



Delaware Freemason



November 2025



220th Annual Communication Grand Master's Banquet



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Grand Lodge Banquet**



Grand Lodge Installation





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M.:W.: John W. Marinucci, PGM, Grand Treasurer – R.:W.: Andrew C. Greene, Junior Grand Warden – R.:W.: Matthew W. Thompson, Deputy Grand Master – M.:W.: Richard M. McTheny, Grand Master – R.:W.: William C. Thompson, Senior Grand Warden – M.:W.: Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM, Grand Secretary – R.:W.: Robert R. Carmine, Deputy Grand Secretary

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R.:W.: Thomas J. Ventura, Sr., PJGW, Aide to the Grand Master – W.: Michael A. Swain, Senior Grand Deacon – W.: James M. Locklear, Sr., Junior Grand Deacon – W.: John B. Vandergrift, Grand Sword Bearer – W.: Samuel R. Smith, III, Junior Grand Steward – M.: Rev.: Karl E. Hitchens, Grand Chaplain – W.: Shawn L. Lovenguth, Grand Marshal – W.: Eric C. Johnson, Grand Tiler – Brother Carl S. Troubetaris, Aide to the Grand Master – W.: Kevin J. Musto, Senior Grand Steward – Brother Vernon E. Hanby, Aide To Grand Master



Message from your Grand Master

M.:W.: Richard M. McTheny

Brethren,

I am filled with gratitude and excitement as we begin this Grand Lodge Masonic year together. Since my Installation on October 9th, it has been an honor to represent the A.F. & A.M. Masons of Delaware and share in fellowship with so many of you. My theme for this year is **“Strong Bonding, Strong Future”**—a reminder that the strength of our fraternity lies in the connections we build today for the generations to come. Myself and Lady Marianne have hit the ground running to support this fraternity and uphold the standards of our Theme.

Here are some of the memorable meetings and activities I’ve attended so far:



I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and continuing to strengthen the bonds that unite us. Together, we will build a **Strong Bonding, Strong Future** for our fraternity.

Thanks,
MW Rick McTheny, GM

- ✦ 10/9 – Installation at CFD
- ✦ 10/11 – Union 7 Outdoor Degree, where I had the privilege of raising my son in the East
- ✦ 10/13 – Nur Shrine Mini Chopper Meeting
- ✦ 10/14 – Masonic Charities Committee Meeting
- ✦ 10/15 – Grand Visit to Gethsemane 28 & Hiram 21 with our ladies
- ✦ 10/16 – Scottish Rite October Business Meeting and Awards with Marianne at Union 7
- ✦ 10/18 – Scottish Rite Reunion #1 (12th & 15th Degrees) at 818 Market St.
- ✦ 10/20 – Mini Chopper ManDay Monday Shriner Fundraiser
- ✦ 10/21 – Jackson 19 Stated Communication & Chili Cook-Off
- ✦ 10/22 – Mt. Moriah Table Lodge in Westhampton, NJ
- ✦ 10/23 – Scouting Award Committee Meeting
- ✦ 10/24–10/26 – SeaWitch Festival and Parade with Nur Shrine
- ✦ 10/27 – Shield and Square Club Meeting
- ✦ 10/28 – Franklin 12 Grand Visit
- ✦ 10/29 – GL Secretaries Meeting at Union 7
- ✦ 10/30 – Southern Shrine Club Ladies Night Dinner at Roma’s
- ✦ 10/31 – Trunk or Treat at Nur Shrine
- ✦ 11/1 – Nur Shrine Ceremonial (morning) and Harvest Ball (evening)
- ✦ 11/4–11/6 – Grand Lodge of NJ Annual Communication and Installation
- ✦ 11/7 – Flag distribution at Veterans Cemetery in Bear & a visit to the campers with Nur Shriners Caravan Club
- ✦ 11/8 – Harmony Lodge Grand Lodge Members Nominations Meeting
- ✦ 11/10 – Tun Tavern Marines 250th Birthday Block Celebration & Masonic Charities of Delaware \$50K check presentation
- ✦ 11/11 – Delaware 37 Grand Visitation
- ✦ 11/12 – St. John’s No. 2 Stated Communication with Suicide Prevention presentation by Kyle Hitchens
- ✦ 11/13 – Nur Shrine Mini Choppers Meeting
- ✦ 11/14–11/16 – Maryland Grand Annual Meeting and Banquets

Guest of the Nation

-Michael B. Rodgers – Grand Lodge of DE - Archivist



ODE TO MASONRY

Full Chorus.

Hail! Cœlestial Masonry,
Craft that makes us wise and free !
Heav'n-born cherub! bring along
The tuneful band, the patriot song ;
See Washington, he leads the train,
'Tis he commands the grateful strain;
See ev'ry crafted son obeys,
And to the god-like brother homage pays.

Song.

Then give to merit what is due.
And twine the mystic bays;
In joyful strains his deeds renew.
And ring the hero's praise.

Recitative.

While time brings mortal honours to decay, 'Tis
freedom gives, what time can't steal away:

Song.

Unbend his brow from martial care.
And give the patriot rest;
Who nobly brav'd the storms of war,
To make his country blest.

Recitative.

Wake from the tomb the souls of martyrs Free,
To view this hemisphere of liberty.
Let them with ravish'd eyes look down upon
The glorious work perform'd by Washington.

Song.

Then brethren to my lays attend,
 And hail our father and our friend;
 Let fame resound him thro' the land.
 And echo “ 'Tis our Master Grand.”

Recitative.

Begin, ye sons of Solomon,
 Prepare the wreath for Washington:
 'Tis he our ancient craft shall sway,
 Whilst we with three times three obey.

Song.

When evening's solemn hours pervade,
 We choose the still masonic shade;
 With hearts sincere, our hands upon,
 We bless the widow's mystic son..

Recitative.

For you, my friend, the inspired muses sing,
 Thou firm opposer of a tyrant king;
 Go imitate in fact our glorious head,
 And in the Lodge, O Procter, take the lead..

I.

Support the Craft with honest pride;
 When in the field, our foes confound,
 Display your iron thunders wide,
 And strew the bleeding courses round.

II.

Let patriot fire strain ev'ry nerve.
 For Washington upon you smiles;
 With him 'tis more than fame to serve,
 'Tis fame with him to share his toils.

Grand Chorus.

Hail! Cœlestial Masonry,
 Craft that makes us wise and free !
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 The tuneful band, the patriot song ;
 See Washington, he leads the train,
 'Tis he commands the grateful strain;
 See ev'ry crafted son obeys,
 And to the god-like brother homage pays.

February 7, 1779

– J. P.

“It proved a day long to be remembered. Our Lodge No. 2, together with the worthy Brethren of Lodges No. 3 and No. 4, had for some months past concerted a design to revive the ancient celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist—a custom once well-observed among us, but unhappily neglected during the late War. The committee appointed for the restoration of this solemnity chose, with great propriety, the Reverend William Smith to deliver the discourse. It was likewise resolved that the Brethren should form a public procession from the College of Philadelphia unto Christ Church, where Divine Service was to be performed.”

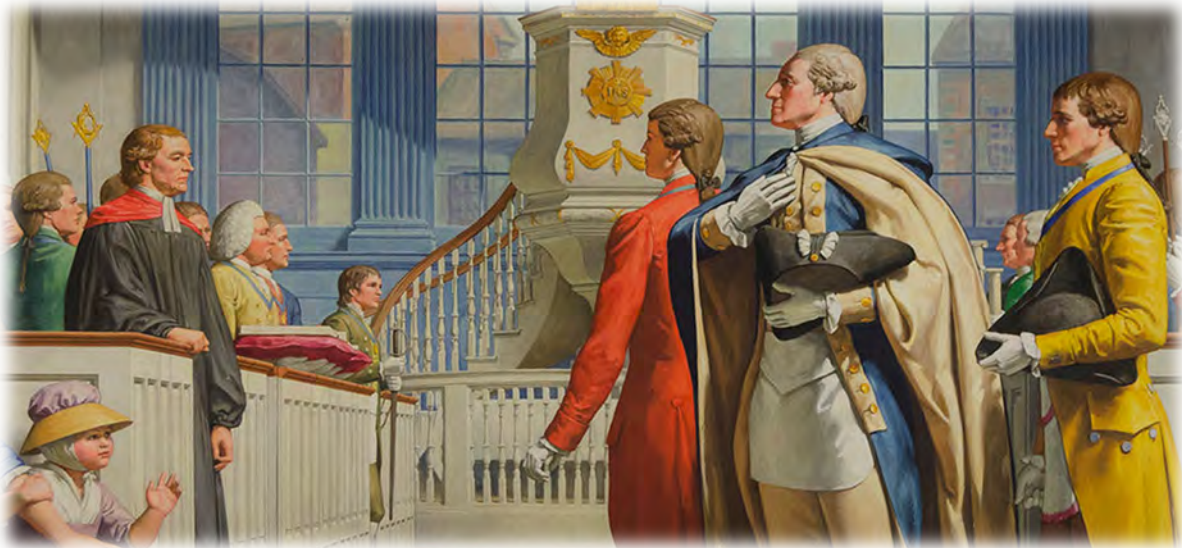
Yet scarcely a week before the appointed day, it pleased Providence that His Excellency, General Washington, arrived in our city. A committee was immediately dispatched to wait upon him and to entreat his company in the procession. It was with no small joy that we received his gracious reply, expressing his ‘grateful satisfaction and consent thereto.’

When at length the morning of the Feast arrived, our Grand Master, William Ball, accompanied by His Excellency General Washington, took the lead of a procession numbering near three hundred Masons. Upon reaching Christ Church, we were edified by a most spirited and animated sermon from Brother Smith—one that stirred anew in every breast the sacred flame of Liberty.”

Thus it was, on Monday the 28th of December 1778, that our dear Brother General George Washington, Brother William Ball, and near three hundred other Brethren formed a public procession in full Masonic regalia, proceeding with great solemnity from the College of Philadelphia (now known as the University of Pennsylvania) unto Christ Church. At that time, it stood as the largest assemblage of Freemasons ever convened upon this continent.

It is likewise deserving of remark that General Washington attended very few Masonic events throughout his life; which consideration renders this particular occasion of his attendance yet more remarkable and worthy of remembrance.

So memorable was it in fact that it inspired a brother present, with a Delaware connection, to write the sound found on the preceding pages. If you like to learn more about this brother and his connection to Delaware please check the next edition of the Delaware Freemason. You could also “Google” it, but where would the fun be in that?



Delaware DeMolay November 2025

Delaware DeMolay has been a little off track this last month due to the some of our schedules, however, we did participate in the Community Night in Georgetown. Attendance was a little light but we did talk with a few folks. We will be participating in the spring night also and hopefully the attendance will be higher. I am attaching a picture to show you our setup at the event. I will be raising money to purchase the backdrop you see in the picture. The biggest difference will be that it will have “Delaware DeMolay” on one side and our standard marketing on the other.

The only other events we have going on at this time will be our Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge on February 28, 2026 to be held at Union Lodge No. 7 in Dover. There is a flyer in this issue so you can click on the QR code to order your tickets. Or you can email me or call me (deldemolay@aol.com or Cell 302-745-6984) and I will put you on the list. This is our biggest event every year and a lot of fun and I foresee this one being the same way. Good food, Brotherhood and a ton of fun. Maybe the Delaware DeMolay will win the loudest and proudest again this time. You will have to attend to find out. Other events in the works are a couple of open houses across the Jurisdiction to get the word out on DeMolay. Henlopen Chapter is planning their annual Chili/Cornbread competition for this spring, more information to follow.

As always I am going to make a pitch in regards to membership. As with many organizations our membership is down. However, I know that the Masonic family can help us out. We are looking for young men between the ages of 12 and 21 to join our fraternity. We have fun, work in the community and help out whenever we can. We also eat a lot of pizza. So, if you know of a young man that meets the requirements please let me know I would be glad to talk with them. If a Lodge would like me to come and speak with them in regards to DeMolay just let me know when and where. I would like to wish each and everyone one of you Happy Holidays. Be safe if you are traveling. In closing I would like to use our motto for DeMolay, God Bless Mother, God Bless Father and may God Bless America.

Dave Penney – Executive Officer



“Freemasonry is Immortal”

By Douglas J. Cummings, Jr.,
WM Lafayette Lodge 14, Wilmington, Delaware
November 8, 2025

There appears to be a trend within the Craft, where Lodges, who have consistently lost more Members than gained over a considerable period of time, are merging with others of greater viability.¹ When such consolidation occurs, it is natural to feel some remorse for the Lodge that turns in its Charter. Equally natural would it be to superimpose this feeling upon Freemasonry as an institution. Then, let us ask the uncomfortable question: “Is Freemasonry as an institution dying?” This article attempts to present one view in response; no, it is not, because it cannot - - Freemasonry is immortal.

At a recent Table Lodge hosted by the Delaware Lodge of Research, I was able to raise this topic during a question-and-answer session with the esteemed Guest Speaker, RWB Andrew Hammer, PM, PJGD (Hon.).² Brother Hammer responded to my inquiry with insight, and invited additional reflection by referencing ritual, when he asked rhetorically, “What is the significance of the Third Degree?” then responded, “Recognition of our own mortality.” This exchange left an impression, causing me to continue to wrestle with the institutional question presented.

As Freemasons, we are keenly aware of own mortality. Indeed, in our Third Degree it can be said that each one of us, through first-person perspective, experiences what it is like for the body to die. But, of equal significance is the complementary lesson, that the soul is immortal. One interpretation of our ritual could be that the intellectual curiosity, possessed by a celebrated artist, is given to each of us, and, therefore, continues without end. Or, in more Renaissance-like terms, the divine spark that inspires us to seek knowledge and wisdom transcends our physical being.

We believe that the Craft incorporates the wisdom of the several philosophies of humankind in its attempt to explain our relationship with God, with universal application. As one example, a principle of Hermeticism incorporated in Freemasonry is that there is a correspondence between the microcosm and the macrocosm. Simply put, “As above, so below.” This principle of antiquity survives in the Craft, when we say that, “man has been

¹ This is not abstract writing, but based on perspective gained from having been involved with two mergers in five years: one, being the merged Lodge; the other, being the receiving Lodge.

² Right Worshipful has agreed to visit Lafayette Lodge No. 14 in the New Year, and speak about a Masonic topic of interest. More information will be forthcoming as the date draws near.

formed in God’s image,” which originates from and endures within the rule and guide of our faith and practice.³

The current trend of Lodges merging can be viewed through the lens of our Third Degree. In so doing, however, I encourage my Brothers to acknowledge the dual significance of that ritual; placing even greater emphasis on that which carries on, rather than that which continues not. Instead of looking at the merger-related return of a Lodge’s Charter as a harbinger of death of Freemasonry as an institution, I submit that we should focus upon how the inextinguishable Divine Light persists, merely in a different physical form. We are not experiencing a time where, “the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” To think in such existential terms would be amiss, and discount our saving grace that still moves upon the waters.

We should consider the return of a Charter in furtherance of merger, as the loss of one physical form and changing into another. In so doing, we should take comfort in knowing that, as long as there are men possessing sufficient curiosity to boldly seek to understand their place in the universe - - and there has been since time immemorial - - the institution of Freemasonry shall survive, in one physical form or another: so long as you, my Brother, continue to believe.

So mote it be.



³ “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him[.]” Genesis, 1:27.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

On Friday, November 7th, Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard M. McTheny, several of our Grand Staff, brothers from around the state, and their ladies, assembled at the Bear, Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, to help distribute more than 20,000 American Flags upon the grave markers of those who served our nation.

Many of our masonic brothers and their ladies took time to visit loved ones and family members laid to rest there . . . sharing stories, prayers, and gratitude. To quote Worshipful Master Carl Pace (Jackson #19) "This wasn't just a ceremony . . . it was a heartfelt tribute to the sacrifices of our veterans, embodying the fraternal bonds that unite us in service.

Job well done Brothers & Ladies . . . thank you





A Seed Planted Two Decades Ago

Celebrating the Wisdom of Most Worshipful Brother James S. Russell, Jr., Past Grand Master and Most Worshipful Solomon L. Henry, Past Grand Master, and Our Compact with The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Delaware

By Worshipful Brother Patrick Light, Past Master
Edited by Worshipful Brother Douglas Cummings, Worshipful Master

“As we discussed, before a plant can grow and bear fruit, a seed must be planted.”

M.W. Brother James S. Russell, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware in private correspondence to Most Worshipful Brother Solomon L. Henry, Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, dated August 17, 2002.

Pictured Left to Right: Most Worshipful James S. Russel, Jr., Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Delaware, with Most Worshipful Solomon L. Henry, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware. Photo provided by Linda Russell.



Masonry’s illustrative lectures repeatedly espouse the fragility of human life. We come into this world to face the uncertain turns of fate and chance to ultimately perish and transcend to eternal life. Once we have, as Shakespeare wrote, “shuffle[d] off this mortal coil” we leave things behind for our friends and family to find or cherish. Amidst the grief we find belongings, but hopefully discover memories and a legacy worth cherishing.

October 2025 marked the first anniversary of the passing of Most Worshipful Brother James S. Russell, Jr., Past Grand Master. Grand Masters in almost every case are larger than life, they are loyal to their lodge, and unwaveringly serve our fraternity. Most Worshipful Russell was no exception: joining Solomon No. 36 on September 16, 1970, serving as Master in 1994 and 2005. His first year on Grand Staff was 1996. He then served as Grand Master in 2001, and later served as Deputy Grand Secretary for eleven years. Most Worshipful Russell was a member of many Clubs and Bodies as well.

Today, the young active Brothers in our rolls who missed out on meeting and interacting with Most Worshipful Russell personally will most definitely know him by his personal initiative in our Grand Lodge, “The Permanent Fund”. The fund came to fruition during Most Worshipful Russell’s term as Grand Master, and continues today to financially assist perpetuating Masonry in Delaware. The Permanent Fund is a lasting tribute to Most Worshipful Russell’s theme as Grand Master, “Delaware Freemasonry – Then, Now, Tomorrow”.

We must also reflect on another important aspect of Most Worshipful Russell’s legacy; that of establishing a relationship with our Prince Hall Brothers here in Delaware. During a Grand Masters term, they often travel to other Grand Jurisdictions to represent Delaware, or ask a member of their Staff to travel in their stead. During travels to other States in 2001 and 2002, Grand Master Russell noticed that many jurisdictions recognized Prince Hall Masonry. If a Brother looked at a map of Prince Hall Recognition at that time, seventy-five percent (75%) of the Grand Lodges acknowledged their Prince Hall counterparts.

Delaware was the outlier of all the neighboring jurisdictions who did not have a formal relationship with their Prince Hall counterpart, and thus Grand Master Russell began to change that. In 2002, Grand Master Russell contacted the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Brother Solomon L. Henry, by phone to inquire his interest to go to dinner together. Grand Master Henry agreed to have dinner on August 14, 2002, at the Kirby and Holloway Restaurant in Dover, Delaware. The restaurant had a private room where the brothers could use to have their meeting, and was used for all the subsequent talks.

During their first meeting the respective Grand Masters also enjoyed the company of then Illustrious Brother Donald D. Thomas, Active for Delaware (who would later serve as Grand Master in 2004). Also in attendance was Most Worshipful Brother C.P. Houston, Jr., Past Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons. The brothers enjoyed one another’s company, had enlightened discussion regarding the history of each Grand Lodge, and began the discussion of formally recognizing one another. Most Worshipful Brother Thomas recalled that Grand Master Henry came with a draft Resolution in hand for the brothers to consider.

Following that initial August 14, 2002, dinner, both sitting Grand Masters exchanged official correspondence from their Offices. Grand Master Russell’s letter was dated August 17, 2002; Grand Master Henry’s response was dated October 3, 2002. Grand Master Russell also sent separate letters to Illustrious Thomas and Most Worshipful Houston. Collectively, the letters highlight the understanding each Brother had of the significance of what transpired. Most Worshipful Henry’s letter displayed a reverence

for our Creator, and stated, “we must wait and see what the future will bring.” Most Worshipful Henry’s words reflected his judicious understanding, per the letter, that Most Worshipful Russell’s term as Grand Master was about to end several days after the letter was sent. However, the seed was planted.

Several more meetings occurred, maybe three or four, in the subsequent years to continue the conversation with Brother Franklin S. Chandler, Sr., being present at each and every meeting as the Chairman for the Compact Committee for Prince Hall, and would later serve as Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons.

Meaningful action resumed between the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware in 2005. On May 16, 2005, Right Worshipful Brother William R. Stevens, Deputy Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother Donald D. Thomas, Past Grand Master, met with Most Worshipful Solomon L. Henry, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, and Right Worshipful Brother James R. Fitzgerald, Deputy Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, for dinner once again. Most Worshipful Ronald W. Conaway, Grand Master of Masons could not attend the dinner due to being ill.

Most Worshipful Thomas presented a draft Compact to be approved by each Grand Lodge. The proposed Compact, prior to the meeting, passed through reviews by elected members of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and the Chair of Jurisprudence. Afterward Most Worshipful Thomas met with the Past Grand Masters, and held meetings in all three districts to discuss the Compact.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge brought the Compact before their members in June 2005 at their Annual Communication, it was approved, and a Committee was formed. During September 2005, Delaware received a formal request from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge. The request went to the Grand Secretary, and to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Most Worshipful Brother James E. Waecker, Sr., Past Grand Master/Grand Secretary prepared a memorandum on June 13, 2006, by order of Most Worshipful Brother Ronald W. Conaway, Grand Master, that there would be an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge at the Newport Masonic Temple on August 12, 2006 to vote, “on the Compact and Recognition of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. &A.M. of Delaware.”

The Compact was approved by the brethren of our Grand Lodge. Several older Past Masters stated it was a unique occurrence for an extra communication of Grand Lodge to be called, and is the only time it has happened during their Masonic career. Brothers in attendance had to confirm their status as members of Grand Lodge to be eligible to vote.

Promptly after, on Saturday, September 16, 2006, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware and The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware held a joint public ceremony in the Blue Room of The Grand Opera House and Masonic Temple. Notably, a tiled lodge meeting was not opened by either Grand Lodge for the event.

The Compact established recognition between the two Grand Lodges, asserting each body's right and legitimacy to exist and operate in our State, and to promote Freemasonry. The Compact was the thirty-eighth (38th) such recognition agreement signed in the United States at the time. The ceremony included receptions of each Grand Master and their Staff, remarks by guest Grand Masters and the Mayor of Wilmington, the Honorable James Baker, as well as the signing of the Compact. Both Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, Committee Members, and Local and State dignitaries signed the Compact.

The Compact Signing Event on September 16, 2006, made front page news on the local printed newspaper, The News Journal, with another write up appearing in print on September 17, 2006. This meaningful event was even covered by national media outlets, The Washington Post and NBC News.



Pictured Left to Right: The Compact and Amendment Signing on September 16, 2006. Most Worshipful James R. Fitzgerald, Jr., Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware and Most Worshipful Ronald W. Conaway, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Delaware inside the Blue Room of the Grand Opera House and Masonic Temple.

In late 2025, just shy of the Compact's twenty year anniversary, the breadth of the Compact has been expanded from what was reflected in the original 2006 document. The growth is a testament to the work began by Most Worshipful Russell and Henry, and their seed has borne meaningful fruit. In regard to Masonic Visitation, the initial 2006 Compact allowed Grand Masters to attend one another's Annual Communication or a joint event. The opportunity for both Grand Lodges to come together and make use of Grand Lodge intervisitation laid dormant for roughly seven years after the signing of the Compact.

During 2013, under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Franklin S. Chandler, Sr., Grand Master of Prince Hall, reciprocal visitations began at the respective Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges. Most Worshipful Chandler stayed active and in communication with leadership of the A.F.&A.M. Grand Lodge for years. After the October 2013 Installation of Officers of the A.F.&A.M. Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Chandler called the newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Barry C. Hughes. Most Worshipful Chandler invited Most Worshipful Hughes to lunch, and the meeting was a success. Most Worshipful Chandler recalled that Most Worshipful Hughes, as we who had the pleasure of knowing him, made those in his presence comfortable and feel welcomed.

Shortly after their first meeting, Most Worshipful Chandler called Most Worshipful Hughes to have lunch again. Most Worshipful Chandler asked Most Worshipful Hughes if he would attend the Annual Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Chandler shared that Most Worshipful Hughes responded: "Grand Master, I was hoping that you would invite us – that is awesome".

Thus, The A.F.&A.M. Grand Lodge attended the 164th Annual Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the first time ever. Of the dozen or so dignitaries from visiting and sister jurisdictions at the Prince Hall Annual Session, Most Worshipful Chandler gave the honor of receiving Most Worshipful Hughes first to the Grand East. The gesture by Most Worshipful Chandler to Most Worshipful Barry was not only kind, rooted in brotherhood, but also a very historic moment for each Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Chandler understood that this was the first time in the history of both Grand Lodges where they met together inside a tiled meeting. As stated previously, the Compact Signing in 2006 was a public ceremony, and lodge was not open for the event.

Pictured Left to Right: Most Worshipful Franklin S. Chandler, Sr., Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware, and Most Worshipful Barry C. Hughes, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Delaware in the Grand East at the 164th Annual Session of Prince Hall on June 22, 2013. Photo provided by Most Worshipful Franklin S. Chandler, Sr.



In 2014, under the leadership of Most Worshipful Chandler and Hughes, the visitation policy expanded and allowed for limited visitation between Blue Lodges of both Grand Lodges. It was required the Masters of both lodges have official communication and approval prior to visiting one another. One example was in January 2014, Brandywine No. 33, traveled with eight brothers to the Masonic Temple on Heald Street, the former location of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, located, at 623 South Heald Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, to pay a scheduled visit to Rising Sun Lodge No. 2. It was the first time a non-Prince Hall affiliated body visited the building. Rising Sun Lodge No. 2, returned the visit to Brandywine No. 33 the same month.



Most Worshipful James S. Russell's mother lodge, Solomon No. 36 was also one of the first lodges to participate in regular intervisitation with a Prince Hall Blue Lodge. Worshipful Master Daniel M. Brandt reached out to St. John's Lodge No. 7, Prince Hall, and held several exchanges. Most Worshipful Chandler, who was at the visitations and a member of St John's No. 7, recalled they were wonderful expressions of Brotherly Affection, and it was neat to have the Grand Masters involved with the relationship building present as well. St. John's Lodge No. 7 also visited Granite-Corinthian No. 34 several times.

Both Grand Lodges continue to work together to promote Freemasonry in Delaware and unity between our Brothers. Annually, our Grand Lodges attend each other's Annual Communication, there is an Annual Unity Table Lodge, Gold Collar Nights, Brotherhood Day at a sporting event, Brotherhood Night at Nur Shrine, and visitations between Blue Lodges.

Thus, we are indebted to Most Worshipful Russell and Most Worshipful Henry for their wisdom of beginning to cultivate a garden to sow a seed to one day enjoy the fruit it bears. Then to the leadership of Most Worshipful Conaway and Fitzgerald to tend to the seedling, and to Most Worshipful Hughes and Chandler for continuing to water and grow the sapling so it can thrive in the garden.

As of November 2025, 46 of 51 Grand Jurisdictions in the United States have joint recognition with their Prince Hall Grand Lodge counterpart.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...” - Psalm 133:1



Pictured: The Signed Compact and Amendment between the two Delaware Grand Lodges on display at in the Grand Opera House and Masonic Temple. Photo by Patrick Light.

Sincere gratitude to Lady Linda Russell, widow of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master James S. Russell, and Most Worshipful Brother Franklin S. Chandler, Sr., Past Grand Master of Prince Hall for their aid, encouragement, and insight. Without Lady Linda's foresight to collect primary documents pertaining the Compact – the knowledge would have been lost to future generations even with serious scholarship. To Most Worshipful Brother Franklin S. Chandler, Sr., for being generous with his time, council, and sharing details that made this article possible. Also, to Worshipful Past Masters, Brothers: Franklin Townsend, Daniel Brandt, and Toland Van Stan for their assistance.

Worshipful Brother G. Thomas Taylor, III Receives Honorary Membership

As received in the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M. :

It's a pleasure to inform you that the RWB George Thomas Taylor III, PGJD, from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, became an honorary member of the Caledonia Lodge No. 465 of the Grand Orient Paulista, and attended its chartering on November 3rd, in our Grand Temple, being received by the Master of the Lodge, RWB Rafael Soneghet and our Grand Master MWB Fernando Fernandes.

It was a Grand Honour for us to receive RWB Taylor, who also attended the installation of the new Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of the Cryptic Freemasons of Brazil, on November 1st in Guarulhos, SP.

Attached a picture of him receiving the Honorary Member Diploma.

Yours fraternally,

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Henrique Affonso de André Sobrinho

Grande Oriente Paulista

Grande Secretário de Relações Exteriores

Grand Secretary of Foreign Relations



Celebrating Brotherhood and Service at the Tun Tavern Rebuild Birthday Block Party

On November 10, 2025, I had the distinct honor of attending the Marine Corps Tun Tavern Rebuild Birthday Block Party alongside Grand Staff members and fellow Delaware Masons. This event marked a significant moment of unity and shared purpose between Freemasonry and the Marine Corps community.

As Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware and in front of over 4,000 attendees, I was privileged to present a **\$50,000 donation check** on behalf of **The Masonic Charities of Delaware** to **Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Robert Brink**, in support of the **Tun Legacy Foundation** and its mission to rebuild the historic Tun Tavern—the birthplace of the United States Marine Corps. and Grand Lodge of PA.

The celebration was truly memorable. I had the opportunity to spend time with **12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Harold G. Overstreet** and **Medal of Honor recipient Harvey “Barney” Barnum**, two remarkable men whose service and character embody the highest ideals of honor and commitment.

This day was not only a tribute to the Marine Corps’ proud heritage but also a shining example of how Freemasonry continues to live its values of charity, brotherhood, and community engagement. It was a great day for all—and a great day for Freemasonry.

MW Rick McTheny, GM



Delaware Freeman – November 2025



The GRAND ALMONER'S Fund

Built By Brotherhood

In the fall of 2024, Scottish Rite Brother Joe Rogers left Delaware for a weekend camping trip to Ithaca, NY with his wife Ann and their dog. It was a familiar escape – peaceful, routine, the kind of trip they had taken many times before. But what happened next would change their lives forever.

After stepping outside their tent one evening, Joe returned acting strangely. Concerned, Ann asked, "Joe, you're not yourself. Are you feeling okay?" She decided to call for medical assistance. Her instincts were right. Joe had suffered a stroke and was rushed to a local hospital, where he would spend the next two weeks. When he was finally stable enough to return to Delaware, he faced more than 100 days in rehabilitation, and the life-altering reality that he would no longer be able to walk.

The Rogers quickly had to adapt to a new normal. They sold both of their vehicles to afford a wheelchair-accessible van. But that was only the beginning. Simply getting Joe out of their home and into the van became a seemingly impossible challenge.



Joe & Ann Rogers

The road ahead was daunting. But the Rogers didn't walk it alone. Joe, a dedicated Mason since 2013, was just weeks away from being installed as Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Delaware. When news of his condition reached his Masonic family, Brothers from across the Jurisdiction sprang into action.

Ann recalled through tears, *"Once the Masons started, they never stopped. I will forever be grateful to them."*

Members of the Valley of Lower Delaware reached out to Stephen McCarthy, 33°, and Illustrious Ricky



NEVER ALONE



Swalm, 33°. Moved by Joe's situation, Ill. Brother Swalm secured a gift from the Grand Almoner's Fund to help with the family's plight.

Within days, a custom ramp was designed, materials were purchased, and volunteers from the Valley showed up — tools in hand, hearts full. They built the ramp that gave Joe his independence back.

"I am beholden to everyone that made this happen," Joe said. "I don't know what I would have done without my Brothers."

Though the stroke changed a lot, it could not shake Joe's devotion to the Craft. He was later installed as Grand



Valley members pitching in to build the ramp

Chaplain in a private ceremony and was honored by his Valley with the Meritorious Service Award. While his mobility limits his attendance at some events, he continues to serve wherever he can.

Reflecting on the experience, both Joe and Ann agree:

"It's heartwarming to know that Masons took care of everything when we were still trying to figure out our new normal. We can't thank them enough."

Joe and Ann are forever grateful for the support they received from the Grand Almoner's Fund.

"The Scottish Rite Grand Almoner's Fund is the heart of what we do. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to get out of my house. Every time I see what it's helped me do, I think of all the Brothers who made it possible through their time and gifts. Thank you all."

Charity Marches On in Delaware City with Jackson Lodge No. 19

On a vibrant autumn day in 2025, Delaware City, Delaware, came alive with the annual Delaware City Days celebration, and Jackson Lodge No. 19 proudly took part in the festivities. Officers and members gathered to march in the community parade, their presence met with enthusiastic cheers from the crowd. Many onlookers represented community organizations that have partnered with the lodge through service events or benefited from its past donations, reflecting the deep ties forged through years of shared commitment to the region.

The streets buzzed with energy, lined with smiling residents and children waving as the parade wove through the heart of Delaware City. The event was a celebration of community spirit, and Jackson Lodge's participation highlighted its longstanding role in fostering unity and goodwill.

Following the parade, the lodge took center stage for a heartfelt moment of giving. Worshipful Master Carl D. Pace III presented two checks from proceeds raised during the Conquer the Canal Marathon, hosted under Worshipful Master Eric Johnson's leadership. The Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery, stewards of a historic site preserving the legacy of Civil War-era United States Colored Troops, received a \$1,000 donation. The Delaware City Fire Company, represented by Fire Chief and Masonic Brother Allan T. MacKenzie II, was presented with a \$2,000 check to support its vital services. These contributions underscored the lodge's dedication to uplifting organizations that strengthen and preserve the community.

The day was filled with joy, connection, and pride for all involved. As Jackson Lodge continues to engage in such meaningful traditions, it reaffirms its commitment to Delaware City, ensuring a brighter future through service, partnership, and generosity.



Independence Lodge in the Community



Sea Witch Parade Oct. 25, 2025



Trunk or Treat



Milton, DE Oct. 31, 2025



Road Clean-up – Lewes, DE Nov. 01, 2025



Jackson Lodge No. 19: Preserving History Through Service at the African Union Church Cemetery

The serene grounds of the African Union Church Cemetery, a historic site in Delaware City. On a crisp autumn day, October 19, 2025, the officers and members of Jackson Lodge No. 19 embodied the timeless Masonic principles of brotherhood and community service. Gathering tools, equipment, and even a tractor converging in Delaware City for their annual fall maintenance at the African Union Church Cemetery (AUCC). This cherished tradition not only beautifies the grounds but also honors a vital piece of Delaware's African American heritage.

The dedicated team, in partnership with the Friends of the African Union Cemetery who manage the property, rolled up their sleeves for a day of meaningful work. Tasks included mowing the lawns, pulling stubborn weeds, trimming hedges, clearing overgrown areas, planting new trees and vibrant flowers, and meticulously wiping down signs and cleaning brick walkways. Their efforts ensured the cemetery remains a dignified and welcoming space for visitors, reflecting the respect due to those interred there.

The African Union Church Cemetery holds profound historical significance, established in 1835 as part of Polktown, one of Delaware's earliest free Black settlements. This half-acre site, purchased by five trustees of the African Union Church for \$80, serves as the final resting place for veterans of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) who bravely served the Union during the Civil War. These soldiers, part of regiments trained in Delaware, fought valiantly in a conflict that reshaped the nation, contributing to the abolition of slavery and the preservation of the Union. The cemetery's preservation efforts, including a rededication in 2016, have uncovered and honored these graves, ensuring their stories endure. Located along the Mike Castle Trail, it stands as a poignant reminder of resilience and sacrifice in African American history.

Through initiatives like this, Jackson Lodge No. 19 not only maintains physical spaces but also safeguards cultural legacies. "Service to our community is at the heart of what we do—preserving the past for future generations." The lodge looks forward to continuing this tradition, inviting others to join in honoring Delaware's rich history.



Jackson Lodge’s Gifts to the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery

For the second time this spring, the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery (FAUCC) has been the recipient of Jackson Lodge generosity.



During Delaware City Day, we were presented a check for \$1,000, a very nice surprise gift from the proceeds from the lodge’s annual marathon.

Then, on the beautiful Sunday Morning of October 19, a group of officers and members of the Lodge trekked out to the historic cemetery with tools, equipment, and with what seemed like boundless energy for our

annual “Fall Cleanup.” The men mowed, trimmed, limbed, and hauled. They freshened the mulch around the trees and bushes and planted a young redbud that had been carefully tended through the summer by a member of the Delaware City Tree Commission. (The cemetery plaza is on city land that is cared for by the FAUCC.)



All that manly energy was put to good use on a plot of land that seems to grow faster than your average acres. But that’s not all. (You’ll like this, ladies.) The men picked up the spray bottles and rags and scrubbed everything—signs, bollards, benches, and fences. They made everything ready for your fall visit to this place of history and honor.

We are so fortunate to have a Masonic Lodge in

Delaware City. The members of Jackson Lodge exemplify the organization’s core value of Charity, whether making food available to any passerby that needs it—stop by their food and book box at 4th & Clinton—or giving many hours of labor to help maintain our city’s most historic and contemplative site.

Thank you, Jackson Lodge, from the Board, Advisors, and Members of the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery!





Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery
PO Box 4200
Delaware City, DE 19706

October 20, 2025

Worshipful Master Carl Pace III
Jackson Lodge Number 19
406 Fourth Street
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Dear Worshipful Master Carl Pace III:

The Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery would like to thank you for your assistance with our Annual Fall Workday at the Cemetery on October 19, 2025. You and your Lodge members worked tirelessly on many needed jobs, including bush hogging and weed eating our periphery, rejuvenating all of our mulched areas, limbing up many of our trees and clearing vines from others, planting a new tree, and cleaning our hardscape of benches, bollards, and interpretive signs.

We greatly appreciate your volunteerism and involvement with the African Union Church Cemetery on this occasion as well as over the years. It has made such a difference in our ability to accomplish our mission of stewardship of the cemetery and education of the public regarding its rich history. Thanks again for another beautiful day of collective work and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Linda Butler
Chair, Property Management Committee
Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery
lbutlerphotos@gmail.com
423-834-3852

cc: Rev. Marilyn Turner; President, FAUCC
Marilyn Whittington; Vice-President, FAUCC

JACKSON LODGE NO. 19 – “ROAD KILL CAFÉ” RE-OPENING

Jackson Lodge No.19 is proud to announce it is bringing back the Roadkill Cafe of Yesteryear!

The Grand Re-Opening of Jackson's Famous Roadkill Cafe is gonna be a real Highway Harvest!

We been collectin' Bumper Bucks, Squished Squirrels, Runned Over Rabbits & even got kin sendin' in things we don't get to hit around here!
Muskrat? You know it... Beaver? We'll eat it!

This is gonna be a bumper bash buffet filled with a variety of the freshest flattened wild game alongside all the fixins! Nice and tender, fresh off the fender!
Shirts & Shoes are required for entry! If you don't have a shirt when you arrive, shirts will be available for purchase. No exceptions on the shoes

Tickets to this shindig are only \$50 bucks a person and we reckon they gonna sell out quick, so get yours today at www.Jackson19.com

Don't forget to bring a few extra dollars with ya for the auctions and Roadkill Cafe Grand Re-Opening Commemorative swag.

The Roadkill Cafe is open to all Masons and their ladies who enjoy a little treat straight off the street!



Jackson Lodge Honors PM Eric Johnson's Charity Year with \$1,000 Gift to Delaware Hospice

On the evening of November 4, 2025, the officers and members of Jackson Lodge gathered with pride and purpose to present a heartfelt gift to Delaware Hospice, a vital pillar of our community. During the ceremony, the lodge presented a check for \$1,000 to the organization, symbolizing financial support and a deep commitment to compassionate care during life's most challenging moments.

This donation marks the culmination of a Masonic year dedicated to service and reflection. During his tenure as Worshipful Master, Brother Eric Johnson selected Delaware Hospice as his chosen charity, channeling the lodge's energies toward an organization that embodies the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. As a final testament to that impactful year, the officers and members stood alongside PM Johnson as we presented their check, underscoring the enduring bonds of fellowship and the lasting legacy of selfless giving.

Delaware Hospice has been a beacon of hope and healing in our state since 1982, serving as the community's trusted nonprofit leader in end-of-life care. With a mission to affirm life through holistic support, they provide expert hospice and palliative services to thousands of Delawareans each year—right in patients' homes, at inpatient centers like the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, or through specialized programs such as Katybug for pediatric care and New Hope for children's grief support. Their multidisciplinary teams, including nurses, social workers, chaplains, and volunteers, address not only physical needs but also emotional, spiritual, and practical ones, ensuring no one is turned away due to financial barriers thanks to donor generosity, Medicare, and Medicaid funding.

The impact of Delaware Hospice ripples far beyond individual families; it strengthens our entire community by connecting people to essential resources, honoring veterans through initiatives like the We Honor Veterans program, and fostering education on advanced illness management. In a world that often feels overwhelming, their work reminds us of the profound power of dignity, comfort, and connection; values that resonate deeply with the Masonic ethos.



Shield & Square Club of Delaware Food Bank Service Project

On October 21, 2025, Brethren of the Shield & Square Club of Delaware, along with their friends and families, gathered at the Food Bank of Delaware to help package food boxes. A fun and productive evening was had by all who attended. The Shield & Square Club of Delaware has this on their radar for another service event at the Food Bank, and they encourage all lodges and all of our Appendant & Concordant Bodies to consider taking part in a community service event at the Food Bank.



Local Little League Game is a Big Hit for Jackson Lodge No. 19!

On the afternoon of October 2, 2025, the officers and members of Jackson Lodge No. 19 embarked on a heartfelt mission to spread goodwill and strengthen community ties with Freemasonry at the Smyrna-Clayton Little League. The event was a vibrant display of Freemasonry's commitment to service, camaraderie, and fostering positivity in the local community.

Under the autumn sun with a nice breeze, the Lodge set up a bustling cooking and serving area, transforming the Little League field into a hub of fellowship and generosity. The team worked tirelessly, grilling and serving 320 hot dogs, distributing over 200 bags of chips, and handing out countless bottles of water—all free of charge. This act of kindness was met with an outpouring of gratitude from attendees, whose smiles and heartfelt thanks reflected the event's profound impact.

The community's response was overwhelmingly positive. Parents, children, and spectators alike expressed their appreciation for the generosity of Freemasonry, with many noting how the free meals brought a sense of unity and joy to the day. One parent remarked, "It's amazing to see organizations like the Freemasons giving back so selflessly. The kids loved the hot dogs, and it made the games even more special." Another attendee shared, "Seeing the Masons out here, working together and serving everyone for free, really shows what community is all about and that good people are still around."

The event also highlighted the deep sense of brotherhood among the Lodge members. From setting up grills to serving food, the members worked in harmony, their laughter and teamwork creating an infectious atmosphere of camaraderie. For the Masons, the day was as much about strengthening their bonds as it was about serving the community. "Being out here with my brothers, cooking and serving together, it's what Freemasonry is all about—building connections and making a difference," shared Marshal Robert Geesaman.

The event brought well-deserved recognition to Freemasonry, showcasing our values of charity and fellowship to the wider community. The sight of Lodge members working diligently to feed families and bring smiles left a lasting impression. Local organizers of the Smyrna-Clayton Little League praised Jackson for their contribution, noting that their presence elevated the event and fostered a spirit of togetherness.

Well, after sunset, as the last hot dog was served, the members of Jackson Lodge No. 19 left the Little League field with full hearts, knowing they had not only spread goodwill but also strengthened the bonds of brotherhood. The event was a shining example of Freemasonry's enduring mission: to uplift communities, inspire joy, and embody the principles of service and fellowship.



S'more from Jackson 19... This Time Joining The NSCF & Filasky's Farm!

On a perfect autumn evening, October 23rd, a spirited team from Jackson Lodge No. 19 rolled into Filasky's Farm in Middletown to chaperone and lend a hand at The Northern Star Children's Foundation's (NSCF) annual Hayride and Bonfire. For the children in NSCF's program, who live in adverse conditions, these outings are pure gold, made possible only through the heart of organizations like NSCF, Filasky's Farm, and Jackson Lodge.

The Filasky family is always a gracious host, flinging open their farm gates once more. Excitement buzzed as children piled in, eyes widening at tables filled with pizzas, chicken bites, snacks, and drinks beneath the pavilion. The backdrop was a postcard-perfect farm scene: Mr. John Filasky grinning atop his John Deere tractor, hay wagons hitched and ready, amid a field of freshly picked pumpkins and rustling cornstalks kissed by a glowing sunset.

While the kids enjoyed their meal, played, and swapped stories, Mr. Filasky finalized the wagons. Soon, they piled aboard for a serene sunset tour past the many crops sold at the on-site farm store. As dusk swallowed the fields, the wagon looped back—and there it was: bright orange bonfire flames dancing over the darkened corn, illuminating the beaming faces of pure anticipation, knowing that s'mores were awaiting them.

Kids grabbed graham crackers, chocolate, marshmallows, and sticks, claiming spots by the fire to roast, chat, and laugh with pals. (Pro tip: One s'more? Never enough—many dashed back for seconds... or thirds.)

Bellies full and spirits soaring, they dove into the field mazes, giggling through the dark twists and turns under the stars. As the night wound down, the children trickled out, ready to tell their stories the next day at school at brimming with fun, food, and the fellowship they experienced that evening!

In reality, the adults and Jackson Lodge crew might've had the best seats in the house, watching the joyful faces and seeing the children be children. Truth be told, we also enjoyed the s'mores! Events like this let the children of the NSCF experience the normalcy of life, if only for an evening, thanks to a little community magic from their friends.



Revolutionary Run Wilmington to Lexington



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SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY
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 1975 – 2025

Revolutionary RUN

In April 2026, Bro. Patrick Atkinson, 32°, Valley of Wilmington, son of Ill. Bro. Herbert J. Atkinson, 33°, Deputy Emeritus of Delaware—will lace up his running shoes and set out on a monumental journey.

This isn't just a physical test of endurance. It's a tribute to the role many Freemasons played in the American Revolution, part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, and a fundraiser to help sustain the museum in the coming decades.

Patrick, a proud Scottish Rite Freemason, will run 333 miles, connecting the enduring values of Freemasonry to the rich history of America's founding. He carries with him the weight of history and the strength of our fraternity's role in shaping it. Each step is a reminder of the courage, determination, and unity that founded this nation, and of the thrilling stories shared at the museum.

*ROUTE VISUAL IS SYMBOLIC & MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Patrick Atkinson, 32°

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Union Lodge No.7

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**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: _____

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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

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| 1 st Thu | Washington Lodge No. 1 | 2016 Foulk Road, Wilmington |
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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

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.

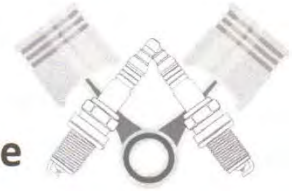
I'd like to get out on the floor
Come on, let's get in line
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

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.



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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: _____

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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.

Thank you all for your service!



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| 2025-09-23 | Edward | Aloysius | Burke | Jr PM | St. Johns Lodge | 2 |
| 2025-09-18 | Bentley | Lee | Carter | | St. Johns Lodge | 2 |
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Brethren All,

On behalf of Right Worshipful Matthew W. Thompson, Deputy Grand Master, and his lady, Robbin, I am pleased to share with you, information about the 2027 Grand Lodge Cruise.

The cruise on the beautiful Royal Caribbean Vision of the Seas will depart San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday, February 28, 2027. The itinerary includes beautiful ports of call in St. Thomas, Antigua, Martinique, Grenada and St. Vincent, as well as one day at sea. The cruise returns to San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday, March 7, 2027.

Please note you do not need a passport to fly to San Juan, however, one is always recommended when traveling outside the United States. Also, there are many flight options from BWI and Philadelphia to San Juan.

Registration is now open. Please see the attached flyer with more details. Final payment is not due until November 30, 2026. There are multiple cabin options to fit any need you would like.

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

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Chad Robinson, PGMars.





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San Juan, Puerto Rico

Visiting:

- Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
- St. Johns, Antigua
- Fort De France, Martinique
- St. George's, Grenada
- Kingstown, St. Vincent
- San Juan, Puerto Rico



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

Deposit of \$500 per cabin due at booking

Final Payment due November 30, 2026

Optional Travel Insurance is available, quote provided after booking

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

Valid Passport NOT NEEDED but recommended for cruise travel outside the US

Rates are double occupancy

Balcony @ \$1,387

Ocean View @ \$1,103

Interior @ \$963



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