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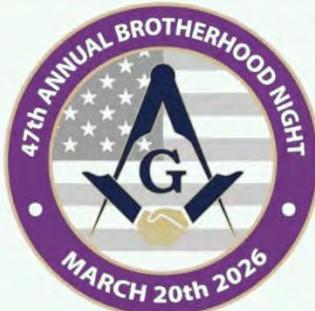


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On December 4th Worshipful Master David J. Walters, a member of the First State York Rite Sovereign College, presented Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard M. McTheny, the Highest Honour a college member can present at the Grand Masters official visit to Washington Lodge #1

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Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge

February 28, 2026

3:00 PM

Union Lodge No.7

1478 Wyoming Mill Road

Dover, Delaware 19904



Come join us for our Annual Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge. With members of Grand Staff, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay, you will enjoy hearing from a few special speakers, a flavorful seven course meal, and toasts for every course!

Good Food, Good Times & Fellowship

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and available through Eventbrite by going to this link or by scanning the QR code below.

<https://2026gmyouthtablelodge.eventbrite.com>



If you would like hard copy of your tickets, they will be the same price and you can email Dave Penney at deldemolay@gmail.com.



Delaware DeMolay

I trust everyone had a great holiday season. It's now time to get back to work in DeMolay. By the time this comes out we will have had an Installation of Officers in the Henlopen Chapter. Congratulations to Thomas Glenn III for being installed as Master Councilor along with the other officers. I am looking forward to good things from them. I know we all wish the best of luck to the team and the chapter.

The only event that is scheduled so far is the Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge. As of the writing of this article tickets sales are very low. You don't want to miss this event with DeMolay and the Job's Daughters battling it out for the title of the loudest and proudest. If you have not attended this event, it involves great food, comradery, and some pretty awesome guest speakers. The date and time of the event is **February 28, 2026 from 3:00-7:00pm at Union Lodge No.7 in Dover, DE**. You can get your tickets a several different ways. You can contact me at deldemolay@aol.com or 302-745-6984 and let me know how many tickets you want, you can use the QR Code in the flyer enclosed in the newsletter or you can use the Eventbrite link (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-masters-youth-table-lodgetickets-44667336104>) and get them that way.

I have stated this in the past and I will do it again; we need your help. Membership is down and I know that there are young men between 12-21 that could and would benefit from being members of this organization. Our youth is a big part of the future of all of our Masonic bodies. DeMolay will get them ready for more than just that, we will help them prepare for the future in whatever they decide to do. If you know of someone, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be glad to either talk to them myself or have one of our outstanding advisors meet with them. I hope to see you at the Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge. In closing, God Bless Mother, God Bless Father and God Bless the purposes of DeMolay.

Fraternally submitted,
Dave Penney E.O.

The Liberty Tree: A Symbol of American Freedom

Submitted By Independence Lodge 76

As the United States approaches the commemoration of its 250th anniversary, known as the American 250, it is fitting to reflect on the symbols that shaped our nation's birth. Among the most powerful of these is the Liberty Tree—a living emblem of resistance, unity, and the natural rights of mankind. More than a historical interest, the Liberty Tree represents ideals that remain central to American civic life and closely parallel the principles long taught within Freemasonry.

The Liberty Tree first emerged in Boston in 1765 in response to the Stamp Act. An ancient elm near Boston Common became a gathering place where colonists protested British taxation and the denial of representation. Under its branches, grievances were voiced, plans were made, and a shared commitment to liberty was affirmed.

Unlike manufactured symbols, the Liberty Tree was alive. It conveyed the idea that liberty is natural, must be cultivated, and grows stronger when rooted in justice and shared responsibility. Its roots symbolized fundamental rights, while its spreading branches reflected the widening reach of freedom throughout the colonies.

The symbolism of the Liberty Tree resonates deeply with Masonic teachings. Freemasonry emphasizes moral growth, the equality of mankind, and the responsibility of individuals to improve themselves and society. Just as a tree grows through care and discipline, the Mason is taught to build character through virtue, reason, and service.

Many early American patriots who gathered beneath Liberty Trees were Freemasons, and the values expressed there—liberty of ethics, self-governance, and civic virtue—are foundational to the Craft. The Liberty Tree, standing in a public space and open to all, mirrors the Masonic belief that enlightenment and liberty are not reserved for the few, but belong to all who seek them.

As the Liberty Tree spread throughout the colonies, towns designated their own trees or liberty poles, creating a shared visual language of resistance and unity. Even when the original Boston Liberty Tree was cut down by British troops, its destruction only strengthened its symbolic power.

As America marks 250 years since its founding, the Liberty Tree reminds us that our nation was built not only by documents and declarations, but by communities coming together in common cause. It calls on us to recommit ourselves to the principles that spirited the Revolution: liberty under law, mutual respect, and active citizenship.

The Liberty Tree stands as a timeless symbol of American freedom and moral responsibility. Rooted in natural rights and sustained by collective action, it reflects both the spirit of the American Revolution and the enduring principles of Freemasonry. As we honor the American 250, the Liberty Tree challenges each generation to nurture liberty, strengthen civic virtue, and ensure that the blessings of freedom continue to grow for those who follow.

The last known original Liberty Tree sat on the campus of Saint John's University in Maryland, until it was destroyed by Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Today, seeds from a cutting of the original tree are being collected, grown into seedlings, and planted across the country.

The 250th SAR Liberty Tree Program was rolled out at the Spring 2023 Leadership meeting by the NSSAR History 250 Committee the goal of planting 250 Liberty Trees for the 250th Anniversary with at least one tree in each state on or before July 4, 2026. We feel with by planting a Liberty Tree that it will help educate the public of the importance of the American Revolution and the sacrifices that were made to become our nation. Trees are installed with a dedication plaque. It is recommended that the Liberty Trees be planted in counties or cities named after a Patriot or in a location that will serve as a tribute to veterans.

The latest updated NSSAR Liberty Tree report, to date they have had 198 Liberty Tree dedications, leaving only 52 to go to reach the goal of 250 by July 2026. They have planted them in 29 of the 50 states. Delaware is not one of them. They do need Delaware, Rhode Island and Massachusetts in order to have all original 13 states. It is for this purpose that Independence Lodge is going to purchase three Liberty Trees, at a price of about \$300.00/each and plant one in each county of Delaware and are looking for Lodges that have an area or suggestions of location for the trees.

At this time, we would like to recognize and thank Jackson Lodge No. 19 for jumping on board and sponsoring a tree.

Please contact PGM Ferraro or any officer of Independence Lodge if you or your Lodge is willing to help, monetarily or have an area availability to plant a Liberty Tree.

Fraternally,

Ronald P. Ferraro, PGM
Independence Lodge 76

Brother's Keeper

By Worshipful Brother Patrick Light, Past Master

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” —Aesop

Worshipful Brother Franklin Townsend, Past Master of Lafayette No. 14 has been around Delaware Masonry for quite some time. Worshipful Townsend's father and grandfathers were Masons, and Masonry has been a family affair all of his life. Worshipful Townsend's Masonic tenure began with DeMolay, he joined the lodge in 1972 and served in the officer line until serving as Master in 1988, and then became Secretary for 30 years. Worshipful Townsend served on Grand Staff as Senior Grand Deacon in 2000, and has been a member and presided over 28 other bodies.

Worshipful Townsend was thrilled to help steward Lafayette No. 14 to her 200th Anniversary last year, and even wrote a sketch of her triumphs in a published work. In October 2025, Worshipful Townsend became severely ill at home and was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. After evaluation by the medical team, it became apparent that Worshipful Townsend suffered a stroke accompanied by a heart attack which left him on the mend. While the brother was making progress at rehabilitation to transition back to life at home, officers of Lafayette No. 14 began to discuss how to support our brother who has tirelessly given so much to Masonry. Championed by Brother Junior Warden Carl Barnes, the lodge looked into equipping Worshipful Townsend's home with a ramp to allow him to stay mobile while going to and from appointments.

The members of Lafayette No. 14 rallied around Worshipful Townsend and installed the ramp on December 12, 2025. Worshipful Townsend was beyond belief when the crew arrived and installed the ramp. The effort by the lodge is a testimony to Masonic brotherhood and relieving the distressed.



Pictured: Ramp Installed at W.B. Franklin Townsend's Home. Photo provided by Brother Carl Barnes.

Santa swings by Jackson Lodge to see the NSCF!

Santa stopped by Jackson Lodge No. 19 to have brunch, visit, and deliver gifts to his friends at The Northern Star Children's Foundation!

Around 50 people gathered to enjoy an amazing brunch, followed by a visit from Ol' St. Nick himself! Santa was very generous, ensuring every child had a brand-new, warm Winter Coat. In addition to the new coat, there was a huge variety of clothing, shoes, school supplies, hygiene products, games, toys, and accessories, all available for the taking.

The food was epic, and everyone got their fill with plenty of leftovers for all to take home. With bellies full, Connect Four, Card Games, and some Yahtzee were engaging minds throughout the room at the various tables.

Everyone departed with smiles, food, coats, clothing, and so much more, all made possible thanks to our amazing volunteers and contributors.

Not only was our Christmas brunch an amazing success we were also able to ensure all of the children in The Northern Star Children's Foundation program were adopted for Christmas! Ensuring their Christmas holiday was Merry and Bright!



The Greatest of These is Charity

Celebrating the Legacy of Worshipful Brother David M. Simkins, Past Master, of Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 & Most Reverend Brother William S. Downing, Past Grand Chaplain, of Union Lodge No. 7

By Worshipful Brother Patrick Light, Past Master
 Edited by Worshipful Brother Kevin O'Rourke, Past Master

“This year, it was truly heartening to witness the lodge rally together, embracing this vital tradition and ensuring its continuity. The collective spirit of working towards such a worthy cause, bringing joy to others, is a powerful representation of the lodges values.”
 -Worshipful Master, Brother Jay Troy, Past Master, in the Eureka-DuPont December 2025 Trestle Board



Pictured: A Young David M. Simkins Sitting as Worshipful Master at Brandywine Temple. Photo provided by W.M. Jay Troy, Past Master

Several of the last articles shared in the Delaware Freemason by the author attempted to shine a light, even if briefly, on brothers who recently laid down their working tools. We touched upon Most Worshipful Brother Donald E. Rosenberry, Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin F. Lloyd, and most recently wrote about Most Worshipful Brother James S. Russell, Jr., all Past Grand Masters of Masons in Delaware. In 2025 there was another significant loss that was hard to navigate when Worshipful Brother David M. Simkins, Past Master, ended his long encounter with cancer, and as Most Reverend Brother William S. Downing, Past Grand Chaplain, stated, *“the Lord saw it fit to call Dave home this year”*. As we stated in the last issue, amidst the grief of a loved one's passing, we hopefully discover memories and a legacy worth cherishing.

The case of Worshipful Brother David M. Simkins is no different, and there are lessons to be afforded to the reflective mind. Brother Dave joined Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 on November 11, 1995, and was a few months shy of completing 30 years of service in the fraternity. Always the active member in his lodge, Brother Dave jumped right in the officer line, serving as Senior Steward for two years, and moving right along to serve as Worshipful Master in 2005 of Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29. Brother Dave was highly involved with the Masonic Home of Delaware and its operation, and a faithful member of the Wilmington Hall Company.

Brother Dave selflessly served as Master for at least a dozen terms to keep the lodge's light alive while the other senior "fixtures" of the lodge passed on to that undiscovered country. The big fixtures that come to mind were the passing of Most Worshipful Brother Herbert P. Fulmer, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and then later Most Worshipful Brother James A. Pletz, Past Grand Master. Both leaders attempted to buttress the progress the lodge had made. Brother Dave was a kind soul who left behind generosity as his legacy and the legacy of Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29.

The generosity of Brother Dave was personified in Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 at their annual Chocolate Night where Dave grew to become an essential part of over time. Every year for over a decade, Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 has made it their mission to gather hundreds of toys leading up to their December Stated Communication to ultimately donate to children in need.



Pictured: Most Reverend William Downing (Left) with David M. Simkins (Right) at the 2024 Chocolate Night.

Photo provided by W.B. Kevin O'Rourke, Past Master

Chocolate Night's humble origins are twofold and began with the work being performed by Most Reverend Downing and his wife Marty called "*Kids Christmas*" that started in 1973. Kids Christmas began as an effort to help one needy family whose main source of income was the father, a baker, who made donuts on demand. Most Reverend Downing used the donations he received from his pastoral services at his church (i.e.: weddings and funerals) to purchase toys for the family's five children.



Pictured: The Simkins Family Wrapping Gifts at the 2025 Chocolate Night; Brother James Simkins (left), and Janet Simkins (right). Photo provided by W.B. Patrick Light, Past Master

As the charity continued to be replicated in the following years and made bigger, the project took on the name Kids Christmas, and became introduced into the Masonic sphere when Most Reverend Downing served our Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain in 1994; a position he would go on to hold 6 more times. Money collected at the various functions and visitations were put into a charity fund was aptly named the Grand Chaplain's Charity. Today, a portion of the Grand Chaplain's Charity Fund helps to provide the toys donated to children by Chocolate Night.

The second part of the origin story of Chocolate Night can be traced back to the young ladies of the Masonic-Affiliated body called Job's Daughters. The young ladies in Job's Daughters worked together along with their adult mentors called, Bethel Guardians, to foster fellowship, leadership skills, and community involvement. The north Wilmington Bethel, or group, was named Bethel No. 11, and met at Brandywine Masonic Temple.

Bethel No. 11, depending on the Guardian, would frequently adopt a Masonic family in need to help ensure there would be a Christmas. The charitable effort by Bethel No. 11 continued for many years. Bethel No. 11 was supported heavily, under the direction of Most Worshipful Fulmer by his lodge, Eureka-Dupont No. 23-29, who met at the same building and also paid the Bethel's rent. Over time, Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, began to work with the Jobies to help sponsor families in need. As word spread of the good work, involvement and interest grew. Eventually a synergy occurred between the charitable work by Most Reverend Downing and the Jobies and the Lodge, and the efforts were focused to help Kid's Christmas. This synergy can be attributed in large part to Lady Marty Downing and Lady Carol Fulmer, Past Corresponding Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Delaware and wife of Most Worshipful Fulmer.

As Worshipful Brother Dave came into leadership in the lodge and into the sphere of Kid's Christmas, he took charge and was enthusiastic about the charity and expanded the number of children served and the reach of the event. Various Grand Masters and Grand Staff, along with their family members began to come. Worshipful Dave made the wrapping of the donated toys a cherished focal point for Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 along with help from Most Worshipful Fulmer and Worshipful Brother Robert Hiddeman, Past Grand Marshal. At the December Stated, lodge would be opened early for business and closed promptly, and then retire to receive the guests and public to wrap the hundreds of toys. The wrapped toys would then be handed out to the parents of the underprivileged children who may not have a present waiting for them at home during the holidays. The Downings met the parents at local shopping centers so the families could say they picked up the gifts at the store. Most Reverend Downing recalled Dave would call multiple times a year to enthusiastically share the toys he found and the lodge's plan for that year's Chocolate Night.



Pictured: Lady Janet Simkins with Most Reverend William Downing in 2025, Explaining W.B. David Simkins Impact on Chocolate Night. Photo provided by W.B. Patrick Light, Past Master

In the beginning years, the Bethel's effort and then the combined effort of the Bethel with the Lodge, the charity did not have the title: Chocolate Night. In talking with Worshipful Brother Hiddeman, and Carol Fulmer, the event got the name Chocolate Night due to the amount of chocolate confections on hand to treat all the willing gift wrappers at the December meeting. The chocolate was introduced by Worshipful Brother Dave who loved going to Govato's Chocolates, a former Wilmington confection staple, to procure chocolates. The hope was to draw more Jobies, DeMolay, and volunteers out to help wrap the mountain of toys to be donated. Worshipful Brother Dave was insistent the chocolates would be provided as a reward when the wrapping was completed. There also was a number of other goodies volunteers fondly remembered over the years; the best being, fried Oreos.

During preliminary merger discussions between Lafayette Lodge No. 14 and Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 23-29 in 2025, the topic of Chocolate Night was a big concern for both. Worshipful Brother Dave, shortly prior to passing, shared with Worshipful Master, Brother Jay Troy that he hoped the effort would continue if the lodges merged. It was unanimously agreed that Chocolate Night would continue into the future. There is an understanding that the previous decades of hard work to bring joy to children who may not otherwise have a present during the holidays is an essential tradition to carry forth in honor of the memory of our departed friend and Brother Dave. Both lodges agreed to dedicate the future Chocolate Nights as the "David Simkins Memorial Chocolate Night".



Pictured: Brother Matthew Bailey
Wrapping Presents. Photo provided by
W.B. Patrick Light, Past Master

To close on that and with the theme of memory and legacy it is fitting to share an observation given by Most Reverend Downing at the December 2025 Chocolate Night. Most Reverend put the project into perspective by stating if you imagine, let's say, 120 children each year have been served by Kids Christmas and Chocolate Night over the last five decades – Masons have helped shine a light of compassion to over 6000 children in our great state. With that size of impact, I am reminded fondly of another Eureka-Dupont No. 23-29 Past Master, Gary Williamson, who would emphatically say, every chance he could get, something along the lines of,

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others, and the world remains and is immortal.”

Sincere gratitude to Most Reverend William Downing, Past Grand Chaplain; Most Worshipful Brother Glenn Davis, Past Grand Master/Grand Secretary; Past Masters of Eureka-DuPont: Worshipful Brothers Jay Troy, Kevin O'Rourke, and Robert Hiddeman; and most especially to Lady Carol Fulmer, Past Corresponding Secretary at the Grand Lodge of Delaware. All helped to share the story of Chocolate Night and to honor the legacy of our friend and Brother David Simkins whose life was cut short too soon.



Pictured (Left to Right): W.M. of Lafayette Douglas Cummings; R.W. Robert Carmine, Deputy Grand Secretary; (Behind): W.B. Kevin O'Rourke, Past Master.; Brother Vernon Hanby, Aide to the Grand Master; (Behind) W.B. Samuel Smith, Junior Grand Steward; M.W. Richard McTheny, Grand Master; M.R. Karl Hitchens, Grand Chaplain; M.R. William Downing, Past Grand Chaplain and Lady Marty; R.W. Thomas Ventura, Past Junior Grand Warden, Aide to the Grand Master; W.M. of Eureka-DuPont Jay Troy; W.B. Shawn Lovenguth, Grand Marshal; M.W. Glenn Davis, Past Grand Master/Grand Secretary; R.W.: Andrew Greene, Junior Grand Warden; Brother Chuck Oliver, W.B.: Michael Swain, Senior Grand Deacon. Photo provided by W.B. Patrick Light, P.M.

Restoring the Spirit of Brotherhood: Doric Lodge No. 30 Returns to Its Historic Glory

By Brandon Scott

In an era when history is too often paved over in the name of convenience, Doric Lodge No. 30 has chosen a different path—one of reverence, restoration, and rebirth. This year marks a defining chapter in the Lodge's long and storied journey, as its members unite to return the temple to its original beauty, renewing not only the structure itself but the spirit that has always lived within its walls.

Founded on principles of fraternity, service, and moral improvement, Doric Lodge No. 30 has stood as a cornerstone of community life for generations. Yet time, as it does to all things, left its mark. Paint faded. Wood dulled. Architectural details—once vibrant expressions of craftsmanship—lost their luster. But if the years dimmed the building, they never dimmed the dedication of its members.

This year, that dedication has transformed into action.

Led by a coalition of Past Masters, new Brothers, and community partners, Doric Lodge embarked on a meticulous revitalization project aimed not at modernizing the Lodge but honoring its past. Unlike many renovation efforts, this one reached backward—researching original colors, studying century-old photographs, and sourcing period-correct materials to reawaken the Lodge exactly as the early Brethren first envisioned it.

The results are nothing short of remarkable.

The once-tired exterior now shines with historically accurate detail—crisp lines, hand-restored moldings, and the dignified palette that adorned the building in its earliest days. Inside, the Lodge room has reclaimed its timeless splendor. Soft lighting reflects off polished woodwork. Regalia displays have been restored with museum-quality care. Even the arrangement of the furniture has been returned to its traditional layout, honoring the ritualistic precision that gives Freemasonry its enduring strength.

Yet the true triumph of the revitalization lies not in brick, paint, or timber, but in unity.

Members young and old worked side-by-side—scraping, sanding, painting, researching, fundraising, and dreaming. The project became a living act of Brotherhood, and with every hour of labor, Doric Lodge grew stronger, more vibrant, and more connected.

“This wasn’t just about restoring a building,” said one longtime Brother. “It was about restoring our identity—who we are, who we’ve always been, and who we want the next generation of Masons to become.”

Visitors now walk through the doors and feel it instantly: the Lodge has regained its voice. The character. The dignity. The quiet nobility that Masonry imparts to every place it calls home.

As Doric Lodge No. 30 steps into the future, it does so with renewed purpose—rooted firmly in its past.

The revitalization reminds us that history is not a relic to be observed, but a legacy to be protected. And in reclaiming the Lodge’s original look and glory, the Brethren of Doric have ensured that their light—not dimmed by time, but strengthened by it—will continue to shine for generations to come.

Doric Lodge No. 30 has not merely restored a building. It has rekindled a tradition. A heritage. A Brotherhood.

And in doing so, it has shown that greatness is not found in the stones of a Lodge, but in the hands and hearts of the men who care for it.



Doric 30 – Little League World Series of Softball

Under the bright summer sun and the unmistakable sound of aluminum bats cracking through the air, Doric Lodge No. 30 proved that teamwork extends far beyond the diamond. During this year’s Little League World Series of Softball, held at the iconic Pyle Center, the brothers of Doric Lodge traded aprons for aprons — but this time of the concession-stand variety — to support local youth sports, Masonic charity, and the historic center that hosted it all.

While athletes from across the region battled inning by inning for the title, the Masons ran a different kind of operation just steps away: a bustling concession stand overflowing with the scent of grilled food, fresh popcorn, and community spirit. Lodge members rotated through shifts with the precision of a well-coached team, serving spectators, encouraging players, and greeting families who filled the stands.

“It’s a simple thing, selling hot dogs and cold drinks,” one brother remarked, “but the impact is much larger. Every dollar goes right back into strengthening this community.”

That is no understatement. Proceeds from the concessions were dedicated to two causes close to the lodge’s heart: Masonic charity efforts across Sussex County and ongoing support for the Pyle Center, a cornerstone facility that has hosted countless youth leagues, community events, and family memories over the decades. For the Masons, helping sustain the Pyle Center is both a service and a tribute — a way to ensure the next generation enjoys the same opportunities they once did.

Spectators took notice. Many paused to thank the volunteers, and some even expressed surprise to see the fraternity so actively present. But for Doric Lodge No. 30, this was precisely the point Freemasonry has long been anchored in principles of service, charity, and fellowship — ideals that flourish most clearly not behind closed doors, but out in the open, on softball fields, in neighborhoods, and anywhere community needs a helping hand.

Between innings, the brothers joked with fans, encouraged young players, and exemplified the quiet leadership that defines the fraternity. By the tournament’s end, they had raised substantial funds — but just as importantly, they had raised awareness of who they are and the work they do.

As the final champions lifted their trophy and the crowd dispersed, the last of the grill smoke curled above the concession stand. Tired but proud, the Masons of Doric Lodge No. 30 packed up their equipment knowing they had won something too — not on the scoreboard, but in the hearts of the community they serve.

Their presence at the Little League World Series of Softball was more than volunteerism. It was a statement: that service is a team sport, and that when Masons step up to the plate, the whole community scores.



Doric Lodge No. 30 Shines at Whimsical Woods, Helping Raise Over \$60,000 for BALL4ALL and the Doric Scholarship Fund

By Brandon Scott

In the heart of Sussex County’s most enchanting seasonal tradition, Whimsical Woods once again lived up to its name—transforming acres of woodland into a glittering landscape of lights, laughter, and community spirit. But this year, nestled among the illuminated displays and the joyful hum of families exploring the trail, one group stood out for more than their festive enthusiasm: Doric Lodge No. 30.

Representing a proud lineage of service, charity, and brotherhood, members of Doric Lodge No. 30 rolled up their sleeves and stepped into the holiday magic with purpose. Their mission was clear: support the BALL4ALL foundation—an organization dedicated to ensuring every child has access to athletic opportunities—and bolster the Doric Scholarship Fund, which helps provide educational support to deserving students in the local community.

Their efforts, combined with the generosity of attendees, sponsors, and volunteers, contributed to an extraordinary achievement. Whimsical Woods raised over \$60,000 this year, a milestone that not only energized the BALL4ALL initiative but also strengthened Doric Lodge’s long-standing commitment to education.

“Seeing families come together for something so fun while knowing the impact it will have on kids in our community is incredibly rewarding,” said one Doric Lodge volunteer, still wrapped in the glow of holiday lights and community camaraderie. “It’s nights like these that remind us why we do what we do.”

From greeting guests to assisting with event logistics, the brothers of Doric Lodge No. 30 played a hands-on role throughout the celebration. Their presence—warm, welcoming, and unmistakably devoted—reflected the enduring values of Freemasonry: service, charity, and the quiet satisfaction of making the world a little brighter.

For the BALL4ALL foundation, the funds mean expanded programs, more equipment, and doors opened for young athletes who might otherwise be left on the sidelines. For the Doric Scholarship Fund, the support ensures that local students can continue to dream boldly, learn eagerly, and pursue paths illuminated by opportunity.

Whimsical Woods may be designed to spark wonder, but this year, the real magic came from the community itself—and from the steadfast efforts of organizations like Doric Lodge No. 30, whose commitment to uplifting others continues to shine long after the lights have dimmed.

As the final visitors drifted through the twinkling forest, clutching warm cups of cocoa and soaking in the enchantment, one thing was certain: the spirit of giving is alive and well in Sussex County. And thanks to Doric Lodge No. 30, that spirit is lighting the way for generations to come.



A Table Set for Family: Jackson Lodge No. 19 Welcomes Fifty Hearts to Friendsgiving

On Sunday, November 23, 2025, the hall at Jackson Lodge No. 19 was transformed into something far warmer than its usual event hall. The tables, draped and stretched from wall to wall, carried the unmistakable aroma of roasted turkey, honey-glazed ham, sage stuffing, and baked desserts. But the real feast wasn't on the plates; it was in the laughter of children who, for one golden afternoon, didn't have to worry about where their next meal was coming from.

Close to fifty guests—children who are currently homeless, have experienced homelessness, or are growing up in extreme poverty and adverse conditions—arrived with their families through The Northern Star Children's Foundation (NSCF). For many of these kids, a holiday meal with all the trimmings is a rarity.

But the dining tables were only half the magic.

In the rear of the room, the lodge had created a sprawling pop-up “shop”. Table after table overflowed with new and gently used treasures: thick winter coats, waterproof boots, sneakers, hoodies, jeans, warm pajamas, and more. Backpacks bulged with notebooks, pens, calculators, crayons, and glue sticks—everything a student could need for the rest of the school year. Two refurbished computers, wiped clean and loaded with educational software, sat waiting for student who dreamed of finishing assignments at home instead of the library. And hanging proudly at the end were a couple of authentic Philadelphia Flyers jerseys—donated by a brother with the right connections—ready to turn any kid into an instant hero.

Everything was free. No money. No proof of need. Just open arms and the simple words, “Take whatever fits, whatever you love, and if you need something you don't see please let us know.”

While parents shopped with toddlers and teenagers tried on coats that actually reached their wrists, the room became a playground of pure joy. Connect Four tournaments grew fiercely competitive. Uno cards flew across tables amid shouts of “Draw four!” and peals of laughter that bounced off the high ceilings. One little girl spent twenty minutes teaching a gray-bearded Worshipful Master how to play Connect Four—and cheered wildly every time she conquered the challenge, sending him away smiling but defeated by a twelve-year-old.

For a few precious hours, every child was just a child. Every parent was just a parent. And every Mason remembered exactly why he raised his hand years ago and promised to live a life of service.

“This is what Masonry looks like when we remember who we are,” said Worshipful Master Carl Pace, his voice thick with emotion. “Not aprons and ritual—though we love those too—but open doors, full tables, and hearts big enough to make fifty strangers feel like family.”

As the families left into the chilly November evening—arms loaded with bags, bellies full, and spirits soaring—The brothers of Jackson and their families were humbled.

Jackson Lodge No. 19 didn’t just host a dinner that Sunday. They built memories that will warm those children for years to come—and reminded every Mason in the room that the greatest work we ever do is the work that lets a child believe, if only for an afternoon, that the world is kind after all.



Jackson Lodge Honors Sunday's Café 64 Mission with \$500 Donation for their mission!

The Sunday's Café 64, open only a few hours each week, has earned a devoted following not just for its exceptional food but for its unwavering commitment to feeding those in need at no cost. Every dish served to paying guests helps fund free meals for individuals and families facing food insecurity, a mission that has quietly made the cafe a lifeline in the community.

Recognizing the tremendous effort behind this labor of love, Jackson Lodge wanted to do more than simply enjoy a meal. At the close of their breakfast, lodge members gathered the owners and proudly presented them with a \$500 check to directly support the cafe's charitable work.

"We know how hard they work with such limited hours, and every dollar they take in goes toward helping someone who might otherwise go hungry," said Past Master Eric Johnson. "This restaurant is hard to get into, so securing the reservations felt like winning the lottery, but the real joy was being able to hand over that check and say thank you on behalf of the entire community."

The owners, visibly moved, accepted the donation with gratitude, noting that contributions like this allow them to expand their outreach and serve even more free meals each week.

For the families of Jackson Lodge, the morning was about far more than chicken & waffles or Sausage and gravy and coffee. It was a reminder that even small gatherings can create big impact — especially when they honor those who give so generously to others.

Jackson Lodge extends its deepest appreciation to the Sunday's Café 64 for its selfless service and looks forward to many more opportunities to support their vital mission. Here's to good food, tight-knit community, and the quiet heroes who make both possible.



SPOONFUL OF HOPE

By: Worshipful Chad T. Robinson, Secretary of the Masonic Charities of Delaware

Virginia Woolf once said, “One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.” If the members of the Masonic Charities of Delaware had never thought of those words before, they became purposively true on the night of Monday, December 15th.

For multiple years, the Masonic Charities of Delaware has donated funds to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Delaware. The Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington, near the Nemours Children's Hospital, is the beneficiary of those gifts. Over the years, these donations have supported operations and funded various activities.

For the past two years, the Masonic Charities has been invited to participate in the Spoonful of Hope program. Through this program, volunteer groups assist the onsite chef in preparing and serving a dinner meal to families staying at the House.

On December 15th, Most Worshipful Richard M. McTheny, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Right Worshipful Matthew W. Thompson, DGM, Right Worshipful Andrew C. Greene, JGW, Lady Robbin Thompson and I were able to participate in the Spoonful of Hope program.



After an orientation and tour, we were quickly put to work. The chef assigned the tasks putting Most Worshipful McTheny to work rolling out meatballs and me to rolling out crab cakes. Across the kitchen, Right Worshipful Thompson and Lady Robbin were busy making sandwiches – everything from tuna fish to peanut butter, marshmallow fluff and jelly. On the other side of the line, Right Worshipful Greene was making a Caesar salad. After all these tasks were done, there was still more to do. Pudding had to be dipped and cakes had to be sliced. This dinner was meant to not only nourish the families, but provide them the comfort of a truly home cooked meal. We were told that “by providing a meal for these families, you have helped to ease a burden during their child’s medical treatment; families do not need to worry about where their next meal comes from, and they can focus entirely on their child’s care.” Preparing this food warmed our hearts, but the most powerful time of the evening came when it was time to serve the families.

As we placed the food on the buffet line and took our places to serve, we realized how truly meaningful this evening was. Some of these families have been there for months, the longest well over a year, and some have only been there a few days. The thing that connected them all was that each had a child who was receiving some type of medical treatment at the Nemours Children's Hospital. While we don’t know there situation, we do know what joy they brought to our lives that night. Each child that came through the line was so polite and kind – they brought smiles and happiness through their situation. Their parents so appreciative and open, when they have every reason to be cold and walled off. By the end of the night, our group had served 53 meals to the families that were currently calling the Ronald McDonald House their home.



While we were thanked for our time and efforts, we left moved by the opportunity to have provided such a small blessing as a meal to those families and reminded calling that each of us has to make a difference in the lives of our fellow man.

Cesar Chavez once said, “the people who give you their food give you their heart.” I feel confident in saying that each of us left a small piece of our heart at the Ronald McDonald House on December 15th.



Giving Thanks, Masonically: Jackson Lodge No. 19 Delivers 18 Full Thanksgiving Dinners

Throughout November, the brethren of Jackson Lodge No. 19 turned their attention to one of the simplest yet most profound acts of brotherhood: making sure no neighbor went hungry on Thanksgiving.

Under the leadership of Lodge Marshal Robert Geesaman, the lodge organized a month-long food drive with a clear and ambitious goal: assemble complete Thanksgiving meals—turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, pies, the works—for local families facing food insecurity.

With the help of brothers, their families, and a generous partnership with School Bell Apartments, the response was overwhelming. Bags and boxes poured in. Freezers filled with turkeys. Cans stacked high. By mid-month, eighteen families had been identified through community partners, at The Point of Life Modern Ministries and The Northern Star Children’s Foundation every ingredient for a traditional holiday feast had been collected, sorted, and packed with care.

But the work didn’t stop at the doorstep.

When it was discovered that three of the families lacked a working oven or the means to cook a full meal, Brother Geesaman didn’t hesitate. He and his family transformed their own kitchen into a Thanksgiving command center. Three turkeys, three pans of stuffing, mountains of mashed potatoes, and rivers of gravy bubbled and roasted side by side until every dish was perfect. On Thanksgiving morning, Worshipful Master Carl Pace joined Marshal Geesaman for the final act of service. Together, they loaded steaming trays and foil-covered pans into their vehicles and personally delivered hot, ready-to-eat dinners to those families from Wilmington to Dover. They didn’t linger long—just long enough to wish each family a happy Thanksgiving, to see tired parents’ eyes light up, and to watch children peek around doorframes at the unexpected bounty arriving on their table.



Eighteen families. Eighteen feasts. Eighteen reasons for Jackson 19 to give thanks. In Masonry, we are taught that charity is the brightest jewel in our crown—not because it is showy, but because it is quiet, personal, and relentless. It is a brother rolling up his sleeves when no one is watching. It's brothers spending their Thanksgiving morning on the road instead of at their own tables, because someone else's family needed them more.

That, brethren and friends, is Masonry in action—delivered warm, one meal and memory at a time.



The Trees That Kept on Giving: Jackson Lodge No. 19 Shines at the 38th Annual Festival of Trees

From November 14–16, 2025, the elegant Brantwyn Estate in North Wilmington once again hosted the beloved Wilmington Festival of Trees in its 38th year. Dozens of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each sponsored and crafted by local businesses and organizations, filled the rooms with light, color, and holiday warmth—all raising vital funds for Delaware Hospice. Jackson Lodge No. 19 was proud to be one of those sponsors again this year!

The lodge sponsored two trees this year, one titled “America the Beautiful” and the other, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” Both stood as a striking tribute and a subtle but powerful symbol of the strength and comfort hospice care provides during life’s most difficult moments.

The connection to Delaware Hospice ran deep. It had been the chosen charity of Past Master Eric Johnson during his year as Worshipful Master, and the brothers of Jackson Lodge No. 19 never forgot the compassionate work this organization does every day. Sponsoring and decorating a tree was their way of keeping that promise alive.

Yet the lodge wanted its gift to reach even further.

Jackson Lodge No. 19 chose a different path for its trees. Both fully decorated trees were carefully transported and donated. One to the newly renovated Delaware City Library—a renovation project the lodge had proudly supported and participated in earlier in the year, and the second to Babes on the Square Too.

Throughout the remainder of the holiday season, anyone who walks into the library or Babes on the Square Too is greeted by those same magnificent trees standing proudly on display for the community at large to enjoy.

From the elegant halls of Brantwyn Estate to the welcoming walls of the Delaware City Library, these trees carry the spirit of Jackson Lodge No. 19 across the community—first raising funds for hospice families in their time of need, then brightening countless days for visitors of every age to view and enjoy.

In the end, the brothers didn’t just donate Christmas trees. They lived the Masonic truth that real ornaments are the acts of kindness we leave behind—acts that keep shining long after the last festival light is turned off.

Delaware Freemason – January 2026





18th Annual Delaware Scottish Rite Tournament

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

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

SCHEDULE

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

OPEN TO EVERYONE
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

GOLFER REGISTRATION

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

Golfer 1 _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Golfer 2 _____

Email _____

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Golfer 3 _____

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Golfer 4 _____

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INCLUDED

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

EXTRAS

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

GRAND MASTER'S TROPHY

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

The Delaware Scottish Rite Charity Golf Tournament is an annual event that raises money for a designated worthy organization. This year, we proudly support the Children's Dyslexia Centers, and our annual tournament is dedicated to assisting this worthy organization. 100% of all net proceeds helps provide free, one-on-one, evidence-based tutoring to children with dyslexia while training future educators in proven multisensory reading methods to ensure long-term impact for students and communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT US AT
decharitygolf@gmail.com

MAIL CHECKS TO:
DELAWARE CONSISTORY
GOLF OUTING
818 N. MARKET ST
WILMINGTON, DE 19801

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



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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

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SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

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

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

Your logo showcased on the front page of our website and at the top of the leaderboard during scoring. Includes a free foursome, promotional banner, two hole sponsorships, full-page ad, and announced in media events.

CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR AT decharitygolf@gmail.com

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

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

CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR AT decharitygolf@gmail.com

PARTNERSHIP SPONSOR - \$2,000

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

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BEVERAGE SPONSOR - \$1,000

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

GOLF BALL SPONSOR - \$1,000

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

DINNER SPONSOR - \$750

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

GOLFER APPRECIATION SPONSOR - \$500

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

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

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

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

HOLE SPONSOR (12X18 SIGN) - \$60

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EVENT LOCATION

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

MAIL CHECKS TO:

DELAWARE CONSISTORY
GOLF OUTING
818 N. MARKET ST.
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Well Informed Brother

By Worshipful Brother Patrick Light, Past Master

Special Thanks to Worshipful Brother Franklin Townsend, Past Master

Appendant Masonic Bodies such as DeMolay have not always been able to use the lodge room as a meeting place. DeMolay International was founded on March 24, 1919. DeMolay spread quickly throughout the United States with 997 chapters within four years. After being introduced to Delaware, the Wilmington Chapter of DeMolay was formed in 1923. The chapter boasted over 200 members on its register a few short years after its formation. The Wilmington Chapter met in various locations throughout their history such as the Odd Fellows Hall in Wilmington, and the former Scottish Rite Cathedral on Lea Boulevard.

It was not until our One Hundred and Sixty-Second Annual Communication in 1967 when Code was changed to allow DeMolay the use of our lodge rooms. Most Worshipful R. Franklin Gordy, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, of Hiram Lodge No. 21, presided at that Annual.

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!



Revolutionary Run Wilmington to Lexington



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A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY
 50th Anniversary Celebration
 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°

LEARN MORE ABOUT PATRICK'S RUN SUPPORTING THE MUSEUM & LIBRARY ON OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA!

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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: _____

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

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.

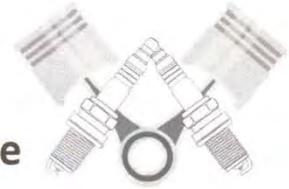
I'd like to get out on the floor
Come on, let's get in line
I want to face the East once more
And give the same old sign.

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.

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
(NOVEMBER 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025)**

2025-12-01	William	E	Hall		Union	7
2025-11-21	Paul	Kerry	Evans		Union	7
2025-11-06	Arthur	Leroy	Bright, PM		Union	7
2025-12-09	Charles	Edward	Moran	Jr	Temple	9
2025-11-12	Stephen	Douglas	Labant		Temple	11
2025-12-19	Thomas	S	Shustack		Lafayette	14
2025-12-06	Robert	F.	Perry		Lafayette	14
2025-11-29	William	Thompson	Scott	Jr	Armstrong	26
2025-12-03	Albert	Lester	Lewis		Solomon	36
2025-11-07	James	Phillips	Lewis		Solomon	36



January 16, 2026

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.





Delaware Masonic Cruise Feb 28 to Mar 7, 2027

8 Day Southern Caribbean

Round-trip from:

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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