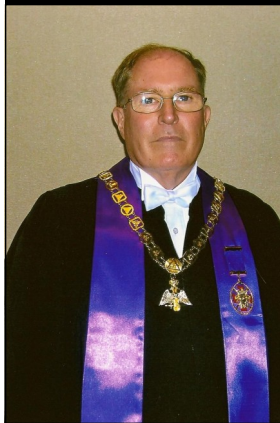




SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

**BUSINESS MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010 7:30 PM MASONIC HOME
COAT, TIE AND HAT
OCTOBER 21, 2010 4TH AND 14TH DEGREES AT NUR SHRINE 7:30 PM**



Ill James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°
Deputy for Delaware

Opportunity !!!

“Opportunity only knocks once!” This is an admonition that most of us have heard more than once from those concerned with our growth, welfare or development. It is a universally repeated lesson in many cultures and stated in many ways. In Asia it may be presented as “The thing that comes

not back is the neglected opportunity.” In Midlevel Europe a political mentor advised, “Brutally pursue opportunity.” Is it true that opportunity only knocks once? If you listen to the cleverly conceived and presented spokesmen for a major auto company *Mr. Opportunity* (who incidentally knocks so often it is disturbing), opportunity only comes at the end of the model year. The opportunity to sail on a *Flood Tide* comes twice a day. The opportunity to change your direction, interest or focus can come on New Year’s Eve, your birthday, every other Monday, every new day or at any point of time, anticipation or event you choose! This may be a good time to decide what opportunity really means. Mr. Webster informs us that *opportunity is a favorable juncture of circumstance*. If we use this interpretation of opportunity it would follow that opportunity is always present in our lives. It swirls around us like a bitter cold winter wind that pinches at our ears, face and hands and stings us into recognizing it no matter how much we try to concentrate on other tasks. It may have been that in a simpler time the common man may have been presented with very few or even one opportunity to shape the course of his life and circumstances. (Continued on Page 3)



Ill G. Thomas Taylor, 33°, Ill
Thrice Potent Master

CAN YOU SEE IT?

CAN YOU FEEL IT?

Can you see it? Can you feel it? Can you see the change taking place in our Valley? Can you feel the excitement generated by the change? Change is inevitable and our Valley has been changing drastically over the past 3 to 5 years. We are changing from passive complacency to active participation.

Constituting a Valley in Lower Delaware was a big change. Who, but for a few visionaries, could foresee a second Scottish Rite valley in Delaware? How about the excitement generated by that action! The increased number of Master Mason’s who have been exposed to the teachings of Scottish Rite Masonry as a result of having a Valley more convenient to them. This is an exciting change that will be felt for years to come.

Did you participate in the trip to Baltimore Aquarium or Annapolis sponsored by the Valley? WOW!!! A family oriented trip sponsored by the Valley and the only cost was a current paid up dues card! Talk about change! Everyone I talked to who participated in one of the trips was excited about how well run, convenient and enjoyable they were. Look forward to future events like those and if you want to help organize a trip, contact Ill James T. Elliott, Jr., 33° Deputy for Delaware.

The medal presented to the members of the Centennial Class and the first line signers was a change. The attractive token was well received and has generated excitement both inside and outside the Valley. A new pin has been commissioned for the Ill Kenneth E. Spiess, Sr., 33° Class members and their respective first line signers. Talk to your Masonic brethren, get a petition and receive your uniquely designed pin.

Speaking of membership classes....What do you
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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
Scottish Rite Bodies
SITTING IN THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

I, the undersigned hereof, humbly show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of your honorable bodies, and humbly request that I may be received among you, and I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the brethren.

In making this application, I promise on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable bodies, I will subscribe to the following Oath of Fealty.

"I, the undersigned, do hereby promise on my word of honor, and swear true faith, allegiance and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees.

"That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its jurisdiction claiming to be a Supreme Council; and every other Body of said Rite within the same jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor.

"And should I violate this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn.

"And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen."

Name in full _____
NO INITIALS. PRINT OR TYPEWRITE

Date of Birth _____ Place _____

Residence _____ Since _____
STREET

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

All other places of residence in last ten years

Occupation _____

Have you ever before petitioned for Scottish Rite Degrees? _____ YES or NO

If so, when and where _____

I am a Member of _____
BLUE LODGE AND NUMBER (ALSO LOCATION IF OUTSIDE OF DELAWARE)

Date receiving 3° _____

Phone _____ Signed _____
USUAL SIGNATURE

1st Line Signer _____ (printed name) Signature _____

2nd Line Signer _____ (printed name) Signature _____

Must be Members of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Delaware

For Secretary Only

Fee: _____ Date: _____

**BROTHERS WE NEED
PETITIONS FOR
ILL KENNETH E. SPIESS,
SR., 33° CLASS**

My brothers, the petition on the left can and should be cut out and used to bring a Blue Lodge Mason into our Scottish Rite.

Last year we added 60 members to our ranks. A lot of these brothers have become active in the different bodies of our Valley's. This is encouraging not only for our Consistory but for Scottish Rite Masonry in particular.

We again are offering an incentive to gain members. We are offering a SR Stick Pin with the Chapter of Rose Croix emblem on it in honor of their 100th anniversary in Delaware.

The initiation fee has remained the same at \$100.00. This should accompany the petition, but they can bring it the day of the 4th Degree on Thursday October 21, 2010 at Nur Shrine at 7:30 PM.

Come out for the degree and for the fellowship that abounds at these events.



Bus Trip to Annapolis a huge success for the members of the Scottish Rite of Delaware and their families

Saturday morning August 14, 2010, three bus loads of our valley's departed from Nur Shrine and one bus departed from Union Lodge No. 7 bound for the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. All the busses left at 9:30 AM and arrived at the Academy at approximately 11:20 AM.

This trip was open to members and their families. We had 133 people on the trip and we all were comfortable and not crowded. The tour of the Academy was presented by very knowledgeable guides. They were humorous as well as informative and made the long walk through out the grounds very pleasant for everyone.

After the tour we went to restaurants that were right outside of the academy, of which there were many and pleasant. We then boarded our busses and returned to the Nur Shrine parking lot. We upstate arrived at 5:45 PM.

We thank Ill James T. Elliott, Jr. 33° for suggesting and giving the inspiration to make the trip possible and to Bruce Beck, 32° who made the arrangements for the busses and for the Naval Academy. Thanks to both of you and to the Valley of Wilmington for sponsoring this no cost trip for our Brethren and their families.

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think of last year's class of 60 new members? It has been awhile since we had a class that size. Again, positive change and excitement!!

Brethren, I could fill this whole publication with exciting change that is taking place in the Valley of Wilmington; from the spruced up Secretary's Office, to improving ritual, to sponsored activities such as Honor's Reception and Workers Dinner. But the best way to learn about the change's and how they impact you, is to attend a Reunion and enjoy the friendship and fellowship.

The Lodge of Perfection will be conferring the 4th & 14th Degrees on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 7:30 PM at Nur Temple. Hope to see you there.

Ill :G. Thomas Taylor,III,33°,III Thrice Potent Master

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In today's world, our opportunities are arguably limitless. It then becomes a question of which knock to answer. Your Scottish Rite is pursuing an opportunity to be the fraternity that every Mason will feel he needs to join and enjoy. The focus of your Scottish Rite is to enrich your membership experience and benefit. The inspirational work of Delaware Scottish Rite has been a mainstay for decades. Now we are a destination within our own Rite that offers a journey of brotherhood, caring, respect and activity to fill a lifetime. We will respect your time and reward your participation. As a member of the Valley, you are a member of the brotherhood. Your charge is to be an evangelist of opportunity to your friends and brothers! A new generation is listening for opportunity's knock to become members of a fraternity that welcomes them to enjoy being a living part of our brotherhood.

Ill.:James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°

Deputy for Delaware

**Degrees are on October 21, 2010
At Nur Shrine at 7:30 PM
Bring your petitions to the Business Meeting on
October 14, 2010 or mail them to the:
Delaware Consistory
At 4800 Lancaster Pike
Wilmington, DE 19807-2559**

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

05/24/1928	Richard A. Anderson	08/04/2010
03/10/1930	Lloyd W. Hearn	08/14/2010
06/15/1913	Lemuel O. Meade, SM	08/22/2010
01/07/1927	James E. Lynch	09/03/2010
01/23/1919	William A. Carter, LM	09/11/2010
12/24/1916	George E. Godfrey	09/17/2010
05/22/1925	Glenn M. Campfield, SM	09/21/2010

**Delaware Military Heritage
Weekend**

October 23,2010 —10:00 am & 5:00 pm

October 24, 2010—10:00 am & 3:00 pm

**At Fort DuPont
In Delaware City**

Free Admission

***Re-enactment groups come See the Lincoln Degree
With some of our Brothers as the actors.***

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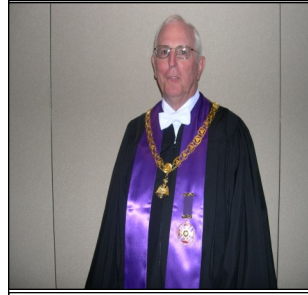
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ACTIVE'S MESSAGE



**Ill. William R. Stevens, Jr., 33°
Active for Delaware**

Greetings my Brothers. We have just returned from the Supreme Council in Philadelphia and offer sincere congratulations to our newly crowned Deputy, Ill.:James T. Elliott as well as our new 33° members, Ill.: Sheldon Edwards and Ill.:Tony Maxwell. It was also announced at the Session that we have

nominated and elected three deserving Brothers for next years session in Chicago. At that time, Brothers John E. Bednash, William T. Wadkins, Jr. and Dale T. Irwin will be coroneted 33° members. Finally, our outgoing Deputy, Ill.: Albert R. Marshall was elected to Active Emeritus status. Thank you Al for your contribution to Delaware Scottish Rite Masonry and for the exemplary manner in which you represented us over the years at Supreme Council.

On August 14, we had a terrific turn out for our trip to the Naval Academy and Annapolis. Four busses with 133 members and families from both Delaware Valleys enjoyed a guided tour of the Academy and just as important shared a day of friendship and fraternal well being. Stay tuned for another trip soon.

Your Membership Committee continues to beat the bushes for new candidates and is planning several fall mixers throughout the state. Bring a friend (and a petition) and enjoy an evening of Scottish Rite Hospitality and help us build a great Fall and Spring class.

As I begin my second year as your Active Member I look forward to working with the Officers and members of both Valleys. Please let me know if I can assist any of you in any way. Fraternally,

Ill.:William R. Stevens, Jr., 33° Active for Delaware

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