Lloyd and Helen Viola Pierson. Ben graduated from Alexis I. DuPont High School in 1949 and received a degree from Goldey Beacom College. He worked for the E.I DuPont de Nemours Company in the Information Systems Division before taking early retirement to become estate manager for Irene DuPont Jr's estate Granogue. He retired from that position in 1991.

Benjamin was a devoted Freemason. He was past master of Washington Lodge No. 1, served on the Grand Staff and was Grandmaster of Delaware in 1988. In addition he was a life member of the Royal Order of Jesters, a member of the Scottish Rite and was honored to have received the 33rd degree in 2000. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Ben served on the Board of Directors of the Marshalltown Savings and Loan.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents Benjamin and Helen Lloyd, his brother Edward and first wife Jane. He is survived by his wife Joan Homiak Lloyd, daughters Catherine Jankowski (Robert) of Newark, Nancy Thompson (Robert) of Bozeman, Montana, step children Albert "Skip" Homiak (Kelli) of Wilmington, Michael Homiak of Hiram Georgia and Deborah Leach of Middletown. Ben was loved and supported by his many grandchildren that include Kyle, Ashley, Joshua and



Logan Thompson, Veronica Parisi (Michael) and Jacqueline Connelly (Mark), Dylan and Sophia Homiak, Rudy Homiak (Dee) and Brandon Copper. He was especially proud of his great grandchildren Jacob, Madison and Luke Parisi and Elijah Connelly.

BORN - 7/23/1931
 DIED - 7/4/2016
 14TH DEGREE - 10/22/1987
 16TH DEGREE - 11/20/1987
 18TH DEGREE - 12/17/1987
 32ND DEGREE - 4/16/1988
 33RD DEGREE - 9/26/2000

The only other body that he served as head of was Delta Chapter No. 6, RAM as High Priest in 2000.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the Wilmington Masonic Hall Company, Inc. and served as Secretary for quite a number of years and was named secretary emeritus when his health started failing and he had to be replaced.

He belonged to a number of Masonic Bodies
 Gunning Bedford Council, #1, R&S M
 St. John's Commandery #1, KT
 NUR Shrine
 Delaware Court No. 164, ROJ
 Brandywine Forrest #20, TCL



IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!

Brethren, to borrow the line from a great Frank Sinatra hit, "... it was a very good year!" It was a "knock your socks off" year. We had a number of events that topped the charts, our participation grew and we did well on new candidate initiations. I will take a few moments to highlight some of the more significant events (at least in my opinion) and to try to put a "what does that mean" spin on it.

Well, we invited our ladies to two of our business meetings and several other events. Things are always better when they join us and it is nice to be able to bring them along instead of leaving them at home alone. We had five reunions, a valley trip, a couple of business meetings, council of deliberation, installations, etc. From my perspective, we had two really significant events.

The first major event was the **First Ever** reunion conferred by the Valley of Lower Delaware on April 23, 2016 in Jefferson Lodge No. 15. Wow! You only get one chance to see a "first", so if you missed it, you do not have another chance. It was well staged and they used the more confined situation of the lodge room to full advantage. This was a significant undertaking by the VOLD and I cannot list all of the people who combined to pull this off so well, but I have to mention the Director of Work for the VOLD, Sam Katz, MSA for his vision and hard work to make the morning a total success from the ritual standpoint and Secretary, Ron Ferraro, MSA who made the logistics work. Thanks guys for a job well done and I look forward to the next reunion from the VOLD.

Second was the "Woodchoppers Degree" on April 30, 2016 at NUR Shrine Center. From the moment the lights went out and we heard the strains of the stirring "... Morning has broken, like the first morning ..." through the last song, we were entertained and served by the Valley of Boston. This was a unique presentation of the 22nd degree, Prince of Libanus, but that certainly does not describe what we experienced. What a great presentation! If this is ritual, give me more! We had plenty of giveaways and souvenirs for purchase, and the whole degree was geared around getting us to participate. We had well over 100 members and a large number of visitors plus more than two dozen candidates (we set up for twenty-two, but I know we added at least a half dozen more chairs to the candidate section). What an afternoon!!! Way to go Valley of Boston, many, many thanks. We will have them back in a couple of years, so remember to make that a priority degree to attend. Any successful event requires a team of players, and, although the Valley of Boston had the lion's share of the effort, we had many helpers to make the sandwiches, fill the pitchers, and, of course, everyone who sang.

We have planned another great year and the only thing missing is YOU! I would love to see you at our next reunion and to find out what were some of the most significant events from your perspective.

Fraternally,
 Herb

