

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF DELAWARE

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction









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VOW Heads of Bodies – 2024-25



Thrice Potent Master
Scott Christensen



Sovereign Prince James Alexander



Most Wise Master
David Walters



Commander-In-Chief Gregory Correll



KSA Chief Michael Swain

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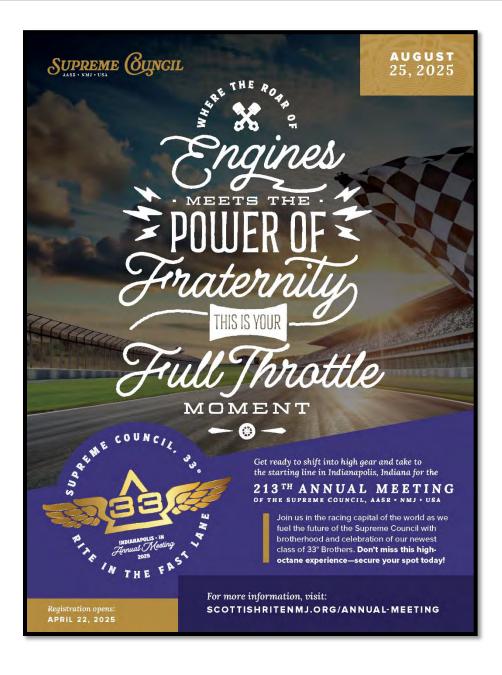


KSA Chief Gregory Vernicek

Proposed 24-25 Calendar

SCOTTISH RITE SCHEDULE 2024-2025

	2024-25				
		EVENT	TIME	MEAL	LOCATION
May	5/3/2025	Worker's Dinner	6:00 PM	YES	Citizens Hose Fire Station, Smyrna
	5/10/2025	REUNION #5 (16 & 32nd) and COD (CON)	9:00 AM	YES	Clayton Fire Company
	5/16/2024	Flags Distribution	8:00 AM	NO	Veterans Cemetery (Bear, DE)
	5/16/2025	Charity Golf Outing	11:00 AM	YES	Odessa National Golf Course
	5/19/2025	VOLD Meeting	7:30 PM	YES	Endeavor #17 in Milton
August	8/20-27/2025	Supreme Council Executive Sessions		YES	Indianapolis, IN



May 10th Reunion & Degrees

16th

In the Allegory the Sixteenth degree, we are taught, by the example of Zerubbabel, the important lessons of loyalty to conviction, fidelity to duty, devotion to truth, and the important core value of Reverence for God.



No man can worthily serve in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite unless his heart thrills to the sentiment of a lofty patriotism which will express itself in loyal obedience to his country's laws as well as in response to his country's needs. It is not given to all men to bear arms for the nation's defense, but every man may cherish his country's flag with a devoted love, may support his country's laws with a willing obedience, and may so live day by day that the commonwealth shall be prospered through his industry, established through his fidelity, and honored through his integrity.

32nd

Such service of country becomes possible only when the individual man, strong in the integrity of his purpose, develops his own highest manhood under the secure shield of civil, intellectual and religious liberty. Man owes it to himself and to his brother men to be his own best self. No obligation imposed upon him by church, state or society can as a last resort destroy the freedom of his spirit or abolish his liberty of private judgment.

Patriotism thus founded and secured, gives assurance of peace and happiness within our borders and is a harbinger of that more glorious time when love of country shall be joined to love of humanity and the Scottish Rite Standard shall rise in peaceful triumph over a world-wide brotherhood of man. So mote it be!



May 10th COD and Installations

Join your Scottish Rite brothers and our new candidates for a wonderful day of learning, growing, and celebrating our Scottish Rite. We start the day off with the 16th degree followed by our annual production of the Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, the 32nd Degree. During the degree, we will be having a special program for the ladies in attendance so please bring your lady to join us for this celebratory event.

After the degree and ladies' program we will be having a lovely lunch followed by our Council of Deliberations and new officer installations. Our new candidates will witness the pageantry of our installations and provide everyone an opportunity to meet and greet and get to know each other.

The day should end around mid-afternoon thus allowing everyone to be home to relax and kick-back after an exciting day filled with fellowship, comradery, pageantry, new beginnings, and of course reinforcing our core values.

We hope you can join us to welcome our new 32nd degree masons and their wives and show them the value of becoming a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. This is our opportunity to shine and put our best foot forward.



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 <u>Bro. Greg Correll</u> 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.



Dear Scottish Rite Brother

As someone with Scottish ancestry, I take great pride in occasionally wearing the kilt. Around the Jurisdiction, I have learned that I am not alone in this, in fact, I am often asked why the AASR does not have a tartan of its own. Why indeed? Some Grand Lodges have one. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International AND the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, both YORK Rite organizations, have registered a tartan and make available kilts and accessories. So why don't we?

I have created an online survey/petition to gauge true interest in a Scottish Rite tartan.

If you would like to see an "Official Tartan" for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, please click on <u>SCOTTISH RITE TARTAN</u> to fill out the petition before May 31, 2025.

The plan is to present the Sovereign Grand Commander with this petition at the New York Council of Deliberation's Annual Convocation on June 6-7, 2025.

SCOTTISH RITE TARTAN Survey Link

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9QjycL6hALSENeSnYkPrJ8uA1stdlL8rldGwy K2ZvzNv5vw/viewform?usp=sharing

Fraternally,

Rick



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From Our Commander in Chief

Brethren,

As another Masonic year comes to a close, we reflect on those moments we have shared together and use the opportunity to remember those moments we can never share again. It is a time of contemplation and introspection about the things in our lives that are truly important.

My personal path over the last few years has given me the immense fortune and opportunity to be able to reflect on my own struggles, the things that I hold dear, the people who matter most, a deeper knowledge of the things I can and cannot control, and an immeasurable understanding of the true meaning of time.

As it is written: "Time was, time is, but no man can say that time shall be. For the Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, the hour is always **NOW**."

As I have never been accused of being a poet, perhaps you'll allow me to share the words of Author John Pavlovitz, who articulates this much better than I:

On the day I die a lot will happen. A lot will change. The world will be busy.

On the day I die, all the important appointments I made will be left unattended.

The many plans I had yet to complete will remain forever undone.

The calendar that ruled so many of my days will now be irrelevant to me.

All the material things I so chased and guarded and treasured will be left in the hands of others to care for or to discard as they wish. The words of my critics which so burdened me will cease to sting or capture anymore. They will be unable to touch me.

The arguments I believed I'd won here will not serve me or bring me any satisfaction or solace. My great urgency to be "correct" will be quieted.

My many nagging regrets will all be resigned to the past, where they should have always been anyway.

Every superficial worry about my body that I ever labored over; about my waistline or hairline or frown lines, will fade away. My carefully crafted image, the one I worked so hard to shape for others here, will be left to them to complete anyway. The reputation I once struggled so greatly to maintain will be of little concern for me anymore.

All the small and large anxieties that stole sleep from me each night will be rendered powerless.

The deep and towering mysteries about life and death that so consumed my mind will finally be clarified in a way that they could never be before while I lived.

These things will certainly all be true on the day that I die.

Yet for as much as will happen on that day, one more thing that will happen.

On the day I die, the few people who really know and truly love me will grieve deeply.

They will feel a void. They will feel cheated. They will not feel ready.

They will feel as though a part of them has died as well.

And on that day, more than anything in the world, they will want more time with me.

I know this from those I have loved and grieved over.

And so, knowing this, while I am still alive, I'll try to remember that my time with them is finite and fleeting and so very precious—and I'll do my best not to waste a second of it.

I'll try not to squander a priceless moment worrying about all the little things because most of those things are either not my concern or beyond my control.

Friends, those other things have an insidious way of keeping you from living even as you live; vying for your attention, competing for your affections. They rob you of the joy of this unrepeatable, uncontainable, ever-evaporating **NOW** with those who love you and want only to share it with you.

Don't miss the chance to dance with them while you can.

It's easy to waste so much daylight in the days before you die.

Don't let your life be stolen every day by all that you believe matters, because on the day you die, much of it simply won't.

Yes, you and I will die one day. But before that day comes: let us live.

Or, if you prefer a simpler version, consider these words instead:

Don't worry.

About a thing.

Cause every little thing gonna be alright.

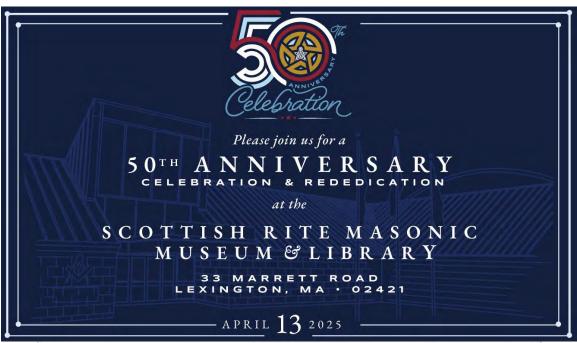
-Bob Marley

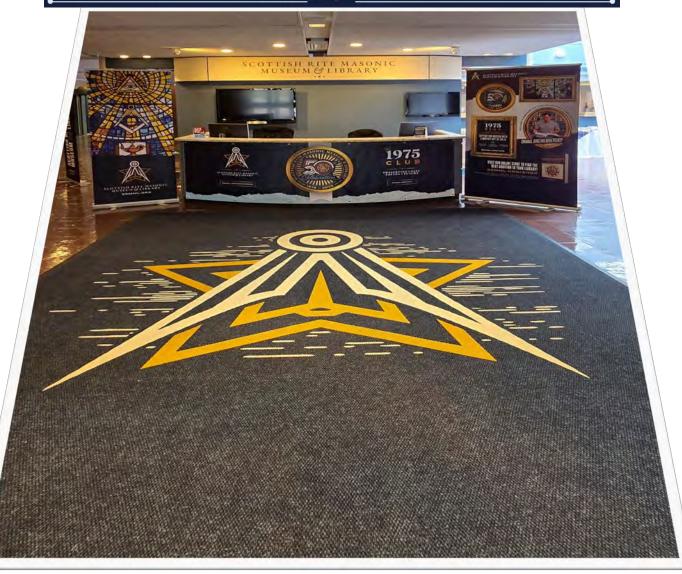
I wish every one of you much luck, love, and laughter as we call off from labor for the summer and for the ensuing Masonic years ahead.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Gregory Correll 32 M.S.A.

Commander in Chief













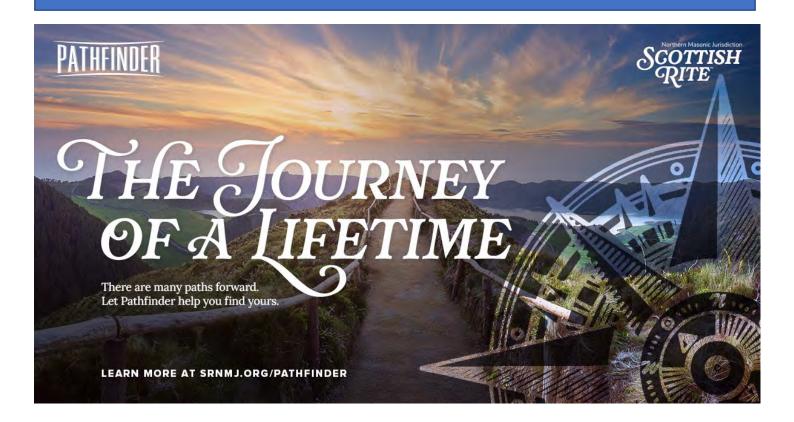












For those who have already started their Pathfinder journey, or for those interested in beginning their path, there are 6 Waypoints that help one progress through the program with numerous Mile Markers under each Waypoint that will guide you in learning all about our Rite in general and your Valley in particular.

The Six Waypoints are: Organization, Self-improvement, Valley Life, Enrichment Programs, Service and Philosophy, and Choice. Under Organization, there are 18 Mile Markers of which you need to complete 6. Under Self-Improvement, there are 22 Mile Markers of which you must complete 6. Under Valley Life, there are 24 Mile Markers of which you must complete 6. Under Enrichment Programs, there are 14 Mile Markers of which you must complete 6. Under Service and Philosophy, there are 27 Mile Markers of which you must complete 6. Under Choice, you may go back and complete any two additional Mile Markers from any of the Waypoints.

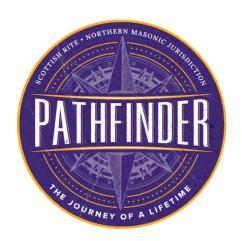
There are Field Guides and Workbooks you can use to keep track of your progress, BUT there is also a Pathfinder Digital portal on-line where you can track your progress electronically.

Some of the following information might prove helpful in getting you started:

Have you started your "Journey On" with Pathfinder yet? Now is a perfect time to get started.

Where can I get more information on the Pathfinder Program?

https://scottishritenmj.org/pathfinder



To Help you get started, here are a few of the Mile-Markers under the Service and Philanthropy Waypoint that you can use to continue your Path and Journey On.

PF-SP_007: What is the purpose of the <u>Grand Almoner's Fund</u>? Provide an overview of our keystone charity in your Field Book entry. How can you support the Grand Almoner's Fund?

Answer: Click on the Grand Almoner's link above, read all about the Grand Almoner's Fund and consider donating today to help our great fraternity help those in need.

PF-SP_010: Watch a <u>video</u> about the SRNMJ charities (ex. Three Stories, 7.5 Billion). Reflect on what you learned and record your findings in your Field Book entry.

Answer: Click on the video link above, watch one of the charity videos, and then reflect on the significance of what the video portrays with respect to how it services our membership and helps us fulfill our mission.

PF-SP_011: What are the three highest <u>awards</u> that can be conferred by Supreme Council? For each award, list two recipients. Review the e-book on Supreme Council's highest honor and list the names of those men whose names you recognize. Record your findings in your Field Book entry.

Answer: Click on the awards link above, find all the awards the Supreme Council can confer upon others for their distinguished service. The highest award is the Gourgas Medal named after John James Joseph Gourgas, founder of our Supreme Council. Two recipients of the Gourgas Medal include: President Harry S. Truman and President Gerald R. Ford. The next highest award is the Supreme Council Medal of Honor. Two recipients include: Thomas Sturgeon and Richard W. Elliot. The third highest award is the Tompkins Medal for Distinguished Service. Two recipients of the Tompkins Medal include: Franklin D. Roosevelt and Jeffrey W. Coy.



Remembering the Battle of Bunker Hill

On view March 19-October 3, 2025

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill and the 200th anniversary of the laying of the Bunker Hill Monument's cornerstone.

The Battle

The Battle of Bunker Hill took place on June 17, 1775. Most of the action took place on nearby Breed's Hill. The battle was fought to solidify which side had control over Boston Harbor. The hills in and around Boston were tactically important to both British and colonial forces. The American's newly formed Continental Army sought to limit the supplies that the British army could bring into Boston via the harbor. The two sides clashed on June 17, each seeking to control Bunker Hill and Breed's Hill. By the end of the day the British had won the fight, at the cost of 226 dead and 828 wounded. On the opposing side, 140 American combatants had been killed; over 300 suffered injuries.

Dr. Joseph Warren

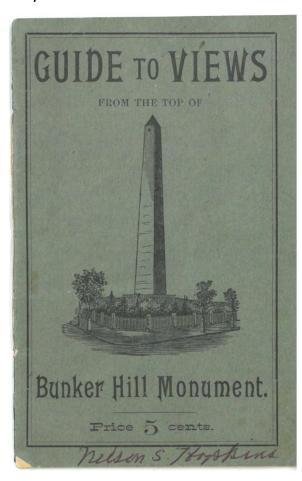
Despite their heavy losses, the British drove the Americans from the contested area. Among the Americans killed was President of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, Dr. Joseph Warren. Rather than serving as an officer, Warren famously fought as a regular volunteer. At the time of his death, Warren was a Masonic leader and served as the Grand Master of Massachusetts Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Monuments

To memorialize Joseph Warren, members of King Solomon's Lodge in Charlestown erected an eighteen-foot-tall wooden monument in 1794. Subject to weather and vandalism, this monument soon fell into disrepair. In 1824, the newly formed Bunker Hill Monument Association purchased fifteen acres of the battlefield, with an eye toward constructing a

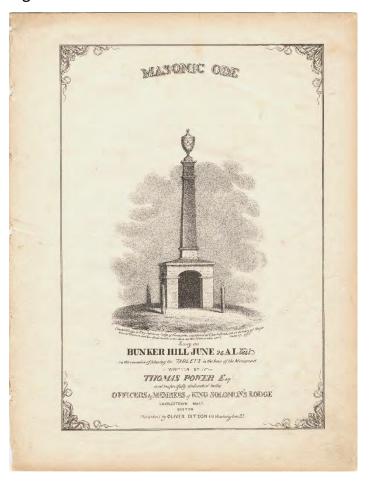
permanent monument. After eighteen years of fundraising and construction, the Association dedicated the Bunker Hill Monument, an obelisk standing 221 feet high. At the time of its completion, it was the tallest structure in the United States.

From the start, the monument was a meaningful memorial site visited by many. People from all over the world continue to visit it, some to enjoy the commanding view of the surrounding area; many to recall the sacrifice of the soldiers who fought the Battle of Bunker Hill.



This pocket-size booklet was intended for tourists visiting the monument. While still a memorial to the battle, the Bunker Hill Monument also functioned, as it does today, as a tourist attraction, affording those who climb its 294 steps expansive views of Boston, Charlestown, Cambridge, Malden, Chelsea, and Lynn.

Guide to Views from the Top of Bunker Hill Monument, 1892. Gift of Nelson M. Hopkins, F62.3 .B9 1892.



Masons representing Grand Lodges and other Masonic organizations throughout New England and beyond gathered on June 24, 1845, for the dedication of a scale model of the original 26-foot tall 1794 monument. Freemason Thomas Power – a musician, music critic, and one of the earliest members of the Handel and Haydn Society – wrote this ode, which was sung as part of the ceremony. An illustration of the original monument adorns the cover of this sheet music.

Masonic Ode, 1845. Museum Purchase, 85-126.



"50th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library"

In April 2025, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library will launch a year of celebratory anniversary programming, including special gallery talks, engaging lectures, and two new gallery exhibitions.



By joining the 1975 Club,

you become a vital part of the enduring legacy we honor during the 50th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library. Join today, and together, we can build a foundation that inspires and preserves for the next 50 years and beyond.

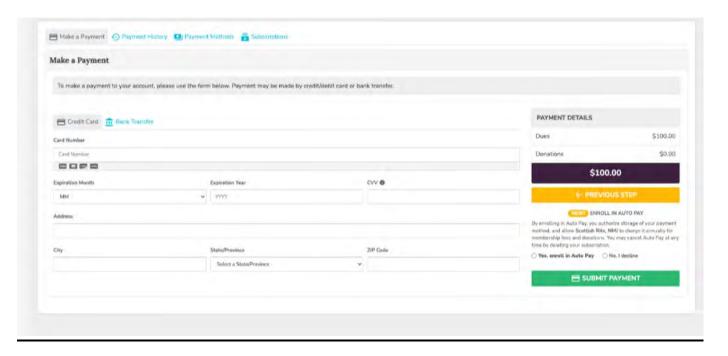
Members to the 1975 club will commit to a monthly contribution of \$19.75, totaling \$237 a year. The 1975 Club will help create long-term, sustained support for the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library.



SCOTTISH RITE NOW OFFERS DUES AUTO-PAY!

Remembering to pay your dues has never been easier! Once you enter your secure payment information within the Member Center to pay your dues, you now have the option to enroll in auto-pay, which stores your preferred payment information for future transactions.

Enrolling in auto-pay is optional. Should you wish to opt out of this feature, select the "No, I decline" button before hitting "Submit Payment."



Access the Member Center

INTRODUCING SRNMJ MOBILE MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE NOW!

Accessing your membership card has never been easier! Here's how to pull up your card using your phone:

- 1.) Log in to your Member Center account at MyNMJ.org. If you haven't previously registered, you can create a free account using your Member Number (<<MemberID>>) and birthdate.
- 2.) Click on the link that appears on your dashboard that reads "Create Mobile Member Card."
- 3.) A black strip will appear with a link inside it that reads, "Click here to download your mobile member card" Click the link.
- 4.) Follow the on-screen instructions for adding your card to your mobile device (available in Apple Wallet and Google Wallet).
- 5.) Click on the video below to watch how to do it.





FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

ODESSA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB 1131 FIELDSBORO RD. TOWNSEND, DE 19734

OPEN TO EVERYONE SCRAMBLE FORMAT

Phone

SCHEDULE

Registration/Breakfast Shotgun Start Reception/Dinner 8:00am 10:00am 3:30pm

GOLFER REGISTRATION

\$125 PER GOLFER / \$500 PER FOURSOME REGISTER ONLINE AT THE LINK OR QR CODE BELOW!

Golfer 1 ______
Email _____
Phone _____

Golfer 2 _____Email

Golfer 3

Email ______Phone _____

Golfer 4 ______
Email Phone

INCLUDED

GREENS FEES GOLF CART BREAKFAST DINNER AND SOCIAL SCORE SHEETS DRIVING RANGE GIFT BAG

EXTRAS

MULLIGANS
ON-COURSE GAMES
AND CONTESTS
50/50
RAFFLES/AUCTIONS
PUTTING CONTEST
FREE REFRESHMENTS

GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST BE A FOUR-MEMBER TEAM COMPOSED OF MASTER MASONS FROM ANY JURISDICTION

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https://events.golfstatus.com/event/scottishritegolf

The Delaware Scottish Rite **Charity Golf Tournament is** an annual event that raises money for a designated worthy organization. We proudly support the 436th Force Support Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, and our seventeenth annual tournament is once again dedicated to assisting this worthy organization. 100% of all net proceeds provides combat support, family and community services, counseling, and social events for the families and children of our active military men and women who are deployed and serving our Country around the world.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

delawareaasrgolf@gmail.com

MAIL CHECKS TO:

DELAWARE CONSISTORY
GOLF OUTING
P.O. BOX 7227
WILMINGTON, DE 19803-0680

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SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

HELP SUPPORT THE CHILDREN AT THE LINK OR OR CODE BELOW!

TECHNOLOGY SPONSOR - \$3,000 (1 available)

Your logo showcased on the front page of our website and at the top of the leaderboard during scoring. Includes a free foursome, promotional banner, 2 hole sponsorships, full-page ad, and announced in media events. CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR AT delawareaasrgolf@gmail.com

FLAG SPONSOR - \$2,500 (1 available)

Your logo on all 18 flags. Includes a promotional banner, two hole sponsorships, a full-page color ad, and a free foursome. Your sponsorship will be announced in all media events.

CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR AT delawareaasrgolf@gmail.com

BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$1,000

Your advertisement promoted at all beverage stations. Includes a corporate banner, two hole sponsorships, and a full-page color ad.

GOLF BALL SPONSOR - \$1,000

Your advertisement imprinted on a custom sleeve of balls for each golfer. Includes a promotional banner, two hole sponsorships, and a full-page color ad.

DINNER SPONSOR - \$750

Your advertisement promoted at sign-in tables and dinner. Includes a promotional banner, two hole sponsorships, and a full-page color ad.

GOLFER APPRECIATION SPONSOR - \$500

Includes a promotional banner, tee sign, and a full-page color ad.

FULL PAGE COLOR AD (8X5.5) + FREE HOLE SPONSOR - \$200

HALF PAGE COLOR AD (5.5X4) + FREE HOLE SPONSOR - \$125

QUARTER PAGE COLOR AD (5.5X4) + FREE HOLE SPONSOR - \$100

HOLE SPONSOR (12X18 SIGN) - \$60

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EVENT LOCATION

Odessa National Golf Club 1131 Fieldsboro Rd. Townsend, DE 19734

MAIL CHECKS TO:

DELAWARE CONSISTORY
GOLF OUTING
P.O. BOX 7227
WILMINGTON, DE 19803-0680

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LOCATION	LODGE NAME	AMBASSADOR
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Wilmington	Washington #1	Darin Lorenzen		
Wilmington	Temple #11	Michael Rodgers		
Wilmington	Lafayette #14	Clinton D. Lemaster		
Wilmington	Eureka-Dupont #23-29	David Russ		
Talley	Granite-Corinthian #34	Kenneth J. Musto Jr./James A. McClain Jr.		

DISTRICT #2

New Castle	St. John's #1	Frank E. Hartsell	
Middletown	Union #5	Lawrence H. Biederman	
Smyrna	Harmony #13	Kevin Musto	
Delaware City	Jackson #19	David Walters	
Newark	Hiram #25	Lee Gray	
Newport	Armstrong #26	Byrom I. Price	
New Castle	New Castle Ionic #31 Michael S		
New Castle Christiana #35		Thomas Sullivan	
Newark	Solomon #36	Steve Salvatelli	
Newark	k High Noon Lodge #38 Darin Lorenzen		

DISTRICT #3:

Laurel	Hope #4	Jack McDuff		
Dover	Union #7	Maurice W. Little		
Milford	Temple #9	Jack McDuff		
Georgetown	Franklin #12	James M. Locklear		
Lewes	Jefferson #15	Eric Evans		
Milton	Endeavor #17	Jim Coulbourne		
Seaford	Hiram #21	Jack McDuff		
Reliance	Gethsemane #28	Jack McDuff		
Millville	Doric #30	Greg Vernicek		
Dagsboro	Delaware #37	Jim Lawrence		

Congratulations III. Bro. Taylor









George T. Taylor IV, 33°

We are excited to announce that George T. Taylor IV, 33°, has rejoined the Scottish Rite, NMJ staff as a Development Officer with the Charities Team. He will focus on building and strengthening relationships with donors while supporting key initiatives and giving clubs.

Ill. Brother Taylor is a member of the Valley of Wilmington and is active in several other Masonic organizations. Before returning to staff, George served as a consultant for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, where he is a member. He also lends his expertise to various volunteer boards, including the High Point University Alumni Association and the DeMolay International Membership Committee.

Feast of the Pascal Lamb

April 12, 2025











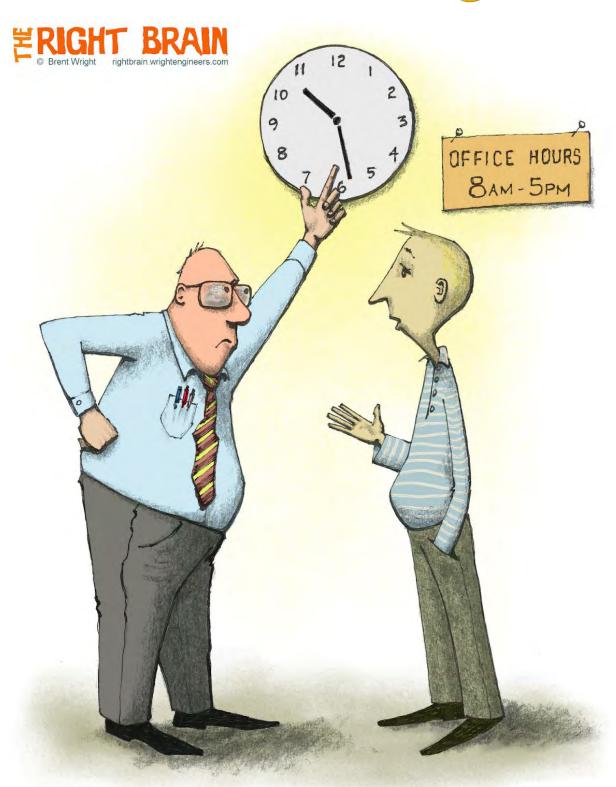


Our April Birthdays

~happy birthday.

Adams	Steven	Ellis	Gary	Neal	Jerome
Alderman	George	Ferraro	Ronald	Noble	Robert
Austin	William	Fresh	Brian	Pearson	John
Barnard	Michael	Graham	David	Penuel	Charles
Bennett	James	Guthan	Matthew	Phillips	William
Bialecki	Bernard	Hart	Marion	Ramsey	William
Brady	Edward	Johnson	Kelly	Reiver	Alan
Brennan	Gerald	Keller	Thomas	Rock	Robert
Buckson	Brian	Kerewich	Adam	Russ	David
Buckworth	William	Larimore	Fred	Sargent	Dennis
Button	Thomas	Lawrence	Milton	Scott	Brandon
Callaghan	David	Lemasters	Clinton	Scott	Harold
Chobrda	John	Lyons	Andrew	Small	Eugene
Chorman	Jeffery	Madara	Joseph	Studte	Walter
Christensen	Scott	Marvian	Joseph	Taylor	Zachary
Cole	Stephen	Mason	Robert	Travers	Michael
Conly	David	McCabe	Keith	Venuto	Brian
Cotton	David	McCary	Hunter	Waters	Sheldon
Crockett	Norman	McMahan	John	Watson	Robert
Currey	Christopher	McMonagle	Sean	White	James
Demotses	Carl	Meano	Michael	Whitman	Hunter
Doncaster	Hance	Mitchell	Philip	Willoughby	Robert
Eitel	Richard	Morales	David	Woodrow	John
		Moran	Lee		

Leave them Laughing



"BUT SLEEP IS ONE OF MY CORE VALUES"