



SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Business Meeting—October 18, 2012— 6:00 PM—Stewart's
GALA REUNION—October 20, 2012—100th Anniversary of Delaware Consistory
Honors Event—November 4, 2012— 3:00 PM—Cavalier's Country Club

October 3, 1912



WILMINGTON, Delaware. This original banner of the Delaware Consistory was born October 3, 1912. It has been restored to a usable condition just for our Centennial Celebration to be held on October 20, 2012 at the McCullough Middle School, 20 Chase Avenue, New Castle, Delaware (view the calendar on the website and click on the event for a map). We hope to be able to archive her, because she does not have that many years left before she completely falls apart. So, **this may be the last time to see the original banner**. A replica of the banner has been placed on a lapel pin to be given out at the Centennial Celebration on October 20th. Make sure you receive yours.

If you lived **BEFORE** the Delaware Consistory was formed, you would not have had: television, penicillin, frozen foods, aerosol spray cans, insulin, spiral bound notebooks, photocopiers, jet engines, scotch tape, parking meters, ball point pens, helicopters, freeze-dried coffee, the aqua-lung, synthetic rubber, slinky, digital electronic computers, jukebox, Frisbees, Velcro, cake mix, microwave ovens, super glue, Mr. Potato Head, bar codes, canned beer, credit cards, transistor radios, black box (flight recorders), video tape recorders, solar cell, McDonalds, Teflon, "the pill" (oral contraceptives), hovercraft, Liquid Paper (originally called "Mistake Out"), the laser, the hula hoop, Barbie Doll, pacer-maker, microchip, the halogen lamp, valium, non-dairy creamer, breast implants or fiber-tip pens JUST TO NAME A FEW. The real shocker is that these were all invented **BETWEEN 1912 AND 1962**, which means everything just named is **AT LEAST 50 years old**.

IMPORTANT DATES

This fall, the Delaware Consistory will be celebrating 100 years. October 3, 2012 is the official date of our 100th Anniversary. Below is the schedule for fall 2012 into early winter 2013:

10/18 (Thursday) - BUSINESS MEETING at Stewart's Brewing Company. Social hour—6:00-7:00 PM; Dinner—7:00 PM. Members and ladies invited. BUT YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH THE SECRETARY BY OCTOBER 10TH. DRESS—Business casual (collared shirt and trousers).

10/20 (Saturday) - REUNION GALA. We will celebrate 100 years of Delaware Consistory by witnessing the original degrees presented by neighboring Valleys when Delaware Consistory was formed. The Valleys of Central New Jersey, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Reading will perform the ritual used 100 years ago. Also, guest speaker and Brother Christopher Hodapp will give the keynote talk. This event will be held at the McCullough Middle School, 20 Chase Avenue, New Castle, DE. Coffee and pastries at 8:30 AM, Lunch around NOON. Come, join us in our Grand celebration. Degrees and festivities will begin at 9:30 AM.

11/4 (Sunday) - HONORS EVENT. Join us as we recognize recipients of all awards, 33°, MSA and other special awards. Event begins at 3:00 PM with appetizers, cash bar and live entertainment. We will be at the Cavalier's Country Club and this event, open to you and your families, REQUIRES YOUR RESERVATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 21, 2012.

11/18 (Sunday) - OPEN HOUSE. We will be putting our refurbished 4th Floor on display and will serve light refreshments beginning at 3:00 PM. The Bedford Club will be offering pre-Thanksgiving \$1/dog beginning at 2:00 PM. OPEN TO ALL. Parking is free at the 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

1/25/2013 (Friday) - "Bobby Burns" Dinner. In celebration of Bobby Burns' birthday, we will have a royal feast, open bar, piping in the haggis and great time with give-aways at the Deerfield Country Club. MEMBERS ONLY. Limited Tickets go on sale, November 16, 2012 and NO Tickets will be held—when you pay, you get a ticket.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN YOUR MASONIC PRAYERS

Brother Winfield W. Lane, MSA
 Brother William S. Downing
 Brother Donald D. Mitchell
 Brother Eugene R. Hazzard
 Brother John S. Hanna, Jr.
 Brother Carl H. Carlson, Jr.
 Brother Harold G. Snyder
 Brother Ira G. White
 Brother Edwin M. Newth
 Brother Bennie L. Bell
 Illustrious Brother William F. Huxtable
 Brother Earl V. Nichols, Sr.
 Brother Lyman L. Krimmel



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

DON'T BE SO QUICK ...

One of my favorite books for Masonic Reflection is *Old Tiler Talks* by Carl H. Claudy. I find he often shines light onto dark subjects or puts the proper perspective to many of the issues we Masons grope with day after day.

Just a few days ago, I was asked about Masonic Trials and it got me to thinking about one of my favorite passages. We too often prefer charges on a Brother at the drop of a hat, but should we be so quick to condemn. Oh, we may have the moral high-ground AND we may be righteous, but is it the Masonic way? I always wonder. What follows is an excerpt from the discussion about "Shooting the Masonic Gun" that has the New Brother talking to the Old Tiler about making men or Brothers act the way they should. It is a slightly different approach. We strive to make good men better, of course, but what happens if we can't. See what you think.

"... The New Brother said, "I thought that one of the things Masonry was for was to make men act as they should!"

"You thought wrong!" answered the Old Tiler. "Masonry exists to *teach* men to act as they should, *persuade* them to do right, *encourage* them to be honest and upright, and thoughtful and kindly. But Masonry *makes* no man do as he should. Masonry does not attempt to usurp the law's work. A man who will not support his family [for example] can be reached through the law. Masonry can reach him only through his heart. Charges can be preferred against him in his lodge, but with small prospects of results unless the law has first found him guilty. Masons try Masons for un-Masonic conduct. If the un-Masonic conduct is a legal matter, the law usually must first have taken its course. It is not for us to judge the legal aspects of his conduct, only the Masonic angles. And if he can say, 'I have done nothing; I am free before the law; my record is clear,' on what will you convict him?"

Upon reflection, perhaps we should not be so quick to pull the trigger every time a Brother seems to err.

- Editor

The Wit of Brother Harry Truman -

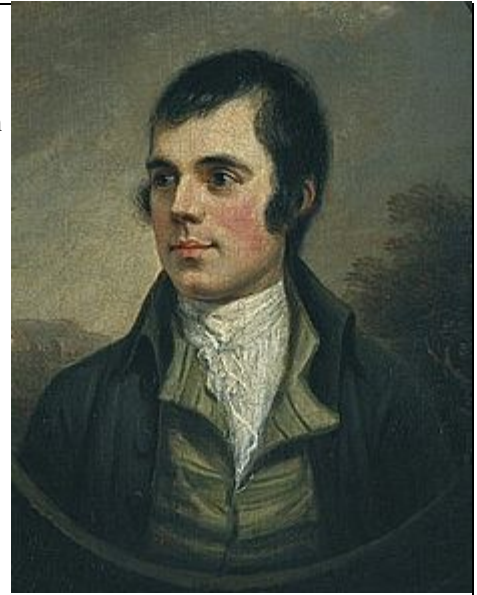
- The greatest orators have been the men who understood what they wanted to say, said it in short sentences and said quickly and then got out of there before people fell asleep.
- You can't trust a senator when he can get a headline
- I sometimes think that if congressmen talked less and worked more for the public interest they would come out much better and so would the country.
- It's [ethics] like old Mark Twain said, "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."
- The president spends most of his time kissing people first on one cheek and then on the other in order to get them to do what they ought to do without getting kissed.
- It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your own.
- Never use two words when one will do best.

BOBBY BURNS GALA EVENT

Friday, January 25, 2013, the Valley of Wilmington, Delaware will continue its year long celebration of their 100th Anniversary with an “all inclusive”, black tie, gala dinner and celebration of the 254th Anniversary of the birthday of the **Bard of Ayrshire**. Festivities are open to members only with ticket purchase. Tickets cost \$75.00 and includes:

- Open bar
- A scotch toast to the Haggis as it is piped in (you keep the commemorative glass)
- Appetizers
- Fabulous dinner (mayhaps a few traditional “Burns dinner” dishes)
- All the fixin’s
- Commemorative Quaiche
- Readings from Burns works

Aye, so put on ye formal garb (kilties arrrrre acceptable) and send your check into the Secretary. Remember, first come, first served.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO NEW THIRTY-THIRDS

At the annual session of the Supreme Council held in Cleveland, OH this year, two members of the Valley of Wilmington were coroneted Thirty-third Degree on August 28, 2012 by Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughton. They were Ill.: Robert Moore Dodd, 33°, and Ill.: Arthur Alvin Loveless, Jr., 33°.

Illustrious Brother Bob Dodd is a Life member of the Valley of Wilmington for over 30 years. He is a Past Master of Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34 and has served the Rite in various roles including Sovereign Prince of Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem. He currently serves as a Trustee and is the Project Manager for the makeover of the 4th Floor. He recently retired and he and lady Jackie spend lots of time with family and friends.

Illustrious Brother Art Loveless is a Life member of the Valley of Wilmington for just shy of 50 years. He is a Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 2 and has served the Rite in several roles. He is a Past Thrice Potent Master of the Wilmington Lodge of Perfection and currently serves on the Membership Committee and as Chairman of the Honors event. Art has also served in the York Rite bodies. He and lady Eleanor also enjoy spending time with family and friends.



Members Attending this year:
Albert R. Marshall
A. Tony Maxwell
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
Carl H. Cox
Dale T. Irwin
Eugene R. Small
G. Thomas Taylor, III
Herbert J. Atkinson
James T. Elliott, Jr.
Patrick J. Burke
Robert W. Carroll
Robert M. Dodd
William R. Stevens, Jr.
William T. Wadkins, Jr.

(Left to Right) Active Ill.: William R. Stevens, Jr., Ill.: Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., Deputy Ill.: James T. Elliott, Jr., & Ill.: Robert M. Dodd

Also, while in Cleveland, six (6) members of Delaware Consistory were elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree in Washington, D.C. at next year's annual session of the Supreme Council. The names will be announced at the Honors Event.

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
10/03/1920	Albert W. Krantz	12/15/2011
06/14/1925	William E. Willis	02/21/2012
06/26/1926	Harry G. Temple	04/15/2012
07/06/1931	Robert W. Heath, Sr.	05/12/2012
09/05/1925	Robert D. Hatfield	06/25/2012
06/15/1944	Donald L. Murray	08/03/2102
06/07/1945	Kenneth D. Larson	08/22/2012

The Lost Keys of Freemasonry (By Manly P. Hall)

Some of the requirements before a student can spiritually say that he is a member of the .. Craft is:

1. The mastery of emotional outbreaks of all kinds, poise under trying conditions, kindness in the face of unkindness, and simplicity with its accompanying power.
2. The mastery of animal energies, the curbing of passion and desire, and the control of the lower nature....
3. The understanding and mastery of the creative forces, the consecration of them to the unfolding of the spiritual nature, and a proper understanding of their physical application ..

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From the Desk of the Secretary ...

Brethren, I have had several calls regarding dues cards. We no longer issue PAPER dues cards, but a permanent plastic card was mailed to every member of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in the January-February 2012 timeframe. The card is silver in color and contains the information of which bodies and valleys you belong to. If you did NOT receive one, OR if you have lost it, please drop me a line or send me an email at the email address listed (valleyofwilm098@verizon.net) and let me know. I have about half a dozen reported as lost or not received so far, but I want to try to get all outstanding issues in the next go around.

For your information, the bar code on the card will allow us to look you up in the Scottish Rite's system from any Valley so that the Secretary can tell your status (active current in dues, active in arrears, demitted, suspended, etc.). Also, please keep your information up to date by sending any change of address, phone number (s), email address, etc. to the secretary. This facilitates you getting information like the plastic cards both correctly and timely. (We had a number of plastic cards returned to the Valley because people were away and did not let us know they have seasonal addresses.)

- Herb Atkinson, Secretary

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