# NEWSLETTER OF THE VALLEY OF WILMINGTON 2017 ISSUE NO. 1 SUMMER



# SCOTTISH RITE



VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

# ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING UPON GRAND LODGE CALENDAR

# 2017—IMPORTANT DATES

**September 28th (Thursday)—Business Meeting #1** Location - 818 N. Market St., Wilmington at 7:00PM This will be a business meeting under the direction of the Lodge of Perfection. Dress for all—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable).

**October 19th (Thursday)—Business Meeting # 2 and Awards Dinner Location-TBD.** Social begins at 6:00PM. This will be a business meeting under the direction of the Princes of Jerusalem. Ladies are welcome. If you plan on attending, you MUST contact the SR secretary at (302) 998-6475 ASAP! If you do not RSVP, you will be turned away at the door. Dress for all—coat and tie.

**October 21st (Saturday)—REUNION #1** Location - 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Social gathering at 8:30AM **Degrees TBD** Dress for officers, MSAs & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable). Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

#### All KSA Knights and Squires are encouraged to attend!

#### November 11th (Saturday)— Empty Chair Degree Location - Newport Masonic Temple

Location - 112 E Market St. Newport De. 19804 Hosted by Unity Lodge 32 and Ionic Lodge 31 "The Empty Chair Degree dates back to 1875, a decade after the close of the American Civil War when it was used in Masonic lodges to pay tribute to those who did not return from the war. Since then, it has been used by many lodges on Remembrance Day to pay homage to those Brother Masons who fell during WWI, WWII, and other wars."



#### Lodge opens at NOON - then will be opened to public, 1PM Ceremony Begins

- -Special presentation "Veterans" by Jim Brady, PM developed while he was Commander of the Delaware Department of the American Legion.
  - -"Empty Chair" Ceremony, Preformed by Members of Unity Lodge #32 and Ionic Lodge #31
  - -BBO Lunch Prepared by Bud Skinner, Ionic Lodge #31
  - -Tickets \$20.00 Reserve your seat by contacting us at unity32events@gmail.com
  - -Proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House and Home of the Brave charities for Veterans

**November 18th (Saturday)—REUNION #2** Location - 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Social gathering at 8:30AM **Degrees TBD** Dress for officers & 33rds—tux, hat and jewels; all others—coat, tie, hat and jewel (as applicable). Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

All KSA Knights and Squires are encouraged to attend!

December 2nd (Sunday) 33° Mixer Location - Deerfield Country Club 2:00 PM

Please call the office to confirm reservations \*\*\* 33rds Only \*\*\*

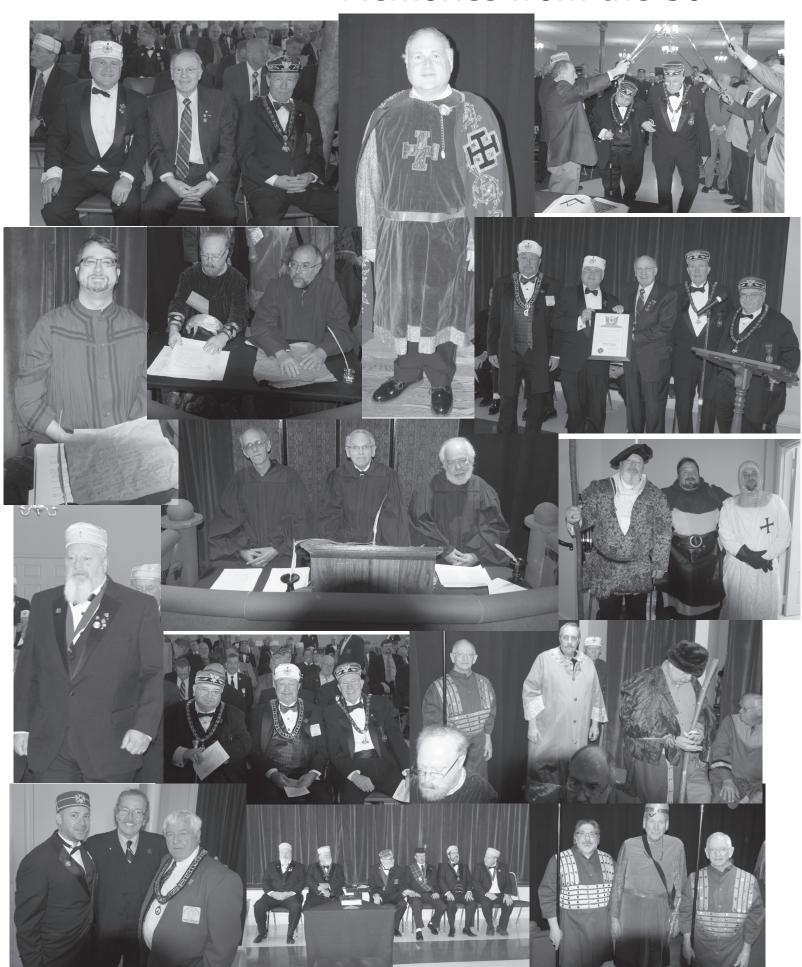








# Memories from the 30°



#### DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

#### Date Born • Brothers Name • Date Died

09/30/1954 Brother Mark A. Bendler 02/12/1937 Brother Peter H. Berg 06/30/1921 Brother Charles W. Bower 10/14/1919 Brother Wilmer C. Cason 10/21/1930 Brother J. David Chadwick 11/20/1938 Brother Donald Wyatt Eliason 12/16/1933 Brother James C. Greenly Brother James P. Gunning III 01/08/1943 03/05/1938 **Brother Walter Hoff** 08/04/1952 Brother C. S. Holder Jr. 04/01/1932 Brother Frank M. Holloway 12/15/1936 Brother Douglas J. Knierim 08/21/1926 Brother Robert B Krauss Jr. 06/22/1931 Brother Clayton H. Melson Jr. 05/29/1931 Brother William R Parrish 10/26/1926 Brother Edwin O. Rex Jr. 10/06/1926 Brother Dr. Robert L. Ricker 08/09/1936 Brother Edward C. Waters Sr. 12/19/1939 Brother James P. White 04/10/1929 Distinguished Brother John F. Quillen MSA 11/27/1953 Illustrious Brother Herbert P. Fulmer, 33°

02/12/2017 03/27/2017 12/10/1999 03/10/2017 03/18/2017 01/03/2017 01/17/2017 01/23/2017 03/17/2017 04/23/2016 03/20/2017 03/10/2017 12/30/2016 03/30/2017 02/19/2017 01/08/2017 02/06/2017 06/18/2016 12/19/2016 01/22/2017 03/09/2017

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN YOUR MASONIC PRAYERS

Illustrious Brother H. Richard Hoffman Illustrious Brother Warren F. Schueler, Sr. Illustrious Brother Bruce A. Beck Brother Peter Tyrrell, MSA. Brother Joseph L. Kauffman Brother JB Walsh Brother Fred M. Palmer

If you know of anyone who is in need of prayers, please contact the Secretary as indicated.





### **Words from the KSA Chief**



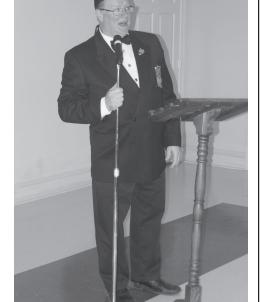
A hearty thank you and CONGRATULATIONS to all the Knights who attended and assisted at the reunion on April 8, 2017. The work was top-notch, the food was amazing, and the day will forever be immensely memorable. We had over 150 attendees including perhaps 50 Brethren from visiting Valleys.

Another CONGRATULATIONS to our Squires, Bro. John Thompson, Bro. Chas Van Heest, and Bro. Byrom Price for achieving enough Squire Points to be Knighted at our next Council of Deliberation!

As has become the custom, the DE Knights of Saint Andrew will again perform the sacred duty of memorializing our dearly departed Brethren from the past Masonic year.

I personally wish each of you good tidings as well as good health and prosperity as the Lodges go dark for the summer. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Chief and I wish all the future Chiefs the best of luck in their upcoming roles over the years!

Gregory P. Correll, 32° M.S.A. Chief 2016







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## **Illustrious Herbert P. Fulmer 33°**

Age 78, passed away on March 9th, 2017 in his home surrounded by family.

A native Delawarean, Herb graduated from A.I. DuPont High School in 1956. With his brother, he continued his great grandfather's roofing business, Fulmer Roofing, which had been in business since 1912. He served in the US Armed Forces and volunteered as a fire fighter for the Claymont Fire Company.

Brother Fulmer proudly dedicated his life for 41 years to fraternal service as a Master Mason. He was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member and Past Worshipful Master of Eureka DuPont Lodge #23-29 AF&AM, Past Grand Master (1997-1998) and Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge AF&AM of Delaware, Member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ruth Chapter #19, and Past Associate Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters of Delaware. He continued his service as Grand Secretary in the last 9 years of his life.

Herb is preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Thompson and brother, Robert Fulmer. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol Fulmer, his daughter, Sharon Smith, his sister, Patricia Ziemann, his 5 grandchildren, and his great grandson.



Herbert P. Fulmer II, Grand Secretary - Emeritus; standing: M:.W:.James S. Russell, Jr., Deputy Grand Secretary; and Carol Fulmer, Beloved Wife...



Memento/Vori



## **Memorial Day**

Logan Lodge No. 575 in Indianapolis was chartered in 1888, and is named after Major General John A. Logan, one of the most famous and popular Union Army generals of the Civil War. After the war, Logan became a fierce Republican, an Illinois senator, and presided over the impeachment trial of Andrew

Johnson. He was a staunch supporter for the cause of Veterans and was one of the primary advocates of creating Memorial Day as a national holiday, a day that is important all across America.

Brother Logan was raised as a Master Mason in Mitchell Lodge No. 85 in Pinckneyville, Illinois.

Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) was officially declared on May 5th, 1868 by General Logan, in his role as national commander of the fraternal group, the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30th of that year when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

#### **HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

General Orders No.11, WASHINGTON, D.C., May 5, 1868

The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull, other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from hishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to lend its friendly aid in bringing to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

Department commanders will use efforts to make this order effective.

By order of

JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief

N.P. CHIPMAN, Adjutant General

Official:

WM. T. COLLINS, A.A.G.

The Grand Army of the Republic was made up of veterans of the Union Army who had served in the Civil War. By 1890, the GAR had 490,000 members and held an annual National Encampment every year from 1866 until its final encampment in Indianapolis in 1949. Seven years later its last member, Albert Woolson, died and the GAR was formally dissolved.

Don't simply treat the day as part of a warm three-day weekend. Take a moment to reflect upon those men and women who have given the "last full measure of devotion" for their country. Decorate their graves. Visit their memorials. Raise the flag in their honor. Lift up their widows and orphans.

And remember.



#### **Scottish Rite Passport**



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### **Congratulations**

Brothers: Geoffrey Fox 32°, Randy Parsons 32°, Chris DeAngelo 32°, and Jim Coulbourne 32° upon having their Scottish Rite Passports completely stamped indicating that they have witnessed all of the degrees of the Scottish Rite and who will be soon receiving their GOLD PASSPORTS!

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### From the Desk of the Secretary ...

We are quickly approaching the end of the second half of the year and there are still a few members ,who have not sent in their dues. Please send them in as soon as possible. We also, still have a few members who have not paid their previous years dues. Your membership to The Scottish Rite is valued to us. If you

are having any problems paying your dues, please feel free to call me.

\*\*\* Please contact me if you are missing your plastic dues card. \*\*\*

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