



# Delaware Freemason



September 2025



## MWGM James Hanby, Sr. visits Supreme Council



# 220<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware



Monday, October 6, 2025

Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center

8:00 a.m. registration

9:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Called to Order

Public Installation of the 171<sup>st</sup> Most Worshipful  
Grand Master of Ancient Free and  
Accepted Masons of Delaware  
R.:W.: Richard M. McTheny  
and Grand Lodge Officers



Thursday, October 9, 2025  
Clayton Fire Company Banquet Hall  
Beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

## Jackson Lodge No. 19 Celebrates National Night Out with Brotherhood, Family and Community!

On Tuesday, August 8th, the nation celebrated National Night Out, and Jackson Lodge No. 19 showed up in full force to support Delaware City's vibrant community, including our dedicated fire and police departments.

The brothers of Jackson, joined by their families, enjoyed a beautiful summer evening filled with fellowship and fun. Together, we strolled along the scenic waterfront, taking in the beautiful Delaware City Marina and views of Pea Patch Island. We visited local vendors and shops, and shared conversations with the Delaware City Police, Fire Department, Rotarians, and neighbors from all walks of life.

A united squad of 22 descended upon the new Dolly Spanker's restaurant, where we were treated to an evening of great food, refreshing drinks, and live music that set the perfect tone for camaraderie and connection. The lively atmosphere brought even more joy to a night already full of brotherhood, family and shared laughter.

The evening didn't stop there—many wrapped up the night with a sweet treat from the local ice cream shop or the Kona Ice truck nearby.

It was a night of peace, love, and harmony—reminding us all that when Masons come together in service and fellowship, we help build stronger communities. Jackson Lodge No. 19 is proud to stand as a pillar of support, friendship, and family in Delaware City.





# District One Installations

by WB Patrick Light, PM

Congratulations to all the newly installed Worshipful Masters of District One of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Below is a photograph from each lodge's installation.

Washington No. 1



Master being presented with the gavel.  
Left to Right: WB David Walters, WM; MWB Herbert Atkinson, PGM, Installing Officer

Temple No. 11



Senior lodge officers after installation  
Left to Right: WB Al LeFranc, WM; WB James Pierce, PM; WB Dave Conly, PM

Lafayette No. 14



Sitting in the East for the first time  
WB Douglas Cummings, WM

Granite-Corinthian No. 34



Being presented prior to  
installation as Master of the lodge.  
Left to Right: WB David  
Baumberger, WM; WB Kevin  
O'Rourke, PM/Installing Marshal

# Behold the Letter “G”

by W.B.: Patrick S. Light, Past Master



In our youth we take things for granted, among those being time, experience, the history of our surroundings, and our company. To speak to the notion of company, as a young Mason, over a decade ago, Most Worshipful Brother Donald E. Rosenberry, Past Grand Master, would offer to pick me up to attend lodge with him. I recall there was a particular sense of excitement if the evening would be for a degree, as the meeting might allow the eager ritualist a chance to fill a chair or give a lecture. Reflecting upon the recent passing of Most Worshipful Brother Don, I deeply appreciate the gift of encouragement the experienced brother gave me, and, it is my hope that I have not taken it for granted.

One afternoon Most Worshipful Brother Don called and asked if I had any interest in joining him to help confer the Entered Apprentice Degree being put on by Washington Lodge No. 1 at the Grand Opera House later that evening – I agreed. On arriving at the Blue Room, I was sure to pay respect to the senior brothers in attendance; one of which was Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr. Past Grand Master. Chatting with Most Worshipful Brother Ben, I asked him to explain several features of the Blue Room. There are decorations in the room that are quite special – one of which being a beautiful stained glass letter “G”, which is mounted in a wooden box above the Worshipful Master’s chair in the East.

As I asked about our letter “G,” to my dismay, no answer was received. Apparently, knowledge of the artifact slipped between the cracks of the various generations of brothers, and to our fraternity’s detriment, may have been forever lost. In that condition, future generations would have to be content with the lack of information, or rely on the Masonic platitude, “it’s always been there,” which is the cousin of the old Past Master saying, “that’s the way we have always done it”.

I am pleased to report that the question as to the provenance of our letter “G” was humbly answered a few weeks ago. Guided by an appreciation for time and perseverance, the answer that a younger Mason wished, but was not readily available, has been discovered. Information that may have been in darkness for over 100 years, taken to the grave by the last knowing soul, has been brought to light.

The mosaic letter “G” came into existence when the six lodges, who met at the Grand Opera House collectively refurnished the Blue Room in 1907. The lodges shared the cost of \$2,996.19 to enhance the overall sense of pride in their meeting space. A quick reference to an online inflation calculator gives us perspective, as in 2025 terms the total costs of this upgrade would be \$102,464.92.

The “G” cost \$25 or \$854.96 in 2025 terms. The “G” was wired for electricity along with desks lamps by the R.E. Moore Company for \$25.10; similar to the cost of the “G” itself. The additional upgrades included: new carpet, rugs, shades, furniture for \$2,073.15 (\$71,000 today), cleaning the organ for \$9 (\$307.79), plaster work for \$37.62 (\$1,255.77), wiring for lights \$69 (\$2,359.69), among various other things. Of note, a bible was purchased for the Blue Room for \$12 (\$410), and rod holders for \$5 (\$170.99). Particularly relevant to our degree work, the columns were regilded at the cost of \$65, or \$2,222.90 today.

The best part of this information though is that the “G” was crafted by a “Wm Reith”. What a beautiful discovery that not only revealed the cost to the fraternity, but also the identity of the well-regarded craftsman. From initial inquiry, William Reith was a very skilled stained-glass artist, who settled in Philadelphia before the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Reith’s work adorned churches, many in Philadelphia, and he was in high demand as a leading artist in his field. It is easy to gather why the brothers at the turn of the new century would have sought Reith out to beautify their meeting room, and that he actively advertised for stained glass commissions.

Thus, a part of our heritage is now better understood for the benefit of the Craft at large in our jurisdiction. This small piece of history connects us to our forefathers, as well as to a true, operative craftsman, William Reith, as the letter “G” has hung over the East for many communications of our lodges and Grand Lodge. May the contributions of the brothers in the past be remembered, and pride be taken when we behold our letter “G”.



## Grand Lodge Day Picnic 2025

On August 9, 2025, the Grand Lodge of Delaware hosted its annual Family Picnic at Killens Pond State Park, bringing together more than 250 brothers, family members, and friends for a day filled with fellowship, fun, and great food; and were joined by M.:W.: James R. Hanby, Sr, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, and many of the elected and appointed Grand Staff.

One of the day's highlights was the spirited competition for the Traveling Gavel from all three districts. Washington Lodge No. 1 claimed the District 1 gavel, Ionic Lodge No. 31 secured the District 2 gavel, and Independence Lodge No. 76 took home the District 3 gavel. Congratulations to all the winners!

A special thanks goes to Brother Shawn Lovenguth and his hardworking committee for organizing an outstanding event. A big thank you also goes out to our Delaware DeMolay for helping with the serving and clean-up. During the picnic, special award presentations were made to the young men of our Demolay for completing several special requirements; including a service award.

The fun didn't stop at the picnic grounds. Many brothers and their families took over the Killens Pond campground C-Loop for the entire weekend, camping from Thursday through Sunday. The campground buzzed with even more fellowship, delicious meals, and friendly competition. The annual cornhole tournament was especially exciting, with R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Richard M. McTheny and Brother Carl Troubetaris emerging as champions and proudly taking home the trophy.

If you couldn't make it this year, make sure to save the date for next year's Grand Lodge Picnic — **August 8, 2026**, once again at Killens Pond State Park. You won't want to miss it!









## Jackson Lodge Welcomed for the “Heavy Lifting” Renovating Delaware City Library

On Wednesday, September 10, the Delaware City Library welcomed a team of dedicated volunteers from Jackson Lodge No. 19 to assist with their ongoing renovation project. The library has been undergoing an exciting transformation with fresh paint, new carpet, upgraded lighting, modern computers, and more. But one major challenge came with the installation of the new carpet—every aisle of bookshelves had to be reinstalled on the new carpet.

That’s where the officers and members of Jackson Lodge stepped in. With teamwork and determination, the Lodge members reestablished the shelving and aisles throughout the building, including the main floor and children’s area. In addition to bookshelves, the team also assisted in relocating several heavy items such as office desks, tables, and movable partition walls.

When the group from Jackson Lodge first arrived, the library resembled more of a storage warehouse than a community hub. By the time they left, however, the space once again looked—and felt—like a library, with organized aisles and bookshelves ready to be restocked.

This effort highlights the true spirit of Masonic community service. The Freemasons have long believed in strengthening communities through acts of service, and the Delaware City Library project is a shining example. By lending their time, skills, and sweat, the brothers of Jackson Lodge not only supported the library staff but also helped ensure that the entire community benefits from a revitalized learning and gathering space.

In the end, it was more than just moving shelves and furniture—it was about lifting up the community. Libraries serve as the heart of a town—providing knowledge, resources, and a safe place for children, families, and neighbors to grow. By volunteering to bring the library back to life, Jackson Lodge No. 19 demonstrated that teamwork, brotherhood, and service to others remain at the core of Freemasonry.





## **Delaware DeMolay September 2025**

Now that school has started back we are in full swing to get back to meetings. Some events coming up include the Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge on February 28, 2026 at Union Lodge No.7 in Dover, DE. Tickets will be available at the Grand Lodge Annual and also on Eventbrite. For those of you that would like hard tickets please let me know at [deldemolay@gmail.com](mailto:deldemolay@gmail.com). As soon as the Eventbrite is setup I will get the information out as quickly as possible. We have been asked to attend the Community Night in Georgetown in October; this will be a great opportunity to get the word of DeMolay out to the young men in the area. I am hoping that this will be a successful endeavor.

I would like to thank all of the Lodges, Eastern Star and other Appendant and Concordant bodies that donated to our annual Conclave. It was a great success and because of your help the young men had the chance to do some fun stuff and from what I understand eat a lot of ice cream.

Now for my usual pitch, we are really hurting for members. Our average age here in Delaware is now at 18.7. I need your help to get some younger members in, so as always if you know of a young man between 12 and 21 you can contact me and I will do my best to get some information to them. I am also looking to hold some Open Houses and would like to know if there are any Lodges that would be willing to let us have it at their facility. This is just basically a way to get the word of DeMolay out and to answer any questions that prospective members may have. Please reach out to me and let me know if you could help with this. In closing I hope everyone had a great summer and are ready to get back to meetings.

Dave Penney E.O.





## **District One's Actual Past Master Degree**

by Patrick Light, Past Master & Edited By: Douglas Cummings

District One was blessed this past June as Washington No. 1, Temple No. 11, Lafayette No. 14, and Granite-Corinthian No. 34 all elected a brand new Master to the East.

Lafayette Lodge No. 14 had the honor, during its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, to open a Special Communication on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for the purpose of conferring the Actual Past Master's Degree on the Worshipful Master Elects with Worshipful Brother Michael Jones, Grand Tiler, as Senior Deacon, and Worshipful Brother Patrick Light as Master. The degree was conferred upon:

Washington No. 1: David Walters

Temple No. 11: Albert Lefranc

Lafayette No. 14: Douglas Cummings

Ionic No. 31: Micheal Rodgers

Granite-Corinthian No.34: David Baumberger

Thirty Past Masters were in attendance, including Most Worshipful Brother Steven Tucker, Past Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother Richard Talbott, Past Senior Grand Warden. It was a great evening showcasing unity in Northen Delaware, and we wish the incoming Masters success during their year in the Oriental Chair.

**Vive la Fayette! Honoring 200 Years of Heritage at Old Town Hall**

Celebrating Most Worshipful Brother Lafayette's Final Visit to Delaware and  
the Grand Lodge of Delaware A.F.&A.M.

*Also Highlighting the Bicentennial of Lafayette's October 6, 1824, Visit, 2025 Unity Day at the Philadelphia  
Masonic Temple, and a Commemorative Plaque*

By W.B. Patrick Light, Past Master

Edited by W.B. Douglas Cummings, Worshipful Master



Lafayette Lodge No. 14 After Opening at Old Town Hall, July 26, 2025 (Left to Right)

Bro. Mike Pyle, MWB Ronald Ferraro PGM, Bro. Evan Kallish JD, WB Patrick Light WM, WB Michael Rodgers WM of Ionic 31, WB Tyler Bazzoli PM/SD, Bro. David McClure SS, WB David Arnold PM, Bro Douglas Cummings SW/WME, WB Franklin Townsend PM/Secretary

*"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."*

– Sir Isaac Newton

It would be foolish for a leader not to look back on their organization's history. Such an oversight would cause one to wander aimlessly without context, and this is especially true for a Brother who aspires to govern their Lodge successfully. To govern for the enrichment of the Brethren the occupant of the Oriental Chair has to possess a sense of empathy.

Concern and consideration for an enterprise's unique struggles, successes, and gifts, from within the "circles" of the institution is necessary. In Delaware Masonry we have circles of membership on several levels: Blue Lodge and Committees, the greater Masonic Districts within the State, Concordant and Appendant Bodies, and the Grand Lodge and its Committees. A political scientist would tell you that all of these memberships have various influence on your experience, while you have an influence on them, as well.

At the beginning of this year, Most Worshipful Brother James R. Hanby, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, allowed Lafayette Lodge No. 14 to move its charter to the Philadelphia Masonic Temple for the 2025 Unity Day Event. Unity Day is where the several Mid-Atlantic Jurisdictions come together: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Delaware. Each of these Jurisdictions bring their best degree teams out to showcase Ritual. Delaware was represented tremendously by the Delaware Colonial Square Club under the direction of our President, Worshipful Brother Jim Bennet, Past Master. Worshipful Brother Bennet agreed to allow Lafayette No. 14 to bring their Charter to this event, because 2025 marked the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Lodge's formation.

After both of Delaware's exemplifications, I was given the honor of explaining to the packed lodge rooms the significance of the Lafayette No. 14 Charter to the Fraternity at large, but, more particularly, as the cherished gem of our State. Ours being the only known lodge charter to have been signed by the beloved, French General and our Lodge's namesake.



The Delaware Colonial Square Club at the Philadelphia Masonic Temple for Unity Day 2025 on January 25 prior to our 2<sup>nd</sup> exemplification of the day (Left to Right)

Lower: WB Kevin O' Rourke PM, WB Mo Little PSGS, WB Tim Wolf PM, MW James Hanby GM, RW Larry Derr GM, WB Jamie Locklear, WB Anthony Valenti PM, WB Patrick Light WM (Holding Lafayette No. 14's Charter)

Middle: WB Russell O'Neill PM, WB Andrew Green SGD, Bro Vern Hanby Aide, WB J.B. Mitchell PM, WB John Turansky PSGD

Back: MW John Marinucci PGM, WB Jamie Fields GSB, MR Eric Evans PGChaplain, MW Dean Disharoon, PGM, WB Jim Bennet PJGS, RW Rick McTheny DGM

After shedding light about the importance of our Charter, several Brothers from Delaware shared that they had no idea about the background story of Brother Lafayette becoming Delaware's first Honorary Grand Master and signing the Lafayette No. 14 Charter. Masons today stand on the shoulders of giants, and we are lucky to receive a rich history from the devoted Brothers who toiled in the quarries of Delaware Masonry – let's examine a piece of it now together to arrive at Old Town Hall on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

August 2024 marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier de La Fayette, better known as the Marquis De Lafayette, to America. To celebrate this bicentennial, having received the support or direction of the national non-profit group, the American Friends of Lafayette, many States held programs to commemorate Lafayette's visit to their specific land.

In 1824, at the invitation of President James Monroe, Lafayette returned to the United States to tour the prospering young nation for which he fought for decades earlier, when it was a patchwork of colonies rebelling against the British for independence. Several friends and family members accompanied Lafayette during his travels, including his son, Brother George Washington Lafayette, and his secretary, Brother André-Nicolas Levasseur.

From 1824 to 1825, during his return travels of America, Lafayette was met with large fanfare and celebration at every stop. Many of the events on his comeback tour were led, hosted, or supported by Freemasons in the respective States; by Lodges or that State's Grand Lodge.

Brother Lafayette visited Delaware on October 6, 1824. He made his way South down a major roadway leading into the City of Wilmington. The Grand Lodge of Delaware formed in procession to meet Brother Lafayette, and escorted him to Town Hall; now referred to as Old Town Hall. Brother Lafayette was received outside Town Hall with Grand Honors, then led inside, where he exchanged remarks with Most Worshipful Brother J. Gordon Brinckle, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware. After being greeted by others, they retired to the lodge room.

Fast forwarding to the recent past, the Grand Lodge of Delaware did not hold an event to commemorate the bicentennial of Brother Lafayette's first stop to Delaware during the Farewell Tour on October 6, 1824. On October 6, 2024, the Grand Lodge of Delaware and the majority of its membership were preparing for the Annual Communication held in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. The Delaware committee of the American Friends of Lafayette successfully planned public programming at various, historical sites that Brother Lafayette visited on October 6, 1824. These included Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, the Robinson House in Claymont, Brandywine Village in Wilmington, Old Town Hall in Wilmington, and the Amstel House in New Castle. The American Friends of Lafayette provided Lafayette reenactor, Michael Halbert, for the day, and he retraced the historic route Brother Lafayette made through Delaware two hundred years ago, giving presentations at each stop. It was an excellent day, and a treat to visit and see each historic site filled with guests.



Brother Lafayette, portrayed by Michael Halbert, at Old Town Hall on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Returning to the year 1824, following Brother Lafayette’s October 6<sup>th</sup> visit to Wilmington and our Grand Lodge, Brothers were inspired to petition the Grand Lodge of Delaware to form a new lodge and name it in honor of Brother Lafayette. The petition was backed by Washington Lodge No. 1. The prayers of the petitioning Brothers were granted the following calendar year, and a warrant for Lafayette Lodge No. 14 was issued on January 17, 1825.

The Charter Members, who petitioned the Grand Lodge of Delaware to form Lafayette Lodge, were:

Josiah F. Clement, Past Master	John D. Wood, Past Master	John Gordon
James Tilton	Gideon Jaques	Victor duPont
		Nicholas G. Williamson

The Grand Lodge of Delaware corresponded with Brother Lafayette during the first half of 1825 in hopes of inviting and hosting him once again, before he returned to France. The committee assembled by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of receiving Brother Lafayette secured July 25, 1825, and advertised that it would take place at Old Town Hall. Grand Lodge opened a Special Communication, and remarks were given by Most Worshipful Brother Arnold Naudin, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware. Within those remarks, our Grand Master expressed how resolutions were adopted that made Brother Lafayette a member of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and produced a certificate proclaiming the same.

Thus, Brother Lafayette entered the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Delaware as our First Honorary Past Grand Master, and he returned appropriate remarks. Brother Lafayette along with

his Son, Brother George Washington, and his Secretary, Brother Levasseur, signed the Charter of the six-month-old Lafayette Lodge No. 14.

In planning the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Past Masters of our Lodge decided to have a banquet commemorating the milestone anniversary of 200 years. The question became, which event should be honored? The January 17, 1825, Grand Lodge approval to Charter the new Lodge? The March 15, 1825, date, when the Lodge's Officers were installed by Brother Archibald Hamilton and held their first meeting? It was decided to have the banquet as close to the date of Most Worshipful Brother Lafayette's visit to our Grand Lodge and signing of our Charter as possible. In July 2025, the anniversary technically fell on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; so, it was decided that the banquet would be on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, with hopes of boosting attendance.

Conversations occurred with Worshipful Brother Michael Rodgers, the currently sitting Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge No. 31 and the Delaware Lodge of Research, to verify several facts. Worshipful Brother Rodgers shared that it would be quite unique for Lafayette Lodge to meet and have a separate event, from the banquet, at Old Town Hall, as a Masonic Lodge had not met there for more than one hundred years. Several days went by and plans sprung into motion to make the event a reality. In September 2024, Lafayette No. 14 asked Ionic No. 31 to use their traveling furniture, and the then Worshipful Master of Ionic No. 31, Worshipful Brother Jim White, kindly obliged with approval of the lodge.

A quick side note, Lafayette No. 14 celebrated its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a program at Old Town Hall on May 13, 2000, under the direction of Worshipful Master, Brother Robert Benson, with the support of the Delaware Colonial Square Club and the Historical Society of Delaware. Our Lodge rented historically accurate colonial uniforms for participants, processed into Old Town Hall, then reenacted Brother Lafayette's 1825 reception by our Grand Lodge and his signing of the Lodge's Charter. After that, the Brothers processed behind a horse-drawn carriage, traveling north to the Grand Opera House and Masonic Temple. The event even made mention in The News Journal.



News Journal Article covering 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lafayette Lodge No. 14

As for our most recent 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, on Saturday, July 26, 2025, the Officers of Lafayette No. 14 along with Worshipful Brothers, Micheal Rodgers and Bud Skinner, and Most Worshipful Brother, Ron Ferraro, Past Grand Master, arrived to set up lodge inside Old Town Hall around 8:00 a.m. Near 9:00 a.m., lodge was successfully opened by ten Delaware Brothers in Old Town Hall. This was a significant occurrence for many reasons: it is where our Grand Lodge was formed in 1806, and it is where our Grand Lodge and the Citizens of Delaware hosted Lafayette during his Farewell Tour twice. The biggest accomplishment came to light after the Master asked for remarks from the Brethren before calling the Lodge to ease. Worshipful Brother, Michael Rodgers, stood and addressed the Lodge as our Grand Historian, communicating that this was the first time a tiled lodge meeting had occurred in Old Town Hall in over 150 years.

Lodge was called to ease for the reception of guests to enjoy the two-part program for the morning. There were over 40 guests in attendance, along with members of the Caesar Rodney Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The first part of the program was Most Worshipful Brother, James R. Hanby, Sr., Grand Master, and Brother, Laurent Zenidiu (Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29), exemplifying the speeches given by Grand Master, Arnold Naudin, and Brother Lafayette in July 1825 to one another. Most Worshipful Hanby portrayed Naudin, and Brother Zenidiu portrayed Lafayette.

The second part of the program was put on by friend of Lafayette No. 14, William Knightly, a Delaware Historian, who gave an academic presentation on Lafayette and his connections to Delaware.



Historian William Knightly preparing to give his lecture on Lafayette and Delaware at Old Town Hall on July 26, 2025

Most Worshipful Brother, James R. Hanby, Sr., Grand Master, then closed the Lodge. Afterwards Brothers enjoyed an impromptu tour of the building by Ed Richi of the Delaware Historical Society.



Lafayette Lodge No. 14 Before Closing After William Knightly's Program at Old Town Hall (Left to Right)

Lower Row: WB Bud Skinner, MWB Ronald Ferraro PGM, Bro Laurent Zenidü, Bro Evan Kallish, WB Van Olmstead PM, WB Michael Rodgers WM, WB Michael Jones Grand Tiler, Bro Marvin Lightcap GLAOH, Bro Mike Pyle, WB Howard Robertson PM, Bro Darin Lorenzen, WB David Baumberger WM

Higher Row: WB Robert Kleiner Grand Marshal, RWB Robert Carmine Dep Grand Secretary, MWB Glenn Davis PGM/Grand Secretary, WB Lee Stein PM, RWB Richard McTheny Deputy Grand Master, MWB James Hanby Grand Master, WB Patrick Light PM/WM, Bro David McClure, Brother Mike Lange GLAOH, Brother Matt Bailey, WB David Arnold PM, WB Kevin O'Rourke PM, WME Douglas Cummings SW

To punctuate this woven story of Brother Lafayette, Lafayette No. 14, our Grand Lodge, events of both 1824 and 1825, and 2024 and 2025 – let us finish with this. Following Brother Lafayette's second visit to our Grand Lodge at Old Town Hall in 1825, Lafayette retired to the residence at Eleutherian Mills for the evening, the estate of his lifelong friend, French compatriot, E.I. du Pont; today the site of Hagley Museum & Library. Brother Lafayette also visited with Lafayette No. 14's Charter Member, Brother Victor du Pont, E.I. du Pont's older brother. Victor served our fraternity greatly, and held the positions of Grand Treasurer and Grand Marshal. On July 26, 1825, the du Pont's accompanied Brother Lafayette to Brandywine Battlefield, where Lafayette had valiantly fought many years earlier during one of the battles fought for our Nation's independence. Brother Lafayette's visit to Eleutherian Mills, which followed his becoming our First Honorary Grand Master, has been permanently honored at Hagley Museum and Library with a plaque donated by Lafayette Lodge No. 14 in 2025.



Plaque Donated to Hagley Museum & Library by Lafayette Lodge No. 14. Located at the historic site's Bus Waiting Room that serves as the orientation space for their guests before visiting the historic residence and homestead of the du Pont family in the United States.

A deep thank you for their time, counsel, and support to: Most Worshipful Brother, James Hanby, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware; Most Worshipful Brother, Glenn Davis, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary; Most Worshipful Brother, Ronald Ferraro, Past Grand Master; Worshipful Brother, Franklin Townsend, Past Master; Worshipful Brother, Michael Rodgers, Grand Historian; Worshipful Brother, Jim White, Past Master; Worshipful Brother, Bud Skinner, Past Master; Brother Laurent Zenidiu, and the Officers and Members of Lafayette Lodge No. 14. Also, to the Delaware Historical Society and their Staff, our Friends, Carol Washington and Ed Richi. Also, to our Friend, Susan Schatz, President of the Caesar Rodney Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Finally, to Hagley Museum and Library for their generosity and willingness to install a marker honoring Brother Lafayette.

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## Casting Joy: Jackson Lodge No. 19 and NSCF Bring Summer Magic to Sunset Lake

On Saturday, August 3rd, the sounds of laughter, splashes, and excited cheers filled the air at Sunset Lake as The Northern Star Children's Foundation (NSCF) hosted its *Seafood Summer-Q* — a day that many children, and even a few parents, will never forget. In partnership with Jackson Lodge No. 19 of Delaware City, the event brought together community, compassion, and the simple joy of new experiences.

For many children served by NSCF, life's challenges often limit access to the kind of childhood memories that many take for granted — things like fishing off a sun-warmed dock, sharing root beer floats with friends, or feeling the tug of a fish on the line for the very first time. But this day, those moments became real.

With the strong support of Jackson Lodge No. 19, the lake became a haven of laughter and adventure. The highlight of the day was a spirited **Children's Fishing Tournament**, where over a dozen kids — rods in hand — lined the docks with excitement in their eyes. For most, this was their first time fishing. The Lodge's **Senior Steward, David Holloway**, led the tournament, supported by **Past Master Gibby Yoder**, who generously provided a dozen rods and reels so every child could participate. **Captain Bones** donated the bait, and members from the **Newark Anglers Association** came out to coach and encourage the kids. The smiles told the story: this was more than fishing — it was discovery, freedom, and joy.

**Ms. Jada**, one of the youngest participants, stole the show with not only the **most fish caught** but also the **largest** — a **nearly 2-pound largemouth bass**, earning her a brand new fishing rod combo donated by **Marshall Robert Geesaman**. The pride in her smile lit up the dock. Meanwhile, **Jackson Lodge brothers** were busy everywhere — helping little hands bait hooks, guiding casting lines, and ensuring every moment was safe and filled with support. The Lodge also provided and ran all the games, including crowd-favorites like **Giant Jenga** and **Oversized Connect Four**, where adults and kids battled it out with laughter and good-natured challenges. Whether toppling towers or strategic four-disc wins, every moment was a memory in the making.

Along the scenic waterfront, families took in the views, walked the dock, and enjoyed the sounds of the nearby waterfall. Then came the food — and what a feast it was. A **seafood boil** featuring clams, shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes, and sausage anchored the meal. Nearby grills sizzled with **hamburgers and hotdogs**, while **steamed blue crabs** delighted the crowd. The meal ended with a special treat — a **root beer float bar** that brought smiles to every face.

Behind the scenes, **Marshall Robert Geesaman** and **Tyler Ron Teague** manned the grills, keeping the food flowing. Volunteers from Jackson worked tirelessly to cook, serve, and ensure everyone had a plate and a place at the table.

All told, nearly 40 people gathered — a close-knit mix of Lodge members, NSCF families, and community volunteers. It was a day that showed how powerful partnership can be when rooted in service and compassion.

Jackson Lodge No. 19's commitment to community is more than just tradition — it's a lived value. Through events like this, their presence makes a difference that goes beyond dollars or hours — it creates lasting, joyful memories for children who need them most. Together with The Northern Star Children's Foundation, they're casting hope — one smile, one fish, and one root beer float at a time.





**Come Join Us**

**As We Celebrate The Receipt of Our Charter  
With A Visit and Reception Of**

**Most Worshipful James R. Hanby Sr.**

**Guest Speakers      Commemorative Gifts**

**Date: October 7, 2025      Time: 11:00am**

**Cost: \$20.00**

**Location: Delaware 37**

**711 Main St. Dagsboro DE. 19939**

**Lunch Will Be Provided      Ladies Invited**

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# 2025 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE

PRESENTED BY  
**Harmony Lodge No. 13**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2025**

Garrison's Lake Golf Course  
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- ◊ Bronze \$500
- ◊ Hole Sign \$100

## REGISTRATION

- Single Player \$100
- Foursome \$400

➔ **Sign-Up Today**

Call: (302) 242-4132

Email: [HarmonyLodge.No13.SmyrnaDE@gmail.com](mailto:HarmonyLodge.No13.SmyrnaDE@gmail.com)



**31** **OCTOBER**  
5:30 - 8:00 PM

**FREE PARKING**  
PETS WELCOME,  
MUST BE ON LEASH

**ADDRESS:** 198 S. DUPONT HWY  
NEW CASTLE, DE  
(NUR SHRINE CENTER)

## Delaware Freemason – September 2025

The Grand Chapter Ways and Means Committee will be holding an All-In Paddle Raffle fund raising event on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Newark Elks Lodge.

This event is open to the public and we would like to ask, if possible, the Blue Lodges and Brothers please assist with the fund raiser with prize basket donations and ticket sales.

As this event is open to the public all family, friends, and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The ticket cost is \$45.00 each.

There will be several other fund-raising activities during the event including Wine Pull Raffle, Tricky Ticket Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, and more.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase during the event as well.

For further information, to make a Basket Donation, and/or to receive tickets please reach out to the Ways and Means Paddle Raffle Committee.

Charlotte McCall	<a href="mailto:charmccall833@gmail.com">charmccall833@gmail.com</a>	302-438-2756
Rita Skinner	<a href="mailto:rskinner@wbesales.com">rskinner@wbesales.com</a>	302-420-6755
Bud Skinner	<a href="mailto:bskinner@maintenance-tech.net">bskinner@maintenance-tech.net</a>	302-420-6912

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

<p><b>GRAND CHAPTER OF DELAWARE</b> ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR</p> 				
<p><b>ALL-IN PADDLE RAFFLE FUNRAISER</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b> <b>NOV 16, 2025</b> <b>2PM-5PM</b> <b>DOORS OPEN 1:30</b></p> <p><b>NEWARK ELKS LODGE</b> <b>2281</b> <b>42 ELKS TRAIL</b> <b>NEW CASTLE, DE 19720</b></p> <p><small>SPECIAL DRAWING VALUED AT \$50 GET 1 TICKET PER UNWRAPPED TOY YOU BRING VALUED AT \$15</small></p>				
<p><b>TICKETS \$45</b></p> <p><b>ADVANCED TICKET PURCHASE</b> <b>!! STRONGLY ENCOURAGED !!</b></p> <p><b>WINE PULL, TRICKY TICKETS, 50/50 AND INSTANT 50/50</b></p> 	<p>Join us for our Paddle Auction Fund Raiser to support The OES Grand Chapter Ways and Means. There will be many Unique and exciting items up for grabs.</p> <p><b>WINNER</b> <b>FOOD &amp; DRINK COMBOS</b> <b>AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE</b></p>			
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**November 29,  
2025**

# **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOY-DRIVE GOLF CLASSIC**

*In support of Shriners Hospital for Children*

## **PARTICIPATION**

**10 AM SHOTGUN START  
TEAMS OF 2 OR 4**

REGISTRATION FOR **EACH**  
PLAYER IS **\$200** WORTH OF NEW,  
UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR ALL AGE  
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(NO BIKES OR SCOOTERS)

LAST YEAR WE RAISED **\$20,000**  
AND DELIVERED OVER **200** TOYS!  
**LET'S DO IT AGAIN!**



## **SPONSORS**

**\$175/Hole**

**6 HOLES - \$1000  
12 HOLES - \$1800  
18 HOLES - \$2250  
18<sup>th</sup> HOLE - \$650  
(CLOSEST TO THE CLUBHOUSE)**

*Please make  
checks payable to:*  
**COLLETT & SONS  
370 N MAIN ST  
SMYRNA DE 19977**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REGISTER TO PLAY PLEASE CONTACT  
DELANEY OR TYLER

**302-376-1830**

**[Delaney@collettandsons.com](mailto:Delaney@collettandsons.com)**

**[Tyler@collettandsons.com](mailto:Tyler@collettandsons.com)**

## **HARMONY LODGE NO. 13 ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT**

On Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, several Brethren of Harmony Lodge No. 13, along with their family and friends, gathered together to keep their Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Adopt-A-Highway clean! A total of seven (7) bags of trash was collected along Rabbit Chase Lane in Smyrna, Delaware . . . helping to keep our community clean.





**Delaware Lodge of Research A. F. & A. M.  
PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Delaware Lodge of Research A. F. & A. M. was warranted and constituted by the Grand Lodge of Delaware. It is a statewide Masonic body for the purpose of promoting Masonic research and study. The Lodge holds four stated meetings per year in different areas of the state. The transactions of the Lodge will be published. Membership is open to all Master Masons in good standing in recognized Lodges, with members of Delaware Lodges being Full Members and members of other recognized Grand Lodges being Associate Members.**

Please type or legibly print the following information:

Name in full: \_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

I, hereby, apply for membership in the Delaware Lodge of Research. I am a member of a recognized Lodge and, if accepted, will abide by the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and the By-laws of this Lodge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by Lodge Master or Secretary:

Name of Verifier: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_, Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee \$20.00 & First Year's Dues \$5.00 – Total \$25.00

Make check payable to 'Delaware Lodge of Research'

# Attend your Blue Lodge

1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Washington Lodge No. 1	2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	St. John's Lodge No. 2	1406 Wilmington Road. New Castle
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Hope Lodge No. 4	102 West 6th Street, Laurel
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Union Lodge No. 5	105 West Park Place, Middletown
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Union Lodge No. 7	1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	Temple Lodge No. 9	125 Causey Avenue, Milford
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Temple Lodge No. 11	818 North Market Street, Wilmington
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Franklin Lodge No. 12	151 E. Market Street, Georgetown
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Harmony Lodge No. 13	11 North Main Street, Smyrna
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Lafayette Lodge No. 14	2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Jefferson Lodge No. 15	116 1/2 Second St., Lewes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Endeavor Lodge No. 17	201 Mill Street, Milton
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Jackson Lodge No. 19	406 4th Street, Delaware City
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Hiram Lodge No. 21	2710 Woodland Ferry Road, Seaford
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Eureka -Dupont Lodge No. 23-29	2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Hiram Lodge No. 25	207 East Delaware Avenue, Newark
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	Armstrong Lodge No. 26	112 East Market Street, Newport
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Gethsemane No. 28	2710 Woodland Ferry Road, Seaford
1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Doric Lodge No. 30	35476 Atlantic Avenue, Millville
1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	Ionic Lodge No. 31	1406 Wilmington Road. New Castle
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34	1611 Concord Pike, Wilmington
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Solomon Lodge No. 36	112 East Market Street, Newport
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Delaware Lodge No. 37	28892 Church Street, Dagsboro
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	High Noon-Unity Lodge No. 38	112 East Market Street, Newport
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Independence Lodge No. 76	Various District 3 Lodges





**The Shield & Square Club of Delaware seeks to strengthen the Masonic ties among brethren in the first responder community – police, fire, military, EMS, dispatchers, judicial, corrections and government. The Shield & Square Club of Delaware currently meets monthly at the Grotto's in Middletown.**

**The Shield & Square Club of Delaware is available to confer the Sublime Degree of Master Mason upon candidates by request.**

**The Shield & Square Club of Delaware is now accepting applications for membership.**

**For more information, contact Tyler Thompson at [thompsons44@gmail.com](mailto:thompsons44@gmail.com)**

## Let's Go To Lodge Tonight!

Unknown Author

Let's Go To Lodge Tonight  
My brother, let's go to Lodge tonight  
You haven't been for years.  
Let's don our Lambskin Apron white  
And sit among our peers.

I feel a kind of longing, see,  
to climb those creaky stairs  
I know it'll be a thrill for me  
to lay aside my cares.

We'll meet the Tyler at the door  
and though he'll hesitate,  
we'll hear him say just as before,  
Come in or you'll be late.

I'd like to get out on the floor  
Come on, let's get in line  
I want to face the East once more  
And give the same old sign.

I want to hear the gavel rap  
the Craftsmen to attention  
and see the Master don his cap  
a night without dissention.

So come! Pass up that picture show,  
or your wrestling bout or fight  
Switch off that TV set! Let's go!  
Let's go to Lodge tonight.



**Masonic Brotherhood Riders of Delaware**



**The Masonic Brotherhood Riders of Delaware**

**Invite all**

**Masonic Brother Motorcycle Enthusiasts**

**With a Passion for Riding**

**To come and Join our Group.**



**To better unify Masonic Riders throughout the State of Delaware**

**Efforts are being made by the MBRDE to reestablish**

**The Northern Chapter to work in unison with the Southern Chapter**

**Membership is Open to All Masonic Brothers in Good Standing**

**It is the intent of MBRDE to have Northern and Southern Chapters work together and compliment each Chapters activities.**

**The Reestablishment of the Northern Chapter will require a minimum number of active members to be determined and the assistance of the prospective members in the officer line.**

**If you would like to Join the MBRDE-NC**

**Contact**

**WM Steve Salvatelli 302-691-5961 shalvatelli@comcast.net**

**Bud Skinner 302-420-6912 bskinnet@maintenance-tech.net**

**OR**

**Reach out to any Masonic Brotherhood Rider**





**Masonic Brotherhood Riders of Delaware Northern Chapter**

**Petition for Membership**

(CLEARLY PRINT ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION)



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name, # & City: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (Check One): Full Member \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Member \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Size: \_\_\_\_\_ cc

Other Motorcycle Group Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's/Significant Other's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rides w/you? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ On Own Bike? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Emergency Contact (if other than above):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

References (must be MBR-NC/SC members in good standing):

#1 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ MBR Chapter: NC SC

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ MBR Chapter: NC SC

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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To be completed by MBR-NC:

Petition Fee & Dues \$20- \_\_\_\_\_ BL Verified \_\_\_\_\_ Ride Verified \_\_\_\_\_

Date-Acc/Reject \_\_\_\_\_ Card Issued \_\_\_\_\_



Delaware is calling all Masonic Uniformed Services  
Veterans.

We are trying to reestablish a Chapter in Delaware. Our first step is to establish interest. We need 18 Master Masons that are veterans. 8 must be new members. If interested Please contact David Walters 302-415-0861 or email [davidskenpo@gmail.com](mailto:davidskenpo@gmail.com).

Thank you all for your service!



**WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
OF THOSE BROTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED  
BY THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE  
(JULY 1, 2025 – AUGUST 31, 2025)**

2025-08-09	Alison F.	Manns	Jr. PM	Temple Granite-	11
2025-08-09	Joseph Scott	Milhoan		Corinthian	34
2025-07-19	George E.	Gadsby		Jefferson	15



Brethren,

On behalf of Right Worshipful Richard M. McTheny, DGW, GM elect, and his lady, Marianne, I am pleased to share with you information about the 2026 Grand Lodge of Delaware Masonic Cruise.

The cruise on the beautiful Carnival Magic will depart Miami, Florida on Saturday, March 7, 2026. The itinerary includes four relaxing days at sea and stops in the sunny ports of Aruba, Curacao and Amber Cove (Dominican Republic), before returning to Miami on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Registration is now open. By booking this early, there is nearly a year and a half to make payments as final payment is not due until November 1, 2025. There are multiple cabin options to fit any need you would like.

If you heard about the many fun times on the Masonic Cruise in 2018, you will definitely not want to miss this one.

To make your reservations, please contact Aaron Jackson from Dreams Fulfilled Travel at (302) 858-7841 or by email at [aaron.jackson@DreamsFulfilledTravel.com](mailto:aaron.jackson@DreamsFulfilledTravel.com). If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at (302) 270-4391.

Fraternally,  
Chad Robinson, PGMar.



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**Grand Lodge Cruise  
Carnival Magic  
March 7 - 15, 2026**



## 8 Day Southern Caribbean



Day	Port of Call	Arrival Time	Depart Time
Sat	Miami		03:30 PM
Sun	Fun Day At Sea		
Mon	Amber Cove	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Tue	Fun Day At Sea		
Wed	Aruba	09:00 AM	10:00 PM
Thu	Curaçao	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Fri	Fun Day At Sea		
Sat	Fun Day At Sea		
Sun	Miami	08:00 AM	



**Rates are per person double occupancy**

not included: insurance, tax, port fees, gratuities, airfare, transportation, hotel stays, excursions

Deposit of \$500 per cabin due at booking

Final Payment due November 1, 2025

Optional Travel Insurance is available, quote provided after booking

Third and fourth guest rates are available along with other cabin options.

Valid Passport recommended for cruise travel outside the US



**Interior @ \$724  
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**"You're supposed to say 'I do,'  
not 'So Mote It Be!'"**

**- JSN**