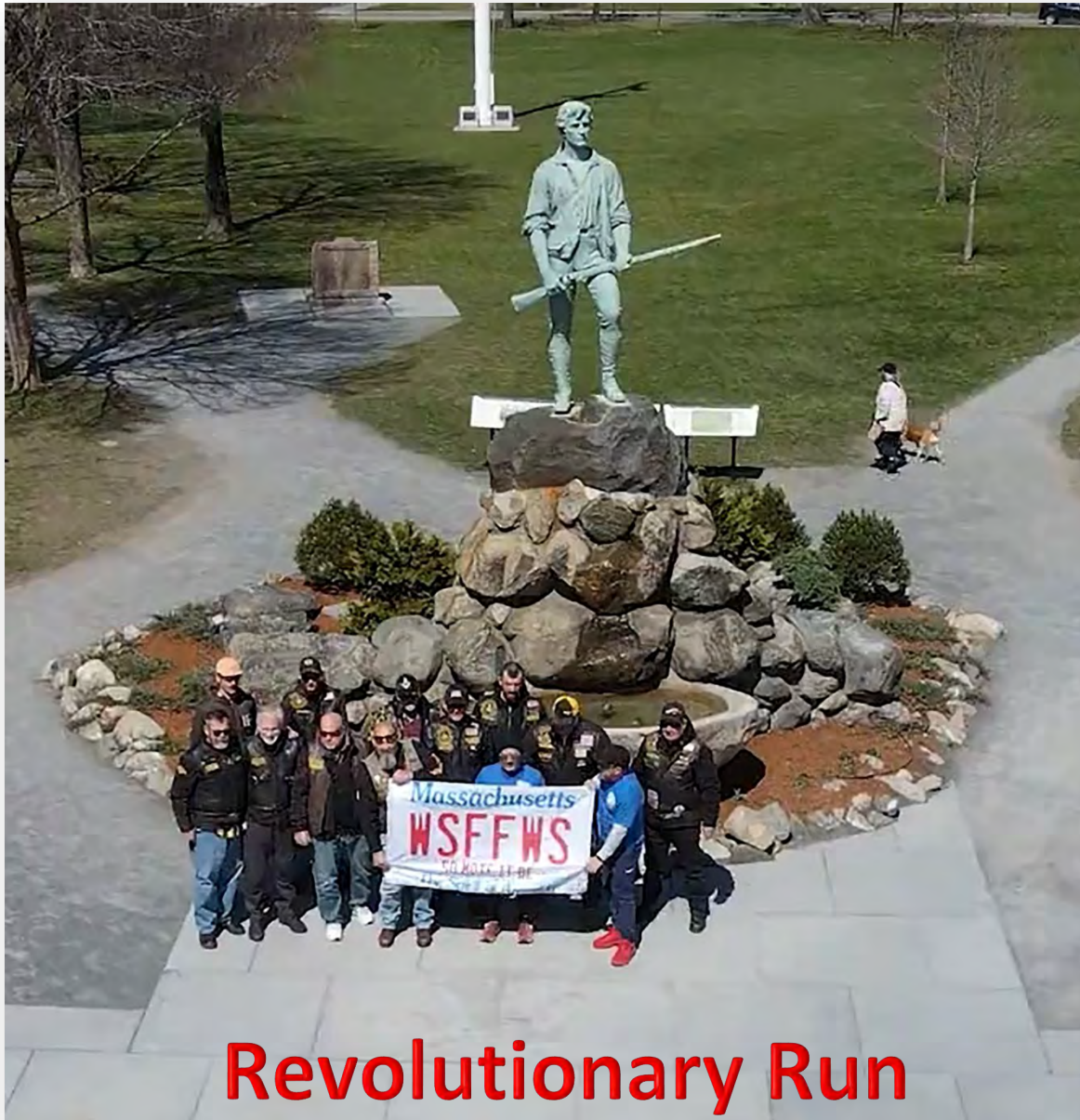




# Delaware Freemason



May 2026



## Revolutionary Run Patrick & the Minute Man



**WOW !!!** What more can be said. Patrick J. Atkinson completed his 333 mile journey on the morning of April 11, 2026, as he crossed the finish line painted in front of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library to the blast of a canon on the hillside to the roar of the crowd as he raised his arms in triumph at the finish line while the sounds of the fife and drum playing revolutionary music in the background set the mood.



Having left the Grand Lodge of Delaware at high noon on April 04, 2026, under motorcycle escort, Patrick embarked on one of his most challenging runs of his life, to navigate across 6 states (DE, PA, NJ, NY, CT, & MA), 333 miles, and weather that would have challenged the faint of heart but not Patrick Atkinson. Day 1 went from Wilmington, DE to Philadelphia, PA. Day 2 from Philadelphia to North Brunswick, NJ. Day 3 from North Brunswick to Ridge Park, NJ, Day 4 from Ridge Park to Bridgeport, CT. Day 5 from Bridgeport to Middletown, CT. Day 6 from Middletown to Thompson, CT. Day 7 from Thompson to Lexington, MA. Day 8 from the hotel in Lexington to the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library across town, under escort by the Lexington police department and

*the Widows Sons Massachusetts Branded Masonic Riders Association. Running across the finish line with Patrick were various members of the team along with his wife Samantha. The icing on the cake was that his parents, Herbie and Maryanne, held the finish tape through which Patrick ran marking the completion of the Revolutionary Run. Job Well Done, Bro. Atkinson !!* **DE PROUD !!**



## Congratulations to the Revolutionary Run Team

Patrick Atkinson  
Samantha Atkinson  
Jamie Fields  
Yvonne Fields  
Carl Pace  
Tony Bevans  
Bud Skinner  
Rick Swalm





Pre-run meeting

4/4/26

Support Vehicle

4/4/26

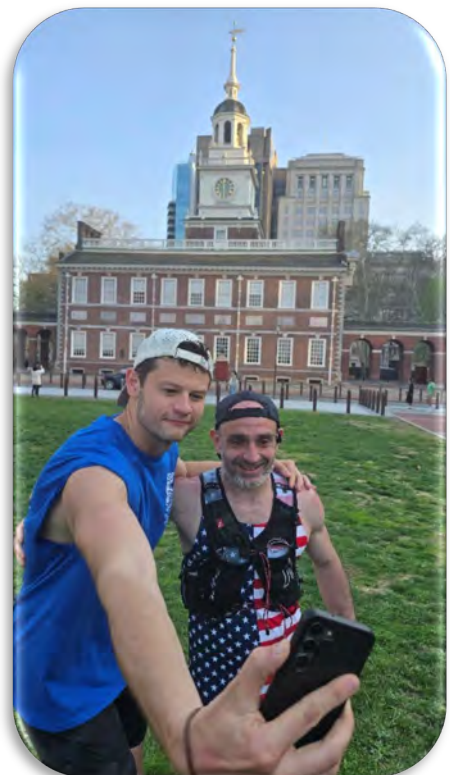


Arriving in  
Philadelphia

Patrick & Rich on  
the left

Patrick & Rob on  
the right

4/4/26





Pre-run meeting

4/5/26

Trying to stay  
loose and out of  
the rain

4/5/26



Grand Lodge of  
New Jersey on  
the left

Obelisk of  
Washington's  
March by night  
from Trenton to  
Princeton on  
the right

4/5/26





Pre-run meeting  
4/6/26

Tooling along  
with Pace and  
Fields in blocking  
formation  
4/6/26

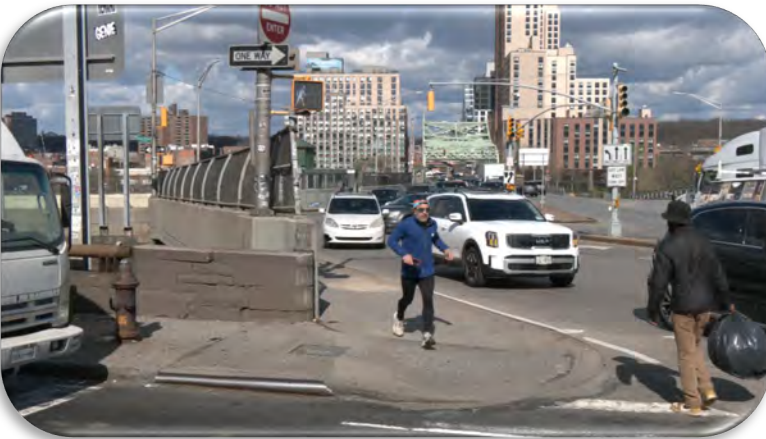


Twilight of Day 3  
4/6/26





Ready to start  
Day 4 from  
Ridgefield Park,  
NJ  
4/7/26



Entering the  
Bronx, NYC  
4/7/26

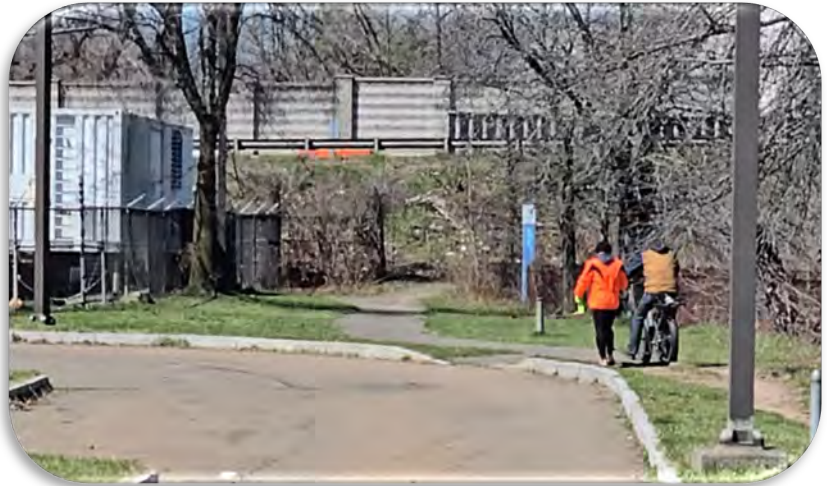
Finish Day 4 Bass  
Pro Shops  
Bridgeport, CT  
4/7/26





Start Day 5 Bass  
Pro Shops  
Bridgeport, CT  
4/8/26

Finding the trail  
in New Haven, CT  
4/8/26



John Badeen  
catches up with  
the team on the  
left

Kevin Hecht,  
Deputy from CT  
runs with Patrick  
on the right

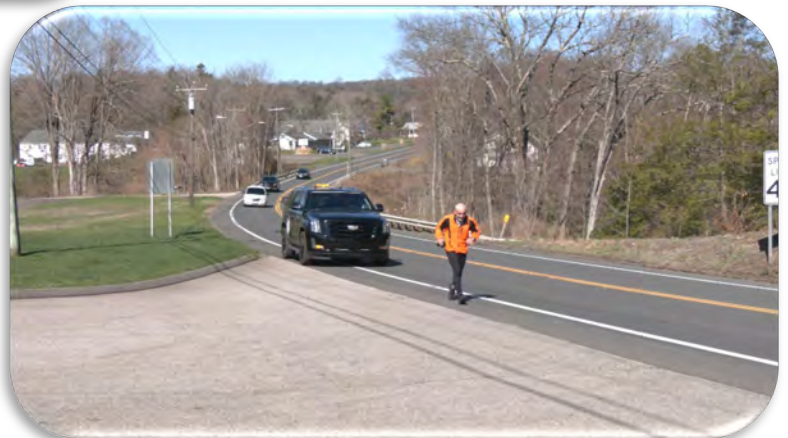
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Not a lot of flat  
land out here

4/9/26



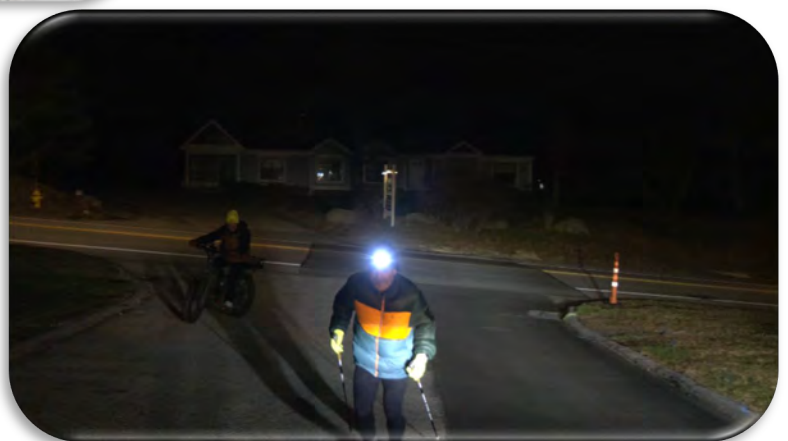
Long and winding  
trail adds some  
relief

4/9/26



Latest finish on  
the Run 1:30 am

4/9/26





Start Day 7  
Thompson, CT

Jamie, Sara,  
Patrick, Anthony,  
Carl & Rich

4/10/26

Into  
Massachusetts  
Ranger Station  
Douglas, MA

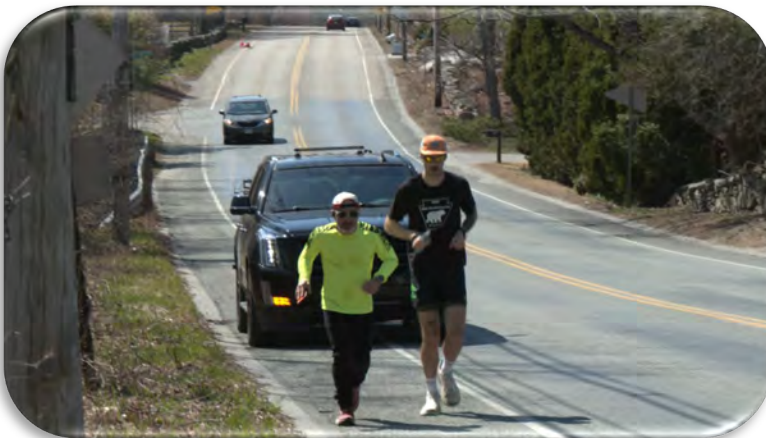
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The hills never  
seem to end

Patrick and  
Anthony

4/10/26



Last whole day  
before the last  
3.3 miles

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The final leg of  
333 miles  
With Police &  
Widows Sons  
Escort  
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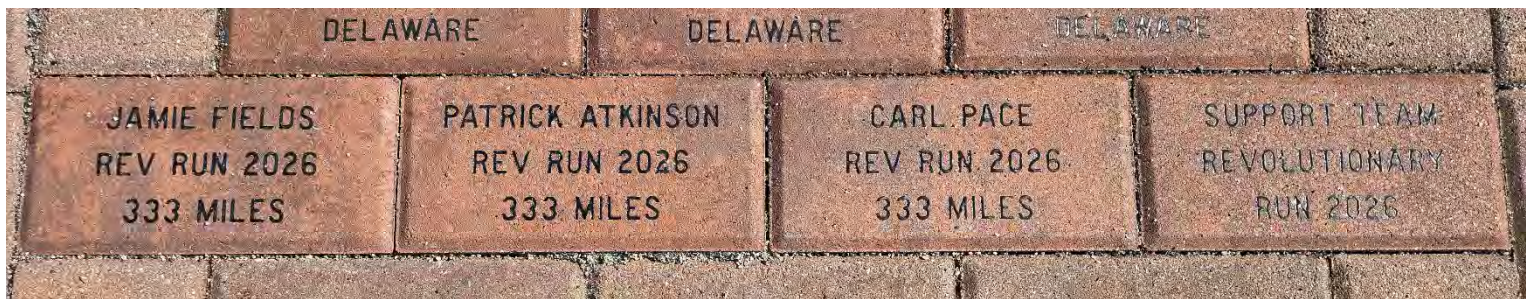
Where the  
Original  
Revolution began  
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Arriving at the  
Museum  
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Breaking the Tape  
with mom and  
dad holding the  
ends  
4/11/26





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## **LIBERTY TREE PLANTING DEDICATION**

On May 12, 2026, Independence Lodge No. 76 and Jackson Lodge No. 19 planted the first of three Liberty Trees at New Castle County's Southern Park near Middletown, Delaware. Numerous county and state dignitaries attended the event.

The Masonic dedication ceremony was conducted by Worshipful Master Carl Pace, assisted by Worshipful Alex Boothe and Past Grand Master Ronald Ferraro.

This marks the first of three Liberty Trees to be dedicated by Delaware Freemasons across the state. Independence Lodge will dedicate one Liberty Tree in each of Delaware's three counties. The Kent County Liberty Tree dedication is scheduled for June 23, 2026, while the Sussex County dedication date is still to be determined.



## *A Father's World War II Service*

By Worshipful Brother Patrick Light, Past Master



Pictured: Worshipful Brother Al Lefranc, Master of Temple Lodge No. 11, Presenting at Lombardy Hall

Worshipful Brother Al Lefranc, Sitting Master of Temple No. 11, recently shared a highly engaging presentation of his father's World War II service. The presentations were at Temple Lodge No. 11 on March 11, 2026, and at Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34 on May 5, 2026. The presentation was unique with background information and maps explaining his father's service and firsthand records shown via projector. Even better, show and tell items were freely passed around by the brethren, including photographs and items handcrafted by his father.

## **HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES**

Brothers from Independence Lodge No. 76 took the lead to organize flag placement at the Veteran's Cemetery in Millsboro. This was the first time that our masonic fraternity here in Delaware, was able to lend a hand at the Millsboro Veteran's Cemetery, and sixteen (16) brothers (and some family members) from several lodges in District 3 were there to help. Meanwhile up at the Veteran's Cemetery in Bear, several brothers from District 1 & 2 participated in the flag placement at that cemetery.

Many thanks to Worshipful Brother Alex Boothe and his Lady Kathy, for taking the lead on this awesome undertaking in Millsboro; and a huge thank you to the brothers from District 3 for their help and assistance. A huge thank you also to the brothers from District 2 and District 1 to help honor our heroes in Bear.





## Hooked on Hope: Jackson Lodge No. 19 and NSCF Create Lasting Memories at Sunset Lake

Sunday, May, 3<sup>rd</sup> was a cool, breezy day at Sunset Lake in Newark, Delaware, where families gathered with fishing poles in hand, laughter in the air, and the promise of a carefree afternoon ahead. The Northern Star Children's Foundation (NSCF), partnered once again with Jackson Lodge No. 19 of Delaware City, hosted a *Family Fun Day* centered around fishing, food, fellowship, and something many children in attendance rarely experience — a simple day of joy and normalcy.

With approximately 50 people in attendance, the event served children and families living in adverse conditions, including homelessness. For many of the children present, the outing represented far more than a picnic by the water. It was their first time fishing, their first time spending a peaceful day outdoors with family, and for some, the first time simply feeling carefree in a long while.

Throughout the day, children lined the docks eagerly casting lines into the calm waters of Sunset Lake. Excited cheers erupted every time a fish was caught, and proud smiles stretched across faces, young and old alike. Leading the day's fishing activities was NSCF Board Director, Patrick Munzert, who quickly earned the unofficial title of "Fishing Captain." From baiting hooks and untangling fishing lines to safely removing fish before release, Patrick ensured every child had the chance to succeed and enjoy the experience.

He was assisted by several Brothers from Jackson Lodge No. 19, along with members of the Newark Anglers Association, all of whom spent hours helping children learn the basics of fishing while encouraging patience, confidence, and excitement along the way.

A major reason every child was able to participate came through the generosity of Past Master Gibby Yoder, who donated the use of dozens of rods and reels for the event. With Mr. Munzert getting them rigged up and ready to fish. Because of these contributions, no child was left standing on the sidelines.

Away from the water, families enjoyed oversized yard games supplied by the Bevans family, including Giant Jenga, oversized Connect Four, and cornhole boards that quickly became gathering points for both adults and children. Friendly competition and nonstop laughter filled the area as families played together throughout the afternoon.

While the games and fishing created memories, the smell of food from the grill kept everyone eagerly returning for another plate. Jackson Lodge Chaplain Anthony Bevans manned the grill throughout the event, preparing hotdogs, sausage, and cheeseburgers for the crowd. Alongside the grilled favorites, Brother Brian Souza and his lady Laurie provided a delicious variety of homemade side dishes, including Laurie's much-talked-about *Corn Bread Casserole*.

The day also included an important outreach component beyond recreation. Tables filled with donated clothing and toys were organized for families to browse and take whatever they needed.

With warmer weather approaching and many children rapidly outgrowing clothes, the donations helped provide practical support to families facing difficult circumstances.

By the end of the day, the docks had quieted, the games were packed away, and families headed home with full stomachs, smiling faces, and memories that will last long after summer fades. Events like these reflect the heart of both organizations. The Northern Star Children's Foundation continues its mission of supporting children living in adverse conditions through education, resources, meals, and family-centered programs. Jackson Lodge No. 19, through its longstanding commitment to community service, continues to demonstrate that meaningful impact often comes through simple acts of kindness — a fishing pole in a child's hand, a hot meal shared together, or volunteers willing to give their time so families can experience a day of happiness and peace.

Jackson Lodge's Worshipful Master Carl Pace said, "Together, we are creating more than events. We are creating hope, connection, and the moments and memories of childhood that every kid deserves to experience."



## **Back-to-Back to Back BINGOS! Jackson Lodge No. 19 and Rotary Bring Consistency Back to Bingo for Delaware Hospital Residents**

For the residents of the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Smyrna, monthly bingo night remains a beloved highlight—an opportunity to gather, laugh, compete, and share in the simple excitement of shouting “Bingo!” with friends and familiar faces. In a setting where days can feel long and routines challenging, especially for those living with significant physical limitations, the game delivers consistent light, connection, and fun.

After years of uncertainty due to inconsistent volunteers, the future of bingo nights was in jeopardy. That changed in February 2026 when Celeste Bevans, Rotary Club Assistant Governor for Area 21 in Rotary District 7630, partnered with Worshipful Master Carl Pace of Jackson Lodge No. 19. The lodge enthusiastically agreed to join Rotary in staffing the games and ensuring residents would never have to miss out again.

The partnership debuted successfully on Thursday, February 19, 2026, with Masons and Rotarians calling numbers, assisting with cards and daubers, distributing prizes, and filling the room with humor and encouragement. What began as a one-night commitment has now become a thriving monthly tradition.

Since February, members of Jackson Lodge No. 19 have returned faithfully every month, demonstrating a continued and enthusiastic dedication to the residents. The volunteers have enhanced the experience by adding small gifts for the bingo winners, bringing extra smiles and tokens of appreciation. To heighten the fun, they have also dressed up in creative costumes for the evenings, injecting even more energy and laughter into the gatherings.

Beyond running the game, the volunteers have built genuine friendships and lasting bonds with the residents. Through patient assistance, personal conversations, and shared celebrations of every win, they ensure no one is left on the sidelines. For residents with limited mobility, the extra hands, gentle guidance, and warm encouragement make full participation possible and deeply meaningful.

Hospital staff continue to express profound gratitude for the reliable support and visible joy it brings to their residents. The room now regularly fills with beaming smiles, high-fives, and the lively call of numbers—an atmosphere of community and care that everyone looks forward to. Jackson Lodge No. 19 remains fully committed to this monthly service alongside their Rotary partners. There is no longer any worry about canceled nights—only anticipation for the next gathering filled with fun, friendship, and compassion.

In Masonry, service is often expressed through steady, reliable acts of kindness—showing up consistently and bringing light to those who need it. This ongoing partnership with Rotary transforms a simple game of bingo into something far more meaningful: a monthly reminder to residents that they are seen, valued, and surrounded by people who care. The volunteers and residents alike are already looking forward to many more nights of shared laughter and the timeless call of “B-12!”

The tradition is not just alive—it is thriving, thanks to the dedication of Jackson Lodge No. 19 and its Rotary partners.



## **Delaware DeMolay March 2026**

This issues report is focused on the Grand Masters Youth Table Lodge in honor of M.W. Richard McTheny, GM. It was a fantastic success with 84 in attendance enjoying a great meal prepared by the Victory Chapter OES. I cannot write this without offering a heartfelt thanks to the following, R.W. Matthew Thompson DGM for being the emcee, Victory Chapter OES, MBR Southern Chapter for serving the dinner and their donation, Scottish Rite for their donation and to Illustrious Sir Mark Hartz our guest speaker. This year the winner in the loudest and proudest was the Job's Daughters; congratulations. DeMolay will be back next year to battle for the title again. Next year's Table Lodge is in the works and as information becomes available it will be distributed out to the Bodies.

Some other events coming up will be the rescheduled Chili/Cornbread cook-off sponsored by the Henlopen Chapter of DeMolay. This is being rescheduled for April, 2026. When everything is finalized, it will be posted on our Facebook page and through the Grand Lodge as well. This is an annual event that has shown great success for the past few years, hopefully again this year. Keep an eye out for more information.

I would like to congratulate the Senior Councilor Matthew Hanna of the Henlopen Chapter for being promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout. He along with some members of DeMolay and the Boy Scouts worked on completing his project this month of planting trees. Another DeMolay from Henlopen Chapter will be heading to the Navy at the end of this month. Ethan Lewis PSMC will be leaving towards the end of the month for basic training; we wish him all the success and congratulate him for serving our country.

I will be heading out next month to talk about DeMolay in a couple of different lodges and hope to gain a new chapter soon. Membership will be my primary goal for the year. So if you know of a young man from 9-21 years of age let me know, I would be glad to talk with them. You can contact me at [deldemolay@aol.com](mailto:deldemolay@aol.com) or on my cell at 302-745-6984. In closing, thank you to all that attended the Table Lodge. This is a big project that I enjoy undertaking. As always, God Bless Mother, God Bless Father, God Bless DeMolay, and God Bless America. Until nest time Fidelitas.

## Delaware Freemason – May 2026



## **March 2026 Stated of Lafayette No. 14 & Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29**

*And A Special Guest: Right Worshipful Brother Andrew Hammer*

By: Worshipful Brother Patrick Light, Past Master

*“Some people believe holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it.”*

*- Ann Landers*

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*

*- 1 Corinthians 13:13*

On March 10, 2026, Lafayette No. 14 in unity with Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29, under dispensation, held their March Stated Communication at the Grand Opera House and Masonic Temple. The evening was a blast, to be honest, as it covered the gambit of emotions, and was an experience with thirty brothers in attendance. Lafayette No. 14 celebrated the 201<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her first Stated Communication of March 1825, and Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29 was somber as they reflected on the potential result of the merger with Lafayette No. 14, pending a vote at the March Semi-Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Pending an affirmative vote, the minute book of Eureka-DuPont will softly close and unite with the combined story of Lafayette No. 14, along with that of Brandywine No. 33.



(Left to Right) Worshipful Master, Brother Douglas Cummings, Right Worshipful Brother Andrew Hammer, Worshipful Master, Brother Jay Troy. Photo By Author.

Worshipful Master Douglas Cummings and Worshipful Master Jay Troy did a fine job in the East given the weight of the evening. Arrangements were made to host Right Worshipful Brother Andrew Hammer, Past Master, Past Junior Grand Deacon (Hon.), of Alba Lodge No. 222, from D.C., who spoke on the purpose of the lodge experience in a talk titled, “What We Came Here To Do.”

Right Worshipful Brother Andrew Hammer Addressing the Lodges.  
Photo By Author.



Worshipful Master Jay Troy at the end of the meeting shared a poignant address, giving a historical sketch of Eureka No. 23 and DuPont No. 29, and then their shared history as a consolidated lodge. Worshipful Troy touched upon the legacy of Worshipful Brother David Simkins, Past Master, and Most Worshipful Brothers Herbert Fulmer, James Pletz, and Donald Rosenberry, Past Grand Masters. Eureka No. 23 was chartered June 27, 1867, and DuPont No. 29 was chartered October 4, 1876, they consolidated on October 6, 1993.

Worshipful Master, Brother Jay Troy Addressing the Lodges.  
Photo By Worshipful Master, Brother Douglas Cummings.



Most Worshipful Brother James Hanby, Past Grand Master, was in attendance, and was invited to close the lodge and gave remarks on the courage and commitment of the brothers of Eureka-DuPont No. 23-29. Most Worshipful Hanby, and Worshipful Cummings and Troy all held the gavel as the closing rap slammed down upon the marble sounding block looking forward to a combined enterprise. A powerful punctuation to the service of Eureka No. 23 & DuPont No. 29 individually, and later collectively, to the fraternity and the community -- all done guided by faith, hope, and the spirit of brotherly love.



(Left to Right) Worshipful Master, Brother Douglas Cummings, Most Worshipful Brother James Hanby, PGM, and Worshipful Master, Brother Jay Troy sounding the gavel to close the lodges. Photo By Author.



## **Delaware DeMolay May 2026**

Just a brief article, things are starting to pick up in Delaware DeMolay. We have some interest in reactivating the Kent Chapter in Dover with a potential for 6 new members. Henlopen is staying busy and by the time you see this they will have already had their annual chili/cornbread cook-off. I am starting to get some interest in the Northern part of the State so we will see how that goes. I am still willing to come to any Lodge or Appendant Body to talk about DeMolay, just let me know if you have any interest.

In June I along with four others will be attending our Annual Sessions in Chicago. Attending with me will be our State Master Councilor Thomas Glenn, III and our Deputy State Master Councilor Matthew Hanna. This is our annual meeting where changes and addition are instituted. They also will vote on who will be the International Master Councilor and the International Congress Secretary. The young men will have a civic service project to do when they get there. As for me I am in meetings all day. This will culminate with our Banquet and Installation of the new representatives.

In closing as always if you know of a young man between the ages of 12-21 that may be interested in DeMolay let me know I would be glad to talk with them. Until next time enjoy your spring.

Dave Penney  
Executive Officer  
Delaware DeMolay

## MASONIC CIVILITY

Encouraging the practice of brotherly love, the maintenance of peace and harmony in our lodges, and the goal of seeking a friendly reformation in our teaching, as well as in our conflicts and disagreements, are just a few examples that uniquely and definitively point Freemasonry out as a promoter and source of civility, in all our doings.

As individuals, our ability to build and achieve may in fact be great, but it pales when compared to what we can accomplish together. Key to this cooperation is acknowledging and accepting our differences and then setting them aside, so that we can then work with one another, towards the accomplishment of even greater common goals. Said another way, we seek “those who can best work and best agree”. Civil discourse and interaction make this possible. This civil interaction is the centerpiece of the fraternity’s long-standing and sometimes historic success. Without it, we are a bunch of individuals, limited by the available time, energy, and wisdom of a single human life and the knowledge and experiences of the same.

Through the study and instruction of the symbols of the Fraternity, we find clear evidence that civil interaction is at the core of this collective success. Cement is made up of several constituent parts. The integrity of the material is weakened if any one of the components is missing. Civility is a constituent component of the cement of brotherly love. Without it, the bonds that join us are weaker and our house may suffer collapse, if it is not ever-present in all of our endeavors.

Dealing squarely with one another and the world at large, builds a reputation and character worthy of respect. Such deference can be translated across circumstances, where we might at once disagree with and, at the same time, display respect for the differing thoughts and opinions of a brother. Consensus, compromise, peace, harmony, and sound decisions are the result of such interactions.

The DeMolay oath speaks on civility in this way...

“I will not be hasty in my judgement of others but will give them the benefit of the doubt, realizing that they may be actuated by worthy motives unknown to me and that under the same circumstances I might have acted even more unwisely than I judge them to have acted”.

The circle admonishes us to control our passions and prejudices and allow for the introduction of differing and potentially equally valuable input. It does not tell us to remove passion from our interactions. There is, after all, still space within the circle. Nor does it imply that our prejudices are necessarily a limiting factor in our successes. Instead, it implores us to keep these two universally present components of our human nature in due bounds and to be mindful of how such characteristics might unintentionally disrupt harmony amongst us, which in turn limits our ability to learn and grow as men and as Masons.

The gavel is an acknowledgement of our imperfections and those of others, as well as our differences. Each stone used in a building comes from somewhere slightly different from the one laid next to it. Through the judicious and thoughtful use of the gavel, we are able to fit closely with one another, establishing a combined value, while still maintaining our uniqueness and value as individuals.

The Level symbolically points to the principle of equality amongst our brothers, none of us claiming superiority over anyone, especially in their opinions, beliefs, or feelings, and acknowledges that no one stone (or person) is more important than the other, when it comes to the integrity and durability of the whole. Dealing with people on the level does not imply that all opinions are valid and should be acted upon without consideration. Instead, it implies that we are all entitled to have an opinion and have the right to express it. Through civil discourse we are then able to find a solution or take an action that has been crafted through thoughtful consideration and with the greatest amount of input. Without civility, the best idea may never be heard and the quality of the solution will be diminished by its absence.

The Sacred Law provides divine guidance for a virtuous life. "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you... (Matthew 7:12). Sometimes referred to as "The Golden Rule", this is a well-known divine instruction but sometimes one that is hard to practice, especially when our passions are allowed to go unchecked. Over the course of a conversation, none of us would welcome being yelled at, being insulted, or having our opinions dismissed. The practice of civil discourse allows for the respectful transmission and discussion of ideas and even feelings, so that where disagreement exists, we do not become disagreeable and as a result, the opportunity to come to a useful if not potent solution is diminished, if not completely lost.

MASONIC FAMILY CIVILITY PROJECT

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## **220 Years Ago: Delaware's First Master Mason**

### *And the Formation of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and the Grand Seal*

By: Worshipful Brother Patrick Light, Past Master

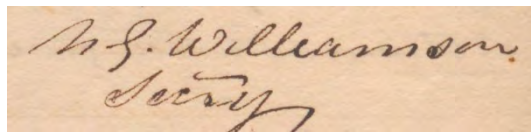
Edited By: Worshipful Brother Douglas Cummings, Master

Near and dear to my heart is our First Honorary Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Lafayette, and his connection to our jurisdiction, allowing us to have celebrated those historical bond's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024-25. As most are likely aware, this year we moved into celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware, not quite as old as our nation, was formed in 1806. This June, our Grand Lodge will celebrate its 220<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is important to note that Masonry in Delaware predates the formation of our Grand Lodge, and can be traced back through surviving records into the 1760's.

While beginning work on a project with Worshipful Brother Michael Rodgers, Grand Historian, I found the first name appearing on a Washington Lodge No. 1 document to be puzzling. For some reason, the name called out to me, as if I had seen it in materials for another research project. After some reflection, the "eureka" moment came and the connection became clear: this familiar name from the Washington No. 1 ledger, would become a charter member of my Lodge, Lafayette No. 14, some nineteen years later.

The name of the Brother, I proudly share with you, is Nicholas Gilpin Williamson; though most records identify him as N.G. Williamson. Right Worshipful Brother Williamson was born on November 8, 1777, and departed on October 15, 1843, at the age of 65.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script on aged, yellowed paper. The signature reads "N.G. Williamson" on the top line and "Secretary" on the bottom line.

Brother Williamson's Signature from 1825 as Lafayette No. 14's Secretary

Brother Williamson had the distinct privilege of being the first brother raised to Master Mason under the newly formed Grand Lodge of Delaware. Our Grand Lodge was formed on June 6 & 7, 1806, when Lodge No. 14 (working in Wilmington under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania), entered into the Grand Lodge of Delaware as Washington No. 1. Brother Williamson, at age 28, received his Entered Apprentice Degree on January 2, 1806, and his Fellow Craft a month later on February 6, both from Lodge No. 14 (Pennsylvania). Brother Williamson was raised, however, on June 10, 1806, three days after the formation of our Grand Lodge, under the new Washington No. 1 banner.

Thus, the first Master Mason to hail from our jurisdiction.

The minutia of Brother Williamson's entry into the lodge is as follows. The petition was read by Lodge No. 14 on December 6, 1805, during a meeting at Town Hall with Brother John Sellars presiding. The investigating committee consisted of Brother John Sellars and Brother Thomas Stockton.

At the following meeting, January 2, 1806, the petition was read, found favorable and, on that same date, the Entered Apprenticed Degree was conferred with Worshipful Master John Patterson in the East. The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred at the Stated Communication of the following month, February 6, 1806, with Worshipful Master John Patterson, again, in the East. The final meeting of Lodge No. 14 occurred on June 5, 1806, and was followed by a smooth transition into Washington No. 1 on June 10, 1806. Worshipful Master Thomas Stockton both presided over the meeting and conferred the Master Mason Degree for Brother Williamson.

Three very interesting points are to be made here regarding the new charter which should have been on display during the June 10, 1806, meeting when Brother Williamson was raised. Worshipful Master Thomas Stockton, at the formation of Grand Lodge three days prior, was elected and installed as Grand Treasurer, but also named the charter Master of Washington No. 1. Thus, Stockton had the honor of having his name within the body of text of the charter with his appointment as Master, and the privilege of also signing the charter as a Grand Lodge officer giving the Warrant its authority. It is worth mentioning that Brother Stockton also serves as the secretary for the formation meetings of the Grand Lodge. Brother Stockton served as Grand Treasurer for two consecutive terms, and later as Deputy Grand Master for three consecutive terms beginning in 1810,

The second point, the same honor of signing Washington No. 1's charter went to Past Master Edward Roche, who was elected and installed as the first Grand Secretary on June 7. Right Worshipful Roche held the office of Grand Secretary for five years until 1812 when he is elected as our Most Worshipful Grand Master for two consecutive terms.

The third point will require some further investigation, but if charters were given to the founding lodges on June 7 who vacated their previous charters as the minutes state: No. 14 for Washington No. 1, No. 33 for St. John's No. 2, No. 96 for Hiram No. 3, and No. 31 to Hope No. 4. Those charters may have been issued incomplete at the time, used, and then returned to Grand Lodge for the final signatures. As Most Worshipful Gunning Bedford, Right Worshipful Joseph Israel, and Right Worshipful John McBeth were not present at the formation, and were installed by Committee on August 4, 1806.

At the June 10 Stated and Master Mason conferral there were fourteen brothers present, including Williamson in the count. Four of these brothers were present for both days of the formation of Grand Lodge, while another four brothers attended on the second day.

No. 14 Members Who Attended **Both** June 6 & 7 1806

- Thomas Stockton, Worshipful Master

- John Sellars, Past Master
- John Patterson, Past Master
- James Tilton, Junior Warden

#### No. 14 Members Who Attended **Only** June 7, 1806

- John Hedrick, Senior Warden
- Edward Roche, Past Master
- Isaac Stevenson, Past Master
- William Pluright, Past Master, Secretary

A final point to mention about Brother Stockton and Roche is that they were appointed by Grand Lodge on June 7, 1806, to, “devise and procure a seal for this G[rand] Lodge.” At the June 24, 1807, Communication of Grand Lodge, Brother Stockton and Roche reported that their committee, “complied with the directions of their appointment,” and our Grand Lodge Seal came into existence. This my Brother, is the same seal used by our Grand Lodge today.



An early example, if not the earliest, of the Grand Lodge Seal going back to the formation of Grand Lodge on Washington No. 1's Charter

Brother Williamson's distinction of being our first Master Mason is not his only claim to history. Brother Williamson studied law with another Lodge No. 14/Washington No. 1 Brother, Caesar Augustus Rodney: another civic heavy weight by every right. Of additional note, Brother Williamson served in the War of 1812, attached to Wilmington's Troop of Horses as the cornet - - the officer with the important duty of carrying the regiment's colors, as a symbol of unit identity and pride.

Brother Williamson was also a civic leader in Delaware, having been elected to the legislature of Wilmington in 1810. His dedication to the city continued, as he served as her postmaster for two decades, from 1820 until his death in 1843. With some overlap, Brother

Williamson also served as the city of Wilmington's second mayor, until his passing, following Richard H. Bayard, from 1834 to 1843.

There are further records that reflect Brother Williamson answering the call to serve upon committees, which paid respect to the families of departed, esteemed Wilmingtonian and America citizens. One such notable committee, where Brother Williamson served as secretary, was tasked with honoring and mourning the losses of former Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson; our country's second and third presidents, who died within hours of each other on the same day, July 4, 1826.

As for Masonic service, Brother Williamson was elected Secretary for three six month terms beginning in December 1806. In June 1806, he was elected Senior Deacon for one six month term. In June 1812, he was elected Junior Warden for one six month term. Brother Williamson attended the November 4, 1813, Stated and served as the Junior Warden pro-tempore due to Junior Warden Richard McClary being absent. Finally, he is elected and installed Master of Washington No. 1 in December 1813 for six months.

A few years later, on September 4, 1817, he withdrew, but not even a month later, was re-admitted on October 2, 1817. Then on January 6, 1824, he withdrew from Washington No. 1, to become a charter member of the newly formed Lafayette No. 14, in her service as secretary from March 15, 1825, to December 6, 1825. In June 1839, he was elected as the Junior Grand Warden of our Grand Lodge.

Thus, we recognize another tried and true brother from the early rolls, who toiled and was industrious in Delaware's Masonic Quarry; a man who served his community with virtue. It becomes our duty to resurrect his name and honor his achievements in the present, especially as we near our Grand Lodge's 220<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Right Worshipful Brother Nicholas Gilpin Williamson: *The Grand Lodge of Delaware's First Master Mason.*

## **DelMar Job's Daughters News**

Thank you for the chance to share what's happening with the DelMar Job's Daughters. This Mother's Day weekend, we held our annual convention in Ocean City, Maryland. It was a wonderful way to wrap up a special year with our Grand Guardian, Karen Woodring, our Associate Grand Guardian, Jason Hafer, and our Grand, Bethel Honored Queen, Summer Neblett. On Saturday morning, we welcomed a new group of officers for our Grand Bethel and our new Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Willa. Then, on Saturday night, the Grand Guardian Council passed the torch, and Kathy Morgan-Hartz was installed as Grand Guardian, along with Associate Grand Guardian Bob McCormick.



We'll keep the momentum going in June with the officer changes at our local Bethels. Our installations are open to Master Masons, wives, and families, and we'd love for you to join us. To kick off the new year on a high note, we're celebrating with Bethel 7 in Dover on June 1 at 7:00 PM for their installation. We'd be thrilled if you could join us. We'll continue with the rest of the Bethel installations throughout June. If you're interested in more details, please feel free to email me, and I'll send you the information about our other Bethel installations.

Even though our Bethels are dark from July through August, we're still running! We'll be busy traveling to nearby jurisdictions for their annual conventions, participating in local parades, heading to Springfield, MO, for our Job's Daughters International convention, and having our Daughter Leadership Weekend. A big thank you to our Masons in Delaware for their support our Daughter Leadership event. We're planning to help the girls get involved in planning and leading meetings, learn about the financial aspects of their Bethels, and invite a guest speaker to talk about suicide and bullying prevention. Plus, we'll be having some fun team-building activities. While we have scheduled sleep, I'm not sure how much sleep we'll get over the weekend. Thanks again for your support for this informative training weekend for our members.

Do you know any young ladies between the ages of 10 and 19? We'd love to meet them and their families and share the fun, friendship, and leadership that Job's Daughters offers. Or if you have any questions or concerns about Job's Daughters, please feel free to contact me via email at [grandguardiandelmar@gmail.com](mailto:grandguardiandelmar@gmail.com). Thank you for your support. Kathy Morgan-Hartz, PHQ, Grand Guardian



# Unlocking the York Rite: The Rest of the Story

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## Introduction

York Rite is comprised of four (4) bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council & Commandery. Thus, York Rite can be considered to have been founded in Delaware in 1765 when the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Ancient York Masons (A.Y.M.) chartered Lodge No. 5 at Cantwell's Bridge (present day Odessa). How 'bout that!

**Brethren ... you've taken the first three degrees in Masonry, you survived the lectures, you even learned some lines of ritual ... and yet ...**

**Something may still feel ... *missing*.**

**So, let's talk about the *graduate school* of Freemasonry ...**

**The York Rite.**

Yes, Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry, and a Commandery of Knights Templar — the three chapters of the story that complete, explain, and enrich everything we started in the Blue Lodge ... **are you read to make your Mark?**

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## 1. Royal Arch Masonry – Exalting the Plot Twist

Let's start with the **Royal Arch** — the continuation and completion of the Master Mason degree. If the Craft degrees are a movie trilogy, the Royal Arch is that extra scene after the credits ... the one that makes everything you saw suddenly click.

Remember how the Master Mason degree left a few things ... perhaps ... *unresolved*?

The Royal Arch looks at that and says,

'Hold my working tools.'

### **In Royal Arch:**

You discover the lost word.

You restore what was lost.

You complete the story — focusing on themes of the recovery of lost knowledge.

And let me tell you, this is one of the few times in Masonry where the phrase 'The long-lost secret' ... actually turns out to be *about a secret*.

## Community impact?

- Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA)
  - Supports research for studying Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) – a neurological condition where the ear detects sound (normal ear function), but the brain cannot fully interpret it.
- Masonic Medical Research Institute (MMRI)
  - Supports scientific research into molecular genetics and cardiac diseases
- Other initiatives

**Degrees** – there are four (4) degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter: Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason ... and the characteristic color of Royal Arch Masonry, also called Capitular Masonry is RED.

**Prerequisites for membership?** Master Mason member of a Lodge.

## Why Join the Royal Arch?

- It answers the biggest question left hanging from the Master Mason degree.
- It fills in the symbolism of which you've only scratched the surface.
- Many Masonic scholars call it *the completion of Ancient Craft Masonry*, particularly within the UK and Ireland, where it remains the preeminent “high degree.”
- The degree work is powerful, emotional, dramatic — and beautifully done.
- And if you watched the series “Ancient Aliens” you would know that it is possible that the High Priests of the historic times may have used those colorful buttons on their breastplate to communicate with Extraterrestrials!

... so, Brethren, if you've ever felt there was *more* to the Craft story ... the Royal Arch is where you find it.

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## 2. Cryptic Masonry – The Middle Chapters You Didn't Know You Needed

Now, Cryptic Masonry — Royal & Select Masters — is the ‘**prequel we actually wanted.**’

You know how some movie franchises make a prequel that explains everything? Examples include “The Godfather Part II,” “Star Wars” ...

Cryptic Masonry is like that —  
*except it actually makes the story better.”*

In the Royal Arch, you *find* something precious.  
But in the Cryptic degrees, you learn how it got there in the first place.

It’s like watching a magician reveal how the trick was done ... except you still appreciate the magic even more.

And yes, Cryptic Masons are called ‘Cryptic’ because they deal with hidden things — not because they communicate like teenagers who only text one-word answers.

### **Community impact?**

- Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF)
  - Supports research for studying atherosclerosis (heart disease) and other initiatives, truly turning masonic philosophy into life-saving practice.
- Other programs

**Degrees** – there are three (3) degrees in Cryptic Council: Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master ... and the characteristic color of the Cryptic Rite is PURPLE.

**Prerequisites for membership?** Royal Arch member of a Chapter.

### **Why Join Cryptic?**

- It explains the planning, safeguarding, and preservation that make the Royal Arch possible.
- It ties the entire York Rite story together.
- It adds depth, context, and mystery to everything you’ve learned.
- The Select Master degree is considered by many to be one of the most meaningful in Masonry.
- There’s this cool focus on a “Secret Vault” – a symbolic underground crypt that represents a man’s search for life’s purpose ... and then there are these Nine Arches that symbolize a descent into one’s own soul to find “Divine Truth.”

If the Royal Arch tells you *what* was lost and found ...  
Cryptic Masonry tells you *how* and *why*.

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## 3. Commandery of Knights Templar – Where Masonry Meets Chivalry

Finally, we arrive at the **Commandery of Knights Templar**.

This is where Masonry puts on the armor of virtue, raises a sword of honor, and says:  
'Alright, brethren — time to get crazy ... I mean noble.'

You receive a sword.

You receive a chapeau (or cape, depending upon which Commandery)

You receive instructions on how *not* to poke your neighbor with said sword ...

— very important.

The Knights Templar have uniforms that look like you're leading a Victorian honor guard. Dignified. Impressive.

And really, just awesome cool ...

### Community impact?

- Knight Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF)
  - Support research for pediatric eye diseases, vision research and providing access to care.
  - Endow professorships at institutions like Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic.
- Holy Land Pilgrimage
  - Funds a program that sends Christian ministers to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, aiming to enrich their preaching and understanding of the scriptures.
- Other initiatives

**Orders** – there are four (4) orders in Commandery ... Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Mediterranean Pass, Order of Malta and Order of the Temple. The Order of the Temple can be seen as a similar high point as the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

### Prerequisites for membership?

Royal Arch member of a Chapter, and Christian-oriented (it is, after-all Knights Templar).

## Why Join the Commandery?

- It culminates the York Rite story with powerful lessons of faith, honor, sacrifice, and moral courage.
- The ceremonies are dramatic, symbolic, inspiring, and unforgettable.
- It offers visible service: guard units, parades, charitable work.
- It's your chance to live out the ideals of chivalry in modern life.
- So, Knights Templar are the dudes who were the first international bankers and the elite highly disciplined military force of the Middle Ages, key defenders of the Crusader states, who built and maintained a vast network of castles, churches, and commanderies across Europe and the Middle East, managed large-scale farms and vineyards, had great geopolitical power, and knew logistics – like who wouldn't want to be associated with Knights Templar?

... and perhaps most importantly, in Commandery, you're not just taught virtues — you're challenged to embody them.

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## ★ Why a Mason Should Join York Rite

### Fun Reasons:

- You finally get the *full* Masonic story.
- You experience some of the most dramatic degrees anywhere.
- You meet brothers deeply committed to exploring the Craft.
- Swords. Capes. Medieval vibes. Enough said.

### Serious Reasons:

- It deepens your understanding of your Masonic obligations.
- It fosters scholarship, leadership, and brotherly connection.
- It provides a home for deeper study, reflection, and service.
- And it encourages you to live a virtuous, upright, meaningful life.

Brethren, these bodies aren't just organizations.

They are *opportunities* —

to grow, to learn, to serve, and to complete the journey you began when you knocked on the door of the Lodge.



## Further Graduate Studies

There is also plethora of special invitation-only honorary bodies for York Rite Masons, including:

Allied Masonic Degrees – Councils  
Requirement – member of a Chapter

Allied Masonic Degrees – Royal Ark Mariners  
Requirement – member of a Chapter

York Rite College of Delaware  
Requirement – member of all four York Rite Bodies

Council of Knight Masons  
Requirement – sitting or past presiding officer of any one of the four York Rite Bodies

Order of Knights Preceptor  
Requirement – sitting or Past Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templar

Knights York Cross of Honour  
Requirement – members who have served as the past presiding officer of all four York Rite Bodies.

... more information will be provided in a later presentation.

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## Conclusion

So if you've ever sensed there was more ...  
If you've ever felt the story paused just before the final chapter ...  
If you're ready for a deeper, richer, more inspiring Masonic experience ...

Then brethren...  
**the York Rite is waiting for you.**  
And we will welcome you —  
with open arms, open minds,  
... and occasionally swords ... at ease, of course ...

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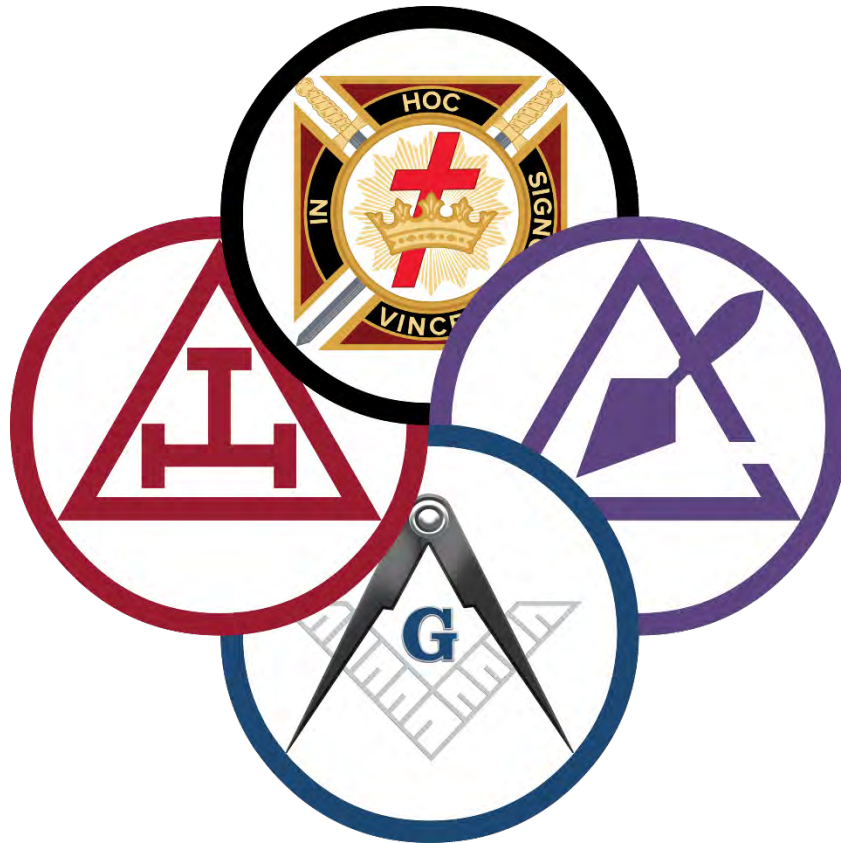
From Symbolic Lodge, all the way to Commandery, York Rite is a remarkable path in the journey of brotherhood, wisdom, and enlightenment.

Every time you knock on a new door, new opportunities reveal fresh horizons and perspectives. Every time you say “yes,” you open yourself to growth, possibility, and discovery. So, here’s to having the courage to step forward, embrace the unknown, and expand your horizons far beyond what you once imagined possible.

Are YOU ready to make your MARK and continue the journey as a York Rite Mason? Please accept my invitation – it’s going to be worth it.

... for more information or to join a Chapter, please contact:

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Grand High Priest  
The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware  
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SHIELD & SQUARE CLUB OF DELAWARE  
**MASTER MASON DEGREE**  
Jackson Lodge No. 19 A.F. & A.M.  
March 31, 2026

On Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Shield & Square Club and its Degree Team convened at Jackson Lodge No. 19 A.F. & A.M. for the purpose of raising Brother Dylan A. Bevans to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

## Jackson Lodge No. 19 Members Transform FAITH House Apartment with Flooring Results!

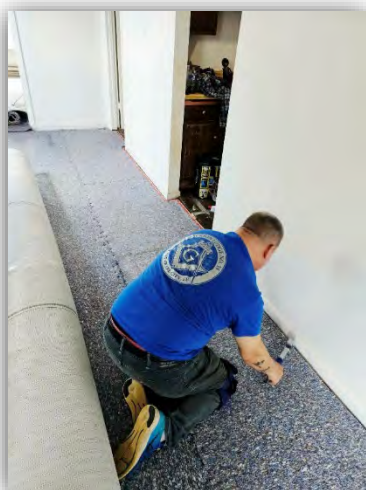
Members of Jackson Lodge No. 19 recently rolled up their sleeves and made a meaningful impact for families in need by donating both time and materials to completely refurbish an apartment at The Point of Life Modern Ministries' FAITH House.

The project involved installing new carpet and luxury vinyl plank (LVP) flooring throughout the entire apartment. This hands-on effort prepared the space to welcome a new family into the FAITH Program (Families Achieving Independence Through Honor) — a faith-based initiative designed to help families rebuild, strengthen their relationships with God, themselves, their families, and their community while providing stable housing during the process.

From removing old flooring to carefully laying the new carpet and durable, attractive LVP, the brothers worked diligently to create a clean, comfortable, and welcoming environment. Their generous donation of materials combined with many hours of skilled labor turned what was once a worn space into a fresh starting point for a family working toward greater independence and stability.

This service project reflects the core values of Freemasonry — brotherly love, relief, and truth — lived out through practical, compassionate action. By partnering with The Point of Life Modern Ministries, Jackson Lodge No. 19 helped ensure that another family stepping into the FAITH Program will have a safe, dignified place to call home while they focus on growth, healing, and building a brighter future.

The Point of Life Modern Ministries and the families they serve extended their heartfelt thanks to the brothers of Jackson Lodge No. 19 for their generosity, hard work, and dedication. One refreshed apartment means one more family can begin their journey toward hope and independence in a space that feels like a true home.





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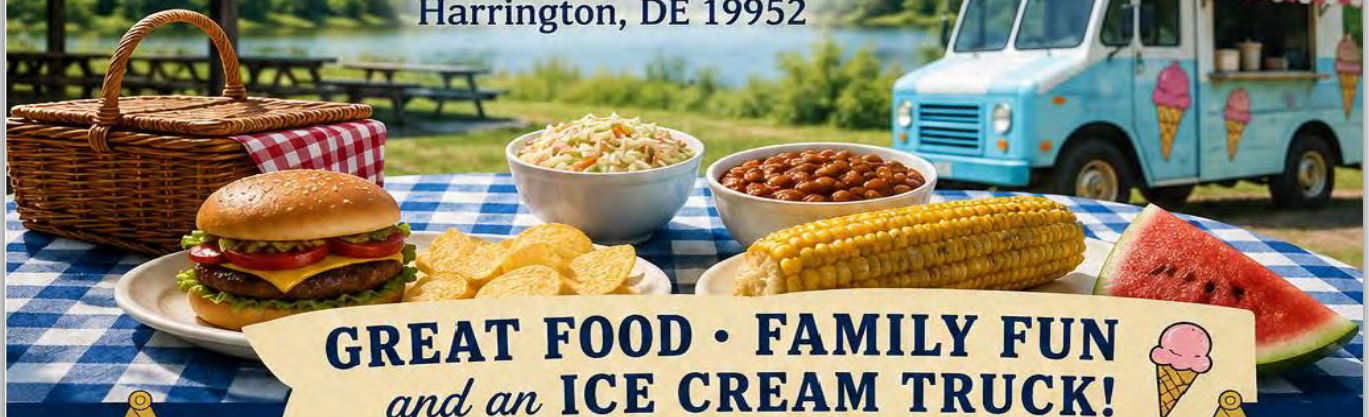


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**To better unify Masonic Riders throughout the State of Delaware**

**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 Norther 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 \_\_\_\_\_



Make check payable to 'Delaware Lodge of Research'

# Attend your Blue Lodge

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





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

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

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

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



**WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS  
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| 2026-03-19 | Curtis    | Franklin | Critzer          | St. John's         | 2  |
| 2026-04-05 | Richard   | L        | Russell          | Hope               | 4  |
| 2026-03-31 | Charles   | L        | Roberts, Jr., PM | Union              | 5  |
| 2026-04-29 | Stuart    | Curtis   | Cole, PJGW       | Union              | 7  |
| 2026-04-10 | Johnathan | A        | Rehm             | Union              | 7  |
| 2026-04-07 | Gary      | Alan     | Sweetman         | Union              | 7  |
| 2026-04-16 | Samuel    | Waples   | Warrington, PM   | Franklin           | 12 |
| 2026-04-13 | Franklin  | R        | Townsend, PM     | Lafayette          | 14 |
| 2026-04-12 | Holmes    | Lamar    | Hay, PM          | Jackson            | 19 |
| 2026-04-21 | Warren    | M.       | Saunders, PM     | Gethsemane         | 28 |
| 2026-04-03 | Thomas    | Lee      | Comer            | Hiram              | 25 |
| 2026-04-07 | George    | R.       | Berry            | Ionic              | 31 |
| 2026-03-05 | Charles   | P.       | Wolfe            | Ionic              | 31 |
| 2026-04-02 | David     | S        | Morse            | Granite-Corinthian | 34 |
| 2026-03-19 | George    | F        | Smith, III       | Delaware           | 37 |



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](mailto: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

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**Visiting:**

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**not included: insurance, gratuities, airfare, transportation, hotel stays, excursions**

Deposit of \$500 per cabin due at booking

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