



# Valley of Wilmington SCOTTISH RITE

Newsletter

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## Class Picture

## April 27, 2024

## 32° Delaware Consistory

## Reunion Number 5 & Gala

The Valley of Wilmington held its fifth reunion of the 2023 – 24 Scottish Rite calendar, Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. A light lunch with our ladies started at 12:00 noon followed by the opening of the Delaware Consistory by Ill. ∴ Bro. William Shaw, Commander in Chief. Candidate Bro. Jimenez sang our national anthem a cappella, receiving a fervent applause afterward for his stirring rendition. The ladies visited Bally's Dover Casino for the afternoon while the men conduct the 6<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees. We saw 13 of our 19 candidates awarded the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree, The Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. All new candidates received a new member packet, car emblem, their passport, and a Commemorative purple Scottish Rite miniature Louisville Slugger baseball bat. We also had visitors from the Valley of Allentown who have visited our reunions quite often this year. Thank you, brethren. Recognition was extended to our special guests, Active Emeritus, Ill. ∴ Bro. Herbert Atkinson; Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Ill. ∴ Bro. MW Ron Feraro; and Past Grand Master Ill. ∴ Bro. MW Steven Tucker. Tenure Awards were distributed to Ill. ∴ Bro. Art Loveless for 60 years, Ill. ∴ Bro. Mark Button for 10 years, and Bro. Jason Crook for 5 years. Congratulations all.

After the reunion, the hall was switched over from a drama production and business meeting to a banquet hall with a band stand and dance floor. A social adjustment hour was enjoyed by all with appetizers and refreshments available. The invocation was delivered by MR Eric Evans, Grand Chaplain and Bro. Jimenez once again stirred our patriotic feelings with an encore production of our National Anthem. A delicious buffet banquet was served while the band, Short Term Memories entertained us during dinner and then opened up the dance floor afterward where numerous members and their wives showed off their dance moves. Everyone had a great time and our new candidates were treated to a Gala Event.

Thank you to everyone who chipped in to make our 2024 Reunion and Gala a tremendous success and showed how Scottish Rite Masonry is committed to our members and our fraternity. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Valley of Lower Delaware's final reunion and then our 2024 Council of Deliberations were we will be installing our new officers for the 2024 – 25 Scottish Rite year.



**SCOTTISH RITE SCHEDULE 2023-2024**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	MEAL	LOCATION
5/6/2024	VOLD Meeting	7:30 PM	YES (6PM)	Endeavor Lodge
5/11/2024	VOLD Reunion 5th, 10th, 25th	7:00 AM	BRKFST	Temple Lodge, Milford
5/11/2024	Worker's Dinner	2:00 PM	YES	Clayton Fire Hall
5/17/2024	Charity Golf Outing	10:00 AM	YES	Odessa National Golf Course
5/18/2024	Council of Deliberation	10:00 AM	LUNCH	Clayton Fire Hall
8/19-23/2024	Supreme Council Executive Sessions	----	YES	Lexington, MA



Remember to bring your Membership Card to all events as we will be scanning them into Journey 365 to help build your portfolio and that of our Valleys.

# Be Part of our Dramatics Group

One of the growth opportunities fairly unique to the Scottish Rite is the experience of performing on stage to teach our core values: Reverence for God, Integrity, Devotion to Country, Justice, Tolerance, and Service to Humanity. There are various levels through which one can participate. Of course, there is the obvious role of learning a part and performing it on stage. These come in all sizes from a few lines to major roles. There are also those supporting roles which require no lines to memorize, only positioning and interacting on stage. Then there are those behind the scenes roles such as props, lighting, sound, and stage managing. Whichever level might interest you, know that all roles are important and come together at every Reunion to make Scottish Rite Masonry a truly memorable experience.

Contact [Bro. Greg Correll](#) and let him know your interest in joining in on the fun. Whether it is a non-speaking part, a few lines, a major roll, or behind the scenes, it is as they say, "there are no minor rolls in theater". This is one of those "Making Good Men Better opportunities that masonry is all about. Come on out and make new friends.







**Council of Deliberations**

**May 18, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Clayton Fire Hall**

# Family Life

This year's family life event saw 86 members, families, and friends visit the Candlelight Dinner Theater on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for the presentation of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. The play is based on a half-finished Charles Dickens novel that remained unfinished until Rupert Holmes decided to resurrect it and created a show within a show that leaves audiences guessing WHO DONE IT. With different endings possible, audiences are never quite sure from show to show exactly how it will end.

It was a fun filled evening with your Scottish Rite taking over half the theater enjoying a wonderful meal while sharing fellowship and interacting with the cast as at a dinner theater, your actors also double as your wait staff. Once the show got underway, it did not take long for the plot to grab you and peak your curiosity. As the play neared the end, some of the actors came around and polled the audience table by table to see who the culprit was going to be that evening. Once everyone had voted, the cast regrouped and performed the ending that fit the audiences' choice however we did not know what that was until after they performed it.

Everyone had a great time and one of our own, Gary Herman, won that evening's 50-50 raffle. Congratulations Gary.





# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Scottish Rite Charity Golf Tournament



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FRIDAY, MAY 17th, 2024

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Games !!  
Contests !!  
Breakfast & Lunch !!*



It is never too early to plan for a golf outing. Building upon the success of last year, your Scottish Rite returns to Odessa National Golf Club for its 16<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament. As in the past, all proceeds will go to help support the 436th Force Support Squadron at Dover Air Force Base in providing combat support, community and family services, counseling, and social events for the families and children of our active military men and women who are deployed and serving our Country. Here are some pictures from events our support provided last year.





### **Alarm Letter, 1775**

Daniel Tyler, Jr. (1750-1832), copyist  
Brooklyn, Connecticut  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum &  
Library, A 1995/011 /1

Just before dawn on April 19, 1775, John Parker and around 80 local militiamen gathered on the town common in Lexington, Massachusetts, as approximately 700 British soldiers approached from the direction of Boston, where they had left during the night of April 18. Realizing that they were vastly outnumbered, Parker ordered his men to disperse. Amid the confusion, a shot rang out. It has never been clear who fired first, but by the time the firing was over, eight Lexington men were killed and nine wounded. The British troops then left Lexington and marched on toward Concord where they intended to seize munitions that were stored there. The alarm - news of the skirmish on the Lexington Common - was spread quickly. By the time the British reached the Old North Bridge in Concord, they were met by 3,500 militiamen.

Beyond the Boston area, news of the deaths in Lexington spread through a series of letters copied and distributed along a planned network of Committees of Correspondence. By April 1775, this network was already organized throughout the colonies, ensuring that an infrastructure was in place to facilitate the efficient spread of important news across a large geographic area.

Joseph Palmer, a member of the Massachusetts Committee of Safety, sent the first urgent letter from Watertown by messenger Israel Bissell in the late morning of April 19, 1775. Bissell rode on horseback to Worcester, Massachusetts and then on to Brooklyn, Connecticut, where Daniel Tyler,





Jr. copied it on the morning of April 20, 1775. This copy was addressed on the reverse side of the letter "To Christopher Leffingwell Esq. Or Either the Committee of Correspondence - Norwich." Palmer's letter was copied several times in various Connecticut towns before reaching New York City on the afternoon of April 23.

The copyist, Daniel Tyler, Jr., graduated from Harvard in 1771 and, that same year, married Mehitable Putnam, daughter of General Israel Putnam. A brief biography on Tyler in *Sibley's Harvard Graduates* recounts Tyler copying out this alarm letter, noting that he "dashed off a copy of the Worcester message for the next Committee of Correspondence [i.e. the one at Norwich]," before heading to Boston with his father-in-law. He served as Putnam's adjutant during the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, and for the rest of the Siege of Boston, which ended on March 17, 1776

Watertown Wednesday Morning near 10 o'Clock

To all the Friends of American Liberty, be it known that this Morning before break of Day a Brigade consisting of about 1000 or 1200 Men landed at Phip's Farm at Cambridge & marched to Lexington where they found a Company of our Colony Militia in Arms, upon Whom they fired without any Provocation and killed 6 Men and Wounded 4 others. By an Express from Boston this Moment, we find another Brigade are now upon their march from Boston supposed to be about 1000. The Bearer Mr. Israel Bissel is charged to alarm the County quite to Connecticut and all Persons are desired to furnish him with Fresh Horses as they may be needed. I have spoken with several Persons who have seen the Dead & Wounded. Pray let the Delegates from this Colony to Connecticut see this they know

J. Palmer one of the  
Committee of S-y

Col. Taylor of Brookfield one of the Delegates. A True Copy taken from the original pt. Order of Committee of Correspondence for Worcester Mass. Written Sunday J. 20th Worcester April 19<sup>th</sup> 1775.

Brooklyne Thursday 19 o'Clock. the above is a true Copy as recd. Here by Express forwarded from Worcester

To J. Daniel Tyler Jr.

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J. Palmer, one of the  
Committee of S-----y [i.e. Safety]

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6:00 PM  
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Now





# Our April Birthdays

*happy birthday*

Kenneth Adams	Brian L Fresh	Robert W. Noble
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William A Austin Jr.	Matthew A. Guthan	C. Bruce Penuel
Michael W Barnard	M. Leon Hart	William W. Phillips
James D Bennett Jr.	Kelly R. Johnson Jr.	William T. Ramsey
Bernard John Bialecki Jr.	Thomas E. Keller Jr.	Roy A. Rasnake
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Brian Roth Buckson Jr.	Clinton D. Lemasters Jr.	David A. Russ
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John P Chobrda	Charles E. Madron	Harold L. Scott
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# Art Loveless 60 Year Member



Congratulations  
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