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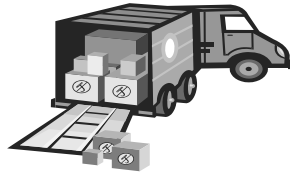


# SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

FEBRUARY 5, 2011 4TH, 7TH & 14TH DEGREE NUR SHRINE 9:30 AM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2011 MASONIC HOME 7:00 PM  
MARCH 5, 2011 16TH & 18TH DEGREE NUR SHRINE 9:30 AM

**NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**



**THE SCOTTISH RITE OFFICE IS MOVING TO:**

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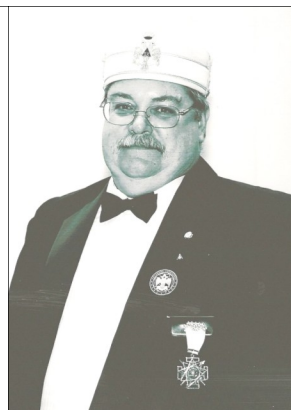
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### CHANGE

In 1924, Virginia Wolfe wrote “On or about December 1910, human character changed.” Let us look back on 2010 and say that was the year the nature and character of our Valley changed for the positive.



2010 saw a significant increase in the number of new candidates in our membership class. It marked the second year of successful trips for the members of the Valley. Additional events were held for the benefit of Scottish Rite masons. These included the Workers Dinner, Honor’s Reception, Reception for the Grand Master, and dinner for the “first-line” signers on membership petitions. 2010 also saw the investiture of a new Deputy for Delaware.

The New Year 2011 has arrived. We must continue to change in order to survive in the fast paced world we live in. I challenge every member to commit to build on the past to improve the future. Talk in your Lodges about the benefits of membership in the Scottish Rite. Encourage non members to become members. Need a petition, call Secretary Gene Small at 998-6475. He will be glad to see you get as many as you need. Make a point to attend a Ceremonial during the year. What a wonderful experience for your candidate if you are in attendance for his degrees. There are many opportunities, large and small, to get involved with the Valley. There is always a need for actors, stage crew, officers, Ambassadors, committee members. You name it, we have a need. Like the trips? How about getting involved planning the next one? Please contact Secretary Small and let him know how you want to be involved.

2010 marked a year of change in the Valley of Wilmington. Attend the Reunion February 5, 2011. Witness the 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Degrees and the beginning of a new class of candidates. Offer to get involved. Change your Scottish Rite experience.

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

### FACTS ABOUT THE HOLY BIBLE

Using the New King James Version of the Holy Bible, I discovered some interesting facts that you should, at least, ponder. Today, we call them FAQs.

Q: What is the shortest Chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalm 117

Q: What is the longest Chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalm 119

Q: What Chapter is in the middle of the Bible?

A: Psalm 118—There are 594 Chapters before it and 594 Chapters following it.

Q: What is the middle verse of the Bible:

A: Psalm 118:8

It says: “It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.”

### SO MOTE IT BE



### WHAT IS A MASON?


A Mason is a man and a Brother whose Trust is in God. He meets you on the Level and acts upon the Square. Truth is his Compass, and he is ever Plumb. He has a true grip on all that is Rite. He is loyal to his Order, and whatever his degree, he is Master of himself. In the Lodge of Life, he wears unstained the white Lambskin of Innocence. From his Initiation as an Entered Apprentice, he travels ever East toward the Light of Wisdom until he receives the final – the Divine Password that admits him into Ineffable Presence of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe – GOD.

From “Blair’s Bits of Booklore”

*Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.*

MARK TWAIN (1835-1910)  
Humorist and writer

## NETWORKING—LOL

One of the most popular terms in today's society is "networking." We have all done it for a long, long time, but until recent times, it was not as popularly known as it is now. In the current environment, we "network" for business, we "network" socially using facebook, twitter, etc. and we "network" personally through the internet, cell phone and smart phones. We email, we txt, we tweet, we give a "thumbs up". It is the thing to do, the "place to be", and the accepted norm of behavior and it is a lot of fun. 

Well, Most Reverend William A. Archer, Past Grand Chaplain probably still ends his Masonic talks with "When was the last time you told someone that Masonry is FUN!" Every time I would hear him speak, I would try to come up with a meaningful set of words using FUN as the acronym. Of course, "F" was fairly easy with fraternity, friendship, fidelity, etc. as logical candidates. And I always selected unity for the "U". But I just never found a good "N" word until recently; "nice" just never cut it for me.

Masonry is a major "networking" organization. We network socially both in our meetings and outside of them. Most of my best friends are Masons and I network or interact with them on a daily basis. We socialize, we go to cigar tastings, we take our spouses to dinner or other social events and we often plan to go together to or meet at some Masonic event. Sometimes we even text one another "Save a seat! VBG" when we are running late. And nearly no interaction is complete without asking "how is ...?" about a member of one another's family.

We also network about masonry. If, for example, I am asked to participate in a degree, the first question is, of course, what part in what degree, but the second question is usually who else is on the degree team or in the ceremonial. I do this to find out what kind of ritualists I will be working with as well as are any of them those whom I consider to be fun. This would make it a completely enjoyable experience versus "just taking part in another degree."

I will never forget one trip to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia where I attended a lodge conducted entirely in Hebrew. Of course, our group was assigned an interpreter, but he also explained

(continued from the previous column) that while the lodge conducted business, many times the brothers separated into small pockets in each corner of the lodge to conduct their own business's business. This experience was most intriguing and enlightening.

But this should not be a surprise to us, for, as a fellowcraft, we learned that the "network" was highly regarded by masons for the intricate connections of all its parts. This was why the "network" was placed high on the chapters of the pillars guarding the porch to King Solomon's Temple. The network was in the company of wreaths of lily work and chains of pomegranate.

So, a great Masonic "N-word" to complete the acronym "FUN" is the modern term, "networking." Then I ask you, when is the last time you told someone Scottish Rite Masonry is FUN?

CU @ R nxt mtg.

—Editor



## MAKING DECISIONS

Brother William McKinley, the 25th U.S. President, once had to choose between two equally qualified men for a key job. He puzzled over the choice until he remembered a long-ago incident.

On a rainy night, McKinley had boarded a crowded streetcar. One of the men he was now considering had also been aboard, though he didn't see McKinley. Then an old woman carrying a basket of laundry struggled into the car, looking in vain for a seat. The job candidate pretended not to see her and kept his seat. McKinley gave up his seat to help her.

Remembering the episode, which he called "this little omission of kindness," McKinley decided against the man on the streetcar. Our decisions—even the small, fleeting ones—tell a lot about us.

Adopted from *Presidential Anecdotes*

Paul F. Boller, Jr.

Penguin Books



**DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN**

03/29/1948	Wayne C. Williams	07/01/2010
09/25/1921	Richard D. Willis	12/11/2010
10/29/1932	Robert L. Irvin "S"	12/20/2010
02/23/1933	Carlton C. Moran	12/30/2010
01/09/1935	Theodore M. Kreer	01/06/2011
07/07/1924	James E. Young	01/07/2011
01/23/1943	Eugene A. Camac "S"	01/07/2011
07/20/1934	Thomas T. Campbell	01/09/2011
11/01/1924	Frank Green, SM	01/11/2011
04/29/1917	Sanford G. Oringer	01/18/2011

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SCOTTISH RITE CHARITY\* GOLF OUTING**



May 20, 2011  
Dover AFB Golf Course  
More Details to follow

**SAVE THE DATE**

**\*To benefit families of Military Personnel**

**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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**From the Secretary's Desk**



Brothers, just an update on the Dues status of the Valley of Wilmington.

We have a total of 196 members that have not paid their Dues this year.

**Out of the 196, we have 55 members that are delinquent for two (2) years. This is serious, if they are not paid up by June 1, 2011, they will be suspended.**

The other 141 are one (1) year behind in their Dues.

Brothers as we have stated before, if you are having trouble paying your dues, please let us know. If we can help in some way, we will make our best effort to do so.

**AGE GROUPING OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:**

- 18-19—1
- 20-29—18
- 30-39—53
- 40-49—106
- 50-59—226
- 60-69—450
- 70-79—468
- 80-89—374
- 90-99—90
- 100-109—1

As you can see our membership is aging. We lose more members each year than we bring in to our Valley's..

Keep those Petitions coming, we had 34 for the Fall class, I think we can do the same or better for the Spring Class.

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