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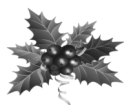
VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 20, 2011 MASONIC HOME 7:30 PM
FEBRUARY 5, 2011 4TH, 7TH & 14TH DEGREES NUR SHRINE 9:30 AM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2011 MASONIC HOME 7:00 PM



**THE OFFICERS
OF
THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
AND
THE VALLEY OF LOWER DELAWARE
WISH ALL OUR BRETHREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY HANUKKAH
AND
HAPPY HEALTHY AND SAFE NEW YEAR**

ILL.:. JAMES T. ELLIOTT, JR., , 33° DEPUTY FOR DELAWARE
ILL.:. WILLIAM R. STEVENS, JR, 33° ACTIVE FOR DELAWARE
ILL.:. ARTHUR L. BRIGHT, 33° DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE
ILL.:. EUGENE R. SMALL, 33° SECRETARY, VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
S. CURTIS COLE, 32°, TREASURER, VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
ILL.:. ROBERT A. BENSON, 33° SECRETARY, VALLEY OF LOWER DELAWARE
ARTHUR H. SUTTON,III, 32°, MSA, TREASURER, VALLEY OF LOWER DELAWARE

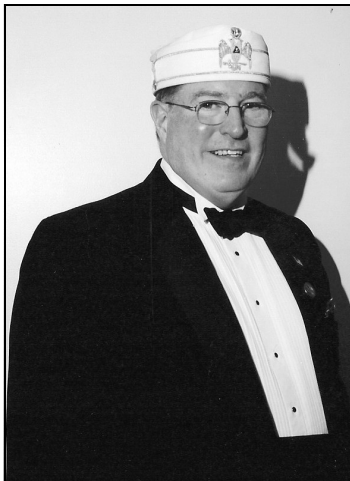


Peace, Joy

YOUR SCOTTISH RITE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING AT NOON ON
DECEMBER 23, 2010
NORMAL OPERATIONS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 4, 2011

& Brotherhood





MEMORY

The Holiday Season holds a special meaning for each individual, without regard for what tradition of remembrance or celebration we follow. On the calendar at this time of the year, we find people drawn together. We seek out family, we seek out friends and we seek out individuals that have made a difference in our lives. Lives are built like any other structure, one piece and one memory at a time. Childhood moves toward youth; youth moves toward adulthood; and a young adult works their way through the trials and rewards of life arriving at a fullness of years that comes to each individual at a different time. Still, this time of year brings an anticipation that transcends the exact location of our journey through life. We may find ourselves wrapped in the warmth of friends and family or we may find ourselves alone in the world. The magic of the Holiday Season is in the memory of what we have done for others and what they have done for us. The Holiday Season can be a time of trial for those who live with the memory of loss or tragedy. The memory of better times may plague individuals struggling with addiction or illness or watching a loved one in the grip of these problems. Your individual memory and the memories you as an individual create is a powerful force in how you and others deal with the future.

The Judeo-Christian tradition is also celebrating a memory. One celebrates the memory of the confirmation of support and abundance to the Jewish Nation. One celebrates the memory of the birth of the savior to the Christian world. Both celebrate the memory of gifts from God to Man. As Scottish Rite Masons, we are committed to faith in a better world. Commit yourself to making at least one positive memory for at least one other person. A memory of your act of kindness will live on and grow. I wish each of you a *Joyous Holiday Season* that will live in many memories!

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

HONORS EVENT

On October 17, 2010, we held the Honors Event to celebrate those receiving the MSA and 33rd degrees. Here are a few additional pictures.

Pictured below (L to R) Ill. James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°, Deputy for DE., Ill. William R. Stevens, Jr., 33°, Active for DE congratulating Ill. Sheldon L. Edwards, 33° and lady Nancy.



Pictured above (L to R) Ill. William R. Stevens Jr., 33°, Active for DE., Ill. A. Tony Maxwell, 33°, Ill. James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°, Deputy for DE and Ill. Arthur L. Bright, 33° at the Honors Event

JACOB BROOM (1752-1810) was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention on the Federal Constitution (1787), a signer of the Constitution and an early member of Lodge No. 14, Christiana Ferry, Wilmington, Delaware. Brother Broom appears on the USA #798 Stamp picturing the signing of the Constitution.

IN MEMORIUM

III. . Kenneth E. Spiess. Sr., 33°

III . . Brother Ken was born on December 4, 1926 in Lancaster, PA.

His Masonic career began when he petitioned Lafayette Lodge # 14 on April 5, 1960

Elected May 5, 1960

Entered June 17, 1960

Crafted June 17, 1960

Raised June 27, 1960

Served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1965

Served 40 years as Asst. and Grand Instructor of Work for the Grand Lodge

His Scottish Rite career began on:

January 26, 1961 4th & 14th Degrees

February 23, 1961 15th & 16th Degrees

March 23, 1961 17th & 18th Degrees

April 27, 1961 31st & 32nd Degrees

Served as Most Wise Master 1989-1990

III. . Brother Ken was Coroneted a 33° Scottish Rite Mason on

September 30, 1987

He served in the Military during World War II

He Retired from Eckerd Drugs in 1982

He is survived by his wife, Rose to whom he was married for 59 years.

He is also survived by two sons, Brother Kenneth Jr. and wife Gerry and Brother Brian and wife Sue and many Grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM

III. . Horace G. (Pat) Patterson, Jr., 33°

III. . Brother Pat was born on July 27, 1934 in Wilmington, DE

His Masonic career began when he petitioned Oriental Lodge No. 27 on September 1, 1965

Elected October 20 , 1965

Entered November 3, 1965

Crafted December 12, 1965

Raised March 2, 1965

Served the Lodge as Worshipful Master 1972

and was elected Senior Grand Warden October 1, 1980

His Scottish Rite career began on:

January 26, 1967 4th & 14th Degrees

February 16, 1967 15th & 16th Degrees

March 16, 1967 17th & 18th Degrees

April 22, 2010 31st & 32nd Degrees

Served as Sovereign Prince 1990-1991

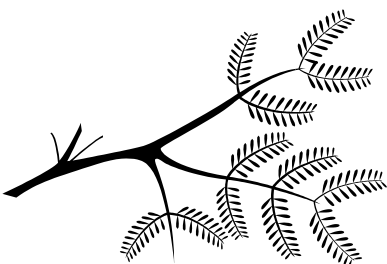
III. . Brother Pat was Coroneted a 33° Scottish Rite Mason on

October 8, 1995

He retired from Delmar News Agency in 1995

He is survived by his wife, Nancy to whom he was married for 59 years.

He is also survived by his daughter Gayle Derrickson and son Timothy



"WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS."

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

04/06/1928	J. William Johnson, SM	09/28/2010
08/24/1948	Archie W. Bethard, III "D"	11/07/2010
05/21/1933	Henry D. Kerley, Jr. "S"	11/09/2010
07/27/1934	Horace G. (Pat) Patterson, Jr., 33°	11/12/2010
06/06/1917	Oscar Bregman, SM	11/25/2010
10/28/1931	Gene L. Hauer	11/26/2010
12/04/1926	Kenneth E. Spiess, Sr., 33°	11/26/2010

OUR ORIGINS

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, according to Mackey, dates from 1758 in Paris, and from 1801 in the United States. It consists of thirty-three degrees (of which the first three are the Symbolic Degrees and not conferred in the bodies of the Rite) which are informative, philosophical, ethical in content and carry the Masonic story further than is possible in a Symbolic Lodge.

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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FAITH

In the ritual of the 18th Degree, the Junior Warden teaches the Neophyte that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." What an appropriate definition for Faith and what a powerful message to share, particularly at this time of the year. Faith is close to its highest point now and just about everyone has some amount of Faith, even if it is only a little bit. The Christians have Faith that the birth of a babe in Bethlehem many years ago is the substantiation of our Savior and signifies that life has dominion over death and that it is everlasting. The Jews faithfully celebrate that one day's worth of oil burning for eight days to cleanse the Second Temple is evidence that we are God's chosen people. And of course, the young child has Faith that there is a Santa Claus which he or she will see revealed in the presents under the tree on Christmas morning.

As the Francis Pharcellus Church wrote to 8 year old Virginia and which appeared in the New York Sun on September 21, 1897, "... but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Brethren, may your FAITH grow and be restored to fullness this holiday season.

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