



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

October 10th, 2015—Reunion 4th & 8th & 10th Degrees—818 N. Market St.
November 14th, 2015—Reunion 15th, 17th and 20th Degrees—818 N. Market St.

2015—IMPORTANT DATES

September 29th (Tuesday)—Business Meeting. Location will be NUR Temple. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM sharp. This will be a business meeting, under the direction of the Wilmington Council of Rose Croix. Dress for all is jacket, tie, hat and jewels as appropriate. Light refreshments are to follow the meeting.

October 8th (Thursday) Location 3th Floor of the Grand Lodge. (Blue Room) Refreshments to be served on 4th floor. Please keep this date open as it will be for the Grand Lodge Installation of Officers, for the ensuing Masonic year.

October 10th (Saturday)—REUNION 4th—8th—10th degrees. 818 N. Market St 3rd & 4th floors. Ceremonial starts at 9:00 AM (candidates report 45 minutes earlier) and continues through lunch. 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. **4th Degree video for those that need to “catch up” will be shown at 8:30 AM.**

October 17th (Saturday)—Union Lodge No. 7 is happy to announce its annual Outdoor MM Degree. This degree takes place in the woods (weather permitting) so dress warmly and casually. Hats are okay until the lodge is called to order. Please remember to bring a chair so you can park your carcass comfortably. Plan to arrive early because you ride on a tractor pulled trailer into and out of the woods and it requires several trips to get everyone there. **Location:** Al Johnson's Farm 4403 Irish Hill Road Magnolia, DE

October 29th (Thursday)—Business Meeting. Bella Vita @ Cavalier's Meeting starts 6:00 PM sharp. This meeting is under the direction of the Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem. Reservation must be made with the secretary. Dress for all is jacket, tie, hat and jewels as appropriate. Ladies are cordially invited.

October 31 (Saturday)—The Committee on Education & Work will be putting on its first workshop of this Masonic Year. Doughnuts & Coffee will be available at 8:30 AM and the meeting will commence at 9:00 AM, SHARP and end by NOON. The Jobs Daughters will provide lunch for a nominal fee so please support their efforts. Dress is casual and be prepared for your Attentive Ear to receive knowledge from an Instructive Tongue.

Location: Union Lodge #7 Address: 1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE 19904

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December 6th (Sunday) 33° Mixer. Deerfield Country Club 2:00 PM *** *Please Note this Date Has been Changed***
Please call the office to confirm reservations *** 33rd's Only ***



**Do not walk behind me, I
may not lead. Do not walk
in front of me, I may not
follow. Just walk beside me
and be my friend.**

- Albert Camus

**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
IN YOUR MASONIC PRAYERS**



Illustrious Brother Robert Carroll
Brother Forrest A. Boettcher
Illustrious Brother Warren Schuller, Sr.
Illustrious Brother Herbert P. Fulmer, III
Illustrious Brother Benjamin F. Lloyd
Illustrious Brother Patrick J. Burke, MSA
Illustrious Brother Jamie Turner
Illustrious Brother Herbert J. Atkinson
Brother Peter Tyrrell, MSA.
Brother Earl V. Nichols, Sr.
Illustrious Brother Robert Dodd
Brother Joseph Kauffamn
Brother Dave Chidester
Brother Chuck Mueller
If you know of anyone who is in need of prayers, please contact the Secretary as indicated.

**A Message from the Thrice Potent Master
Greetings Brethren,**

I hope you all had a wonderful summer with your families and friends and have been rested and refreshed as we move forward into the fall season. We have an AASR Valley of Wilmington DE reunion coming up on Saturday October 10TH starting with the Lodge of Perfection Degrees.

We are taught in our Blue Lodge degrees that “the internal and not the external qualifications” of a man are principally regarded by Freemasons. Perfection begins with this internal striving to be better men. The degrees in the Lodge of Perfection start the expansion of these ideals to make us be better men and are reinforced by the other AASR degrees thru the 32ND.

Borrowing a quote from a recent movie “It’s not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me” exemplifies that striving for perfection put into action. We as Scottish Rite masons put that into action from our Almoner’s fund to help our brethren and their families to our Annual Valley Charity Golf outing at the Dover Airbase to support our airmen and their families as they are away defending us and our freedoms here at home. And many of us also are involved in helping out our communities through our churches, food pantries, and soup kitchens amongst other activities.

Perfection is attained by degrees and by these little things that we do for our brethren and communities we make ourselves a little bit better and a little closer to being like the GAOTU that we are all trying to emulate. God Bless you and your families and I hope to see you in October.

Stefan F. Darczuk

**Thrice Potent Master
Valley of Wilmington**



On September 1st, 2015, during the 203rd Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of The ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE. For The NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION of The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in Indiana. Nathan Zahn, was elevated to the 33°. He has been dedicated to the Valley of Wilmington for over 20 years performing in the 4th degree, reading the 10 commandments in Hebrew.

At the Supreme Council AASR NMJ session in Indianapolis, IA the Delaware contingent did well in representing our State. First the thirty-third degree was conferred in full ceremonial form on 172 members of the Class of 2015 with Delaware represented by Illustrious Brother Nathan Zahn, 33rd degree. Two of the major parts in the degree conferral were done by members of Delaware Consistory, Illustrious James T. Elliott, Jr., 33rd degree and Deputy for Delaware and Illustrious William R. Stevens, Jr. 33rd degree. Also, Delaware Consistory provided two Illustrious Brothers to serve as class marshals, Dale T. Irwin and Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. All performed the parts and tasks assigned to them extremely well.



2015 Abbott Scholarship Awards

On August 19th, 2015, Ill. James T. Elliott, Deputy for Delaware had the honor of presenting 3 Abbott scholarship checks. Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Jurisdiction. These 3 candidates were selected by Ill. Dr. Rick Swalm, and his committee, using strict and defined criteria. The families of all 3 recipients were present. Pictured below. Christa Maxwell, Emma Irwin, Ill. James T. Elliott, and Travis Jaeger.



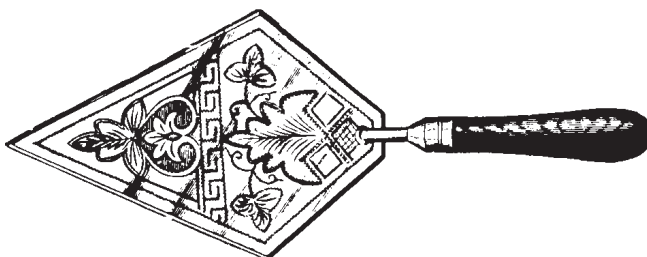
Illustrious Maynard Harold Mires, Jr. 33°



Maynard H. Mires Jr. MORGANTON Maynard H. Mires, Jr., M.D., 91, departed this life in Morganton Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. He was born in Ithaca, N.Y. March 18, 1924 to Dr. Maynard H. Mires and Ethel E. (Coon) Mires, was educated in the public schools of Sherburne, N.Y., and received his pre-medical education at Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. Graduation from the University of Buffalo College of Medicine and marriage to the former Ruth A. Bingham of Buffalo occurred the same day, June 22, 1946. Dr. Mires began his career in military medicine immediately out of medical school by serving at the U.S. Marine Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, plus a tour afloat in the North Atlantic. He then trained in communicable disease control, and worked as an epidemiologist in Mississippi and Texas. In 1951-52, he was on loan to the U.S. Department of State, and served with the Special Technical and Economic Mission in Thailand. Upon return to the United States, he became Communicable Disease Director with the Vermont Department of Health. He attended the Harvard School of Public Health in 1953-54, and received the Degree of Master of Public Health (cum laude). While in Vermont, Dr. Mires was involved in the field trial of Salk Polio Vaccine, collated and updated the Health Regulations for the state, and revised treatment policies for Tuberculosis control. In 1957, he was appointed Director of Local Health Services with the Delaware State Board of Health in Dover where he assured the uniform availability and accessibility of preventive health services statewide. In this capacity, he expanded the training of home health aides, funded a migrant worker health information exchange, and hired a forensic pathologist. At the invitation of the Director of the College of Nursing at the University of Delaware, he became a regular lecturer to student nurses. Dr. Mires's interest in international health was manifested again during the 1960s when he went on three separate occasions to work with health and social agencies (AID and CARE) to serve the indigenous Cuna Indians of San Blas and Guaymi Indians of Chiriqui, Panama. In 1973, he accepted the invitation to become Director of the Division of Public Health Services in New Hampshire. This post included two other duties, Executive Secretary of the State Board of Registration in Medicine, and Associate Professor of Community Health at Dartmouth Medical School. In addition, he was an active member of both the NH Lung Association and the

NH Division of the American Cancer Society. He was President of the Merrimack County Medical Society in 1979. In 1981, Dr. Mires and his wife returned to Delaware where he served as Director of the Sussex County Health Unit in Georgetown until his retirement. He was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by Governor Michael Castle. Also, following a long career as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, he retired in 1985 in the rank of Captain, having served as Commanding Officer of MEDCRU-604 which evolved into Naval Hospital Bethesda 2104. Dr. Mires was active in a number of professional, avocational, historical, and fraternal organizations and societies. He was especially involved in the Masons beginning in 1955, when he was Raised in the Ethan Allen Lodge No. 72, Essex Junction, Vt. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in 1956 in the Valley of Burlington, Vermont. In Delaware, his memberships were transferred to Union Lodge No. 7 of Dover and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Delaware. He served as Most Wise Master of the Wilmington Chapter of Rose Croix, 18, in 1971-72, and was coroneted an Honorary member of Supreme Council, 33, N.M.J., in 1973. He became a member of Nur Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in 1957, and was founder and first President of the First State Shrine Club in 1969. His association with the York Rite bodies began with the Capitular Degrees in Kent Chapter No. 8, in 1973. He served as High Priest of Hope Chapter No. 7, of Georgetown, in 1987; Thrice Illustrious Master of Joppa Council No. 3, also of Georgetown, in 1988; and as Eminent Commander of St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, of Dover, in 1990. In 1992, he served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware. In addition, for most of his adult life he was an active member of the Episcopal Church, serving in various offices including Senior Warden. Most recently, he was a parishioner at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's. Dr. Mires was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Ruth, in 2009. Their children, are Col. Stephen A. Mires (USAF Ret.) and wife Dr. Vivian T. Mires of Dumfries, Va., Dr. Peter B. Mires of Carson City, Nev., Dr. Martha M. Britt and husband the Rev. Lawrence A. Britt of Morganton, Mrs. Amy M. Poisson and husband Gerard H. Poisson of Goffstown, N.H.; Maynard and Ruth Mires are survived by nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. A requiem in celebration of his life will be held at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Morganton, Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 2 p.m.

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Illustrious Harry Meck Jr., 33°

Harry Meck Jr., passed away September 5, 2015 at Harbour Terrace, Port Charlotte, FL He was the widower of Evelyn VanSice Meck. He was born on July 11, 1919 in Wilmington, DE, and was the son of the late Jennette (Lenderman) & Harry Meck. He graduated from P.S. DuPont High School where he met his wife. They were married for 69 years before Evelyn's death in 2009. Harry served as Staff Sergeant of Telephone communications in the 8th Field Artillery, 25th Division of the U.S. Army in the Philippine Islands & Japan during World War II. Upon his return from the service, he continued his education at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, where in 1958 he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering after several years of night school, while working full time at the E.I. DuPont Nemours Company. He retired from the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware, after 35 1/2 years service with the General Services Department as Supervisor of the home offices building, utilities and elevators. Harry was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte, FL where he also served as an Elder and past member of the Outreach and Building committees and assisted in the production of the stained glass windows for the church. He was also a Life Member (61 years) of Eureka- DuPont Masonic Lodge No. (23-29) A.F. & A.M., 33rd degree; member and Sovereign Prince of

the Scottish Rite of Wilmington Valley; a member of Ruth Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Delaware where he served as Worthy Patron of the chapter in 1981 & Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Delaware in 1985.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Barbara (Jack) Brooks of Meriden, CT; son Richard (Regina Dant) Meck of Farner, TN. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, two great, great grandchildren, and his brother Marshall. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his son Harry H Meck, and his brothers, Donald, Willard and Watson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations can be made to First Presbyterian Church, 2230 Harriet Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952. A Memorial Service was held in Port Charlotte, FL. Interment of ashes at Rest Lawn Memorial Garden will be at the convenience of the Family.



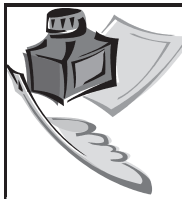
Delaware Scottish Rite Masons taking the WIPE-OUT Challenge



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Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
05/08/1947	Wayne Brustle	04/29/2015
08/17/1934	Ronald Leroy Bamberger	07/05/2015
04/02/1948	Alvin Norman Saylor	06/01/2015
01/31/1924	Charles Bernard Durand	02/12/2014
11/03/1918	William Harold Hassall, Jr.	08/15/2015
03/18/1924	Ill. : Maynard Harold Mires, 33°	08/02/2015
07/11/1919	Ill. : Harry Meck, Jr. 33°	09/05/2015

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From the Desk of the Secretary ...

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has sent their dues in already. I urge those who have not paid their dues to please get them in as soon as possible. We still have a few members who have not paid their previous dues bill. 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. Another big thanks you to all those who let me know that they were missing their plastic dues card. We mailed out 15 cards since the last bulletin. Please remember that these are your permanent cards. Please don't throw them away. Many thanks for your

Information to the family: Should the Scottish Rite Mason whose name appears on the mailing label be admitted into the Hospital, Nursing Home, or is incapacitated in any way, **Please notify the Secretary of the Scottish Rite.**

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On August 15th. 2015. The Valley of Wilmington's trip took place in Gettysburg, PA. The valley took to the battlefield, 2 full buses. To the historic site. This picture was taken in front of the "Friend to Friend" Monument.

