



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Business Meeting—September 15, 2011 (Masonic Home of Delaware) - 7:30 PM
HONORS AWARDS—October 16, 2011 (Christiana Hilton) - 2:30 PM (Reservations Required)
Business Meeting—October 20, 2011 (Masonic Home of Delaware)—7:30 PM
4th & 14th Degree Ceremonial –October 27, 2011 (NUR Shrine) - 7:30 PM

ILLUSTRIOUS KENNETH E. SPIESS, SR., 33° CLASS



In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ tells his followers: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect".

The call to perfection is one of the several yearnings embedded in man's heart. It is one of our chief motivating factors, driving the sportsman as much as the chef, the artist as much as the craftsman. Even the toddler painstakingly placing blocks together to form an edifice is responding to that ancient drive.

And yet, when this pursuit is inappropriately applied, it fills up the waiting rooms of therapists and psychiatrists and is one of the chief sources of our misery.

Many of us make perfection our identity. We slip on this persona like a suit to cover up the untidy chaos within us - dissatisfaction and discontentment, self-doubts and fears. We use this identity to bolster up our sagging self-esteem and to put others down. No wonder no one wants to be around us. I once knew someone who was so particular about their upholstery that going to their house was like being in a minefield. One hardly dare sit lest it create a crease or God forbid, stain.

When we use this drive to create an identity or to improve our self-esteem, we also set the stage for constant disappointment and self-condemnation. For the zeal for perfection ensures that we will keep failing. And if perfection is our identity, we will not be able to bear the failures. It will hurt our sense of self, shame and embarrass us, and create negative labels about ourselves. The combination of high self-expectation and poor self-esteem is a lethal one.

For the drive to perfection to be healthy and wholesome, we have to develop a sound self-esteem that is based on who we are and not on what we do. Only then will we be free to experiment, innovate, and try again and again as we must if we are committed to perfection. Self-esteem also frees us of the self-consciousness and self-doubt that interferes with our focus and commitment to the task. *(Continued on Page 2)*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE



ABBOTT AND VALLEY OF WILMINGTON SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Supreme Council for the NMJ awards scholarships to deserving students from the Abbott Scholarship Program. The students are required to have a completed application submitted by April 1st of each year. The applications are sent to the Delaware Consistory Scholarship Committee for their consideration and recommendations. The committee selects the students based on the guidelines of the Scholarship Program.

Abbott Scholarships for 2011 were given to the following:

Ms. Jessica L. Eichholz-Daughter of Edward Eichholz and Sharon Smith and granddaughter of Illustrious Brother Herbert P. Fulmer, 33°, is attending the University of Delaware.

Ms. Elaine C. Rasnake-Daughter of Brother Roy A. Ransake, 32° and wife Elizabeth; Elaine is attending Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg PA.

Ms. Mancy R. Maxwell-Daughter of Illustrious Brother A. Tony Maxwell, 33°, and Mancy A. Maxwell. She is attending Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.

The Valley of Wilmington Scholarship for 2011 went to:

Mr. Andrew C. Cox-Son of Wayne and Judy Cox and the grandson of Illustrious Brother Carl H. Cox, 33°. He is attending the Community College of Baltimore in Baltimore, MD.

We wish to acknowledge and congratulate the above recipients for receiving these scholarships. We wish you well in your future good endeavors and look forward to hear of your accomplishments in the future.

We add a special "Thank you" to our Scholarship Committee consisting of:

Ill.: Ricky I. Swalm, 33°, Chairman

Ill.: Arthur L. Bright, 33°

Ill.: Warren F. Schueler, Sr., 33°

Ill.: Randall C. Mullen, 33°

Ill.: Maynard Mires, 33°

(Continued from Page 1) So what must we do to pursue perfection?

Cultivate mindfulness. Perfection is impossible to attain if our minds are not on the job.. Most of us act on auto-control. Everything becomes a habit, a matter of course and once that is so, perfection is doomed. The pursuit of perfection also requires us to constantly strive, to keep bettering ourselves. When we are committed to perfection, it does not matter what we do, whether it is cooking a meal, arranging the newspapers, working, or creating a masterpiece. Our attention will be focused on the task and we will try our utmost to make it as good as we can.

It simply does not matter how inconsequential the task is. What matters is how much attention we pay to it and how sincerely we strive to master it.

It follows then that perfection is pursued through incremental efforts. The approach of constant self-improvement is a succinct formula. Through its application, we compete with no one but ourselves. It does not matter where we are on the scale of perfection, whether at the nadir or at the peak. It only matters that we keep trying.

Excellence is won through the pursuit of perfection. As we keep competing with ourselves, as we shave off a second from our running record, we land on the cutting edge of excellence. We are as good as we can get today. Tomorrow, we will push the envelope once again. Life begins to be truly exciting and even mundane tasks become absorbing when we approach them from this vantage view. Manicuring our lawn, the way we act to and with our fellow man, making a balance sheet, directing traffic, driving, each of them can help us get that much closer to perfection.

That is the point of perfection. Perfection, like other absolute ideals, can never be won, but its pursuit is the most powerful drive we have to move along the path of growth and self-realization. These are the lessons taught in the 4th thru the 14th Degrees.

The Scottish Rite is not striving to be a panacea, it is changing, evolving with the times. Setting its S.I.T.E. (Shaping Image Through Excellence) is our goal to make things, Inspirational, Convenient and Enjoyable (I.C.E.). We are sharpening our sites on you, my brothers, to make this the Fraternity Of Choice, while never, never, forgetting we are all masons! We have many events planned for this year! Our focus is on you, our brothers. Please come out and watch the degrees, enjoy a good meal and fellowship, and learn what we want to do for you!

Bruce A. Beck, Thrice Potent Master



THREE CORONETED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, IL. On August 30, 2011, three members of the Delaware Consistory were coroneted Thirty-third degree Masons in an impressive ceremony at the DePaul University Merle Reskin Theater. As usual, the full ceremonial was conferred by members of the Supreme Council in costume and full dress with white tie and white waistcoat. We are proud to introduce to you our three newest Thirty-third Degree Masons pictured below (Left to Right): Illustrious William T. Wadkins, Jr., Illustrious Dale T. Irwin and Illustrious John E. Bednash.



Ill.: William T. Wadkins, 33° is a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Valley of Lower Delaware. He hails from Temple Lodge No. 9 in Milford, where he served as Worshipful Master. He also served the Grand Lodge of Delaware as Grand Master in 1999. He was accompanied to Chicago by his wife, Emma, and mother, Pearl.

Ill.: Dale T. Irwin, 33° is a Past Sovereign Prince of Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem and currently serves as Standard Bearer in the Delaware Consistory. He is also an active member of Equity Council. He continues to be active in many areas of Freemasonry in Delaware including his home Ionic Lodge No. 31 in Newport where he served as Worshipful Master. He currently is serving as President of the Delaware Colonials Square Club. He was accompanied to Chicago by his wife, Joyce.

Ill.: John E. Bednash, 33° is a Sovereign Prince-elect of Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem. He hails from Jackson Lodge No. 19 in historic Delaware City and is currently serving the Grand Lodge of Delaware as Grand Master until his term ends in October. He was accompanied to Chicago by his wife, Janice.

Please offer your heartiest congratulations to these Illustrious Brethren.

****** HONORS EVENT *** HONORS EVENT *** HONORS EVENT *** HONORS EVENT ******

You and your spouse are cordially invited to the awarding of hats and other awards plus the announcing of newly elected Thirty-third Degree Candidates to be held:
Beginning at **Sunday, October 16, 2011** **EVENT IS RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**
2:30 PM (until 5:00 PM)

Located at **Christiana Hilton—100 Continental Drive, Newark, DE 19713-4319**

Includes **CASH BAR** **HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES**

SPECIAL NOTE: We have secured a special room rate in the event you want to stay overnight. Call (302) 631-1540 for reservations.

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
01/04/1948	Ronald W. Wallner	05/26/2010
02/25/1936	James E. Freeman	07/05/2010
08/10/1936	Thomas H. Martin	07/24/2010
09/25/1932	Jackie W. Robinson	12/21/2010
07/31/1934	Lawrence E. Cloud, LM	04/11/2011
12/16/1925	John E. Dilks, Jr.	04/25/2011
02/02/1936	Robert O. Clower, Jr.	04/28/2011
07/17/1932	Dean W. McCabe, LM	05/14/2011
01/20/1932	Richard E. Ennis	05/19/2011
07/21/1921	Paul Baskette, SM	05/22/2011
05/28/1920	Jarl R. Swanson, Jr.	05/27/2011
01/09/1923	W. Cecil Carpenter, LM	05/29/2011
12/21/1925	Kenneth E. Mitchell	06/02/2011
10/22/1937	Thomas E. Beatson	06/03/2011
02/27/1945	Oliver O. Cahoon	06/08/2011
05/23/1943	John W. Dickson	06/13/2011
01/17/1926	Corbin D. Feely	06/30/2011
05/09/1927	Richard A. Hewlett	06/30/2011
01/25/1940	Clinton A. Weslager, Jr.	06/30/2011
05/04/1934	Irvin B. Smith, Jr.	07/01/2011
01/19/1934	Richard W. Jackson	07/29/2011
10/12/1914	Harry T. Reynolds	08/01/2011
09/18/1919	Benjamin B. Betts, Sr.	08/22/2011

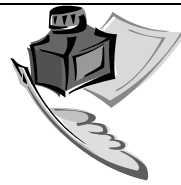
Information to the family: Should the Scottish Rite Mason whose name appears on the mailing label be admitted into the Hospital, Nursing Home, or is incapacitated in any way, **Please notify the Secretary of the Scottish Rite.**

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FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

We have a lot of events that are “free” or “at minimal cost” to attend. In other words, we pick up all or part of the tab; however, we have been over-spending our estimates because of “walk-ins” and/or “no shows”. Basically, most venues charge us a premium for any number over the number we reserve. Obviously, we still pay for every reservation, even if they do not show.

To help us get more bang-for-our-bucks, we are adopting a strict RESERVATIONS REQUIRED policy for some events. When an event is labeled RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, you must call or email the Secretary to make reservations AND you will receive a confirmation number in return.

However, in the spirit of convenience and enjoyment, we will not turn anyone away. If you show up without a confirmation number, you may stay by paying the increased fee associated with walk-ins. Also, be certain to let the Secretary know if you can no longer make an event or you will be assessed the per person cost. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will allow us to fund more and better events.

If appropriate, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED appears in the description of all events displayed on our website’s calendar. If there are any questions, please contact the Secretary.

Fraternally,
Herb

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**DELAWARE CONSISTORY
VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
CEREMONIALS AND MEETINGS
2011-2012**

CEREMONIALS (Dress: ALL – Hat & Jewels; Officers – Tuxedos; Members - Suit & Tie)

Thursday	4th & 14th Degrees	October 27, 2011	7:30 PM	NUR Shrine
Saturday	15th, 18th, 31st & 32nd Degrees	November 19, 2011	9:30 AM	818 Market St
Saturday	4th, 7th & 14th Degrees	February 4, 2012	9:30 AM	TBD
Saturday	16th & 18th Degrees	March 17, 2012	9:30 AM	TBD
Saturday	21st, 31st & 32nd Degrees	April 21, 2012	9:30 AM	TBD

BUSINESS MEETINGS (Dress: ALL as indicated below)

Thursday*	September 15, 2011	7:30 PM	Masonic Home
Thursday*	October 20, 2011	7:30 PM	Masonic Home
Thursday+	January 19, 2012	6:00 PM	Stewart's RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Thursday*	April 19, 2012	7:30 PM	Masonic Home

* Coat, Tie, Hat & Jewel

+ Business Casual (Casual Slacks and Collared shirt (no jeans, no tee-shirts, no shorts))

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NO AUGUST MEETING – Budget will be emailed to you for your comments and approval

Thursday	February 16, 2012	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting	Dress—Business Casual	Location TBD
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NOTE: **Emergent Meetings WILL BE SCHEDULED as Required**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & OFFICERS
2011-2012**

Assimilation, Retention & Membership	Ill.: G. Thomas Taylor, 33°
Benevolence	Ill.: Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 33°
Education and Leadership	Ill.: William R. Stevens, Jr., 33° Executive Bruce A. Beck, 32°
Finance	Ill. ∴ James R. Herrington, 33°, Vice
Guard of Honor	Tenney Wheatley, 32°
Reception	David Spangler, 32°
Refreshments	Wayne T. Slack, 32°, MSA
Scholarship	William J. Shaw, 32°, MSA
Trustees	Ill Ricky L. Swalm, 33°
Youth	Ill.: Herbert J. Atkinson, 33° Ill.: Herbert P. Fulmer, III, 33°
Director of Work	Ill.: A. Tony Maxwell, 33°
Director of Work Emeritus	Ill.: James M. Brittingham, 33°
Golf Outing	Ill.: Dale T. Irwin, 33°
Deputy	Ill. ∴ James T. Elliot, Jr., 33°
Active	Ill.: William R. Stevens, Jr., 33°
Secretary	Ill.: Herbert J. Atkinson, 33°
Treasurer	S. Curtis Cole, 32°
Tiler	James T. Garrity, 32°, MSA

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the Newsletter of the Valley of Wilmington (2011 Issue No. 7), the titles were switched for Clarence Timmons and John Bednash. Clarence Timmons is the new Most Wise Master and John Bednash is the new Sovereign Prince. **Apologies to both Brothers.**

- Editor

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & OFFICERS
2011-2012
(continued)**

Secretary Emeritus Ill. ∴ Eugene R. Small, 33°

Active Emeriti for Delaware:

Ill.: Harold T. J. Littleton, 33°

Ill.: Warren F. Schueler, Sr., 33°

Ill.: Donald D. Thomas, 33°

Ill.: Albert R. Marshall, 33°

**DELAWARE CONSISTORY
VALLEY OF WILMINGTON
OTHER EVENTS AND MEETINGS
2011-2012**

OTHER EVENTS & MEETINGS (1– Open to families, 2– Open to Ladies, 3 – Open to the Public)

EVENT	SPONSOR	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STATUS	DRESS
FAMILY LIFE (1)	Chapter of Rose Croix					
CHURCH SERVICE (1)	Delaware Consistory	April 15, 2012	2:00 PM	Masonic Home	CONFIRMED (open to all)	Coat and Tie or Suit and Tie
COD, NECROLOGY & INSTALLATION (Response Required)	All Bodies & COD	April 25, 2012	7:00 PM	New Castle Masonic Hall (Tentatively)	COD Members & Officers to be installed (Must RSVP to the Secretary)	ALL
CHARITY EVENT – Golf Outing (3)	Princes of Jerusalem	May 18, 2012	Reg @ 9AM T@11	Eagle Creek Golf Course	CONFIRMED VERBALLY	Proper Golf Attire
WORKERS DINNER (2) (Reservations Required)	Lodge of Perfection	May 4, 2012	6:00 PM	Brandywine Country Club	INVITATION ONLY (Must respond to the Secretary)	Coat & tie
VALLEY TRIP (1) (Reservations Required)	Lodge of Perfection				MUST RSVP to the Secretary	
HONORS EVENT (2) (Reservations Required)	Deputy & Secretary	October 16, 2011	2:30 PM	Christiana Hilton	MUST RSVP to the Secretary	Coat & tie (there are a few rooms available)
33RD MIXER (2) (Reservations Required)	Deputy, Secretary & Committee	January 29, 2012	3:00 PM	Deerfield Country Club	INVITATION ONLY (MUST RSVP to Secretary)	Coat & tie
RECEPTION of the Grand Master (Reservations Required)	Secretary	May 10, 2012	6:00 PM	Felton Fire Hall	INVITATION ONLY (MUST RSVP to the Secretary)	Coat & Tie



ATTENTION



WILMINGTON, DE— The Valley of Wilmington, Delaware is pleased to announce the launching of our new and improved website.

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