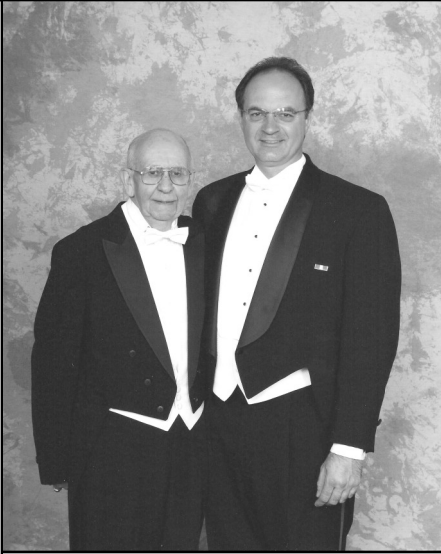




SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2010 MASONIC HOME 7:00 PM
DECEMBER 2, 2010 15TH & 18TH DEGREES NUR SHRINE 7:30 PM
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Sheldon L. Edwards
A. Tony Maxwell

Newly Coroneted 33° Members In the Delaware Consistory

Philadelphia, PA. More than 1500 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies gathered in Philadelphia recently for the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

There were 162 Scottish Rite Masons coroneted Thirty-third Degree Masons at this session, two of which are from Delaware. Ill.: Brother Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr and Ill.: Brother A. Tony Maxwell both of whom are most deserving.

Brother Sheldon is retired from Chrysler as a Maintenance Electrician and Brother Tony is a Financial Advisor in the Wilmington area. We congratulate both for receiving this high honor.

Also at this session, Ill.: Brother Albert R. Marshall, 33° retired as Deputy for Delaware and Ill.: James T. Elliott, Jr., 33° was elected Deputy for Delaware. Thank you Al for your service to the Valleys and to Brother Jim, we know you will bring many good ideas, as you already have, to our Valleys to make them prosper and grow in membership. 15 Grand Masters from the 15 states in the Northern Jurisdiction attended the annual session. (Continued on page 2)....Our own.....



Edward D. Miles, 32°
Sovereign Prince

Sovereign Princes Message

There are times in our lives where we are challenged to remain loyal to our convictions. Road blocks are thrown up to discourage us from our fidelity to duty. Our devotion to truth may be challenged in ways unimaginable. Come. You have more work to build upon that Temple not made with hands.

In the lessons provided in the fifteenth and sixteenth degrees we see loyalty to convictions in the actions of Darius. Darius puts into action the belief that God is one. Recognizing the similar beliefs of the Jewish people, Darius, permits the Jewish people to return to their land to rebuild the Temple. Darius even provides funding from the royal treasury to the returning exiles. Zerubbabel and others carried the conviction to see that the Temple was rebuilt.

Both Darius and Zerubbabel held their fidelity to duty. They understood that mere words alone were insufficient proof of fidelity. They walked the walk. Darius could have just let the Jewish captives free to find their own resources to rebuild the Temple. But he understood the duty imposed upon him by his convictions. Zerubbabel and his fellow captives had to endure the hardships of travel and the burden in rebuilding Temple. They didn't just plea for their freedom. They carried out the duty imposed upon their hearts.

Together, Darius and Zerubbabel demonstrated their devotion to truth. They recognized the one Supreme Being, the Grand Architect of the Universe. They did not allow personal benefit or gain to interfere with must be accomplished. They both answered the higher calling. That calling that demanded loyalty to conviction, fidelity to duty, and devotion to truth. (Continued on Page 2).....Come now

(Continued from page 1) Our own Grand Master, Most Worshipful James E. Willey, Jr. represented us very well as usual at these Sessions.

There were 177 brothers nominated to receive the Thirty-third Degree in Chicago, Il on August 30, 2011. Those from Delaware are:

M.:W.: John E. Bednash, 32° Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, he is retired.

Dale T. Irwin, 32°, MSA, Business Owner

William T. Wadkins, Jr., 32°, Business Owner

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHERS

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Come now. Return and see the lessons demonstrated to you. Take to your heart these lessons. Build within your heart that Temple not made with hands. Walk the walk.

Edward E. Miles, 32°
Sovereign Prince



NEWEST MSA

Pictured above (L to R) Ill.: William R. Stevens Jr., 33°, Active for DE., Ill.: Fred S. Roland, MSA, and his lady, Judy Lemley, Ill.: James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°, Deputy for DE at the Honors Event (see Honors Event in the next issue of the Scottish Rite Newsletter)

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The 15th and 18th Degrees will be presented on December 2, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Nur Shrine Hall.

Candidates are requested to be there at 6:30 am.

**Officers wear Tuxedo, Cap and Jewel
Members wear Sport Coat and tie or Business Suit.**



**GRAND LODGE INSTALLATION
OCTOBER 6, 2010
MOST WORSHIPFUL JOHN E. BEDNASH
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE**

Photo above shows the members of the Scottish Rite of Delaware with the Grand Master who presented them with their 33° and MSA Jewels.

(L to R) MW William R. Stevens Jr., PGM and Active for DE., Ill.: A. Tony Maxwell, 33°, Fred Roland, 32°, MSA, Ill.: Albert R. Marshall, 33°, Active Emeritus, Ill.: Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 33°, Ill.: James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°, Deputy for DE. And MW John E. Bednash Grand Master.

Dale T. Irwin, 32°, MSA, William T. Wadkins, 32° and John E. Bednash, 32° will be Coroneted 33° Masons in Chicago, IL in August 2011.



**Ill. Arthur L. Bright, 33rd
Commander-in-Chief**

Fall Report From the Commander-in-Chief

The record setting Hot summer is over and it is time we engaged ourselves in starting our goal setting Scottish Rite year.

We have already enjoyed an extremely interesting and educational trip with our Brothers and their families to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. It was rewarding to see what our young Midshipmen must endure and excel in to become an officer in our great nation.

The SR members who are performing in the Degrees have already begun their learning and presentation of the Ritual. These are the brothers who devote their time, talent and recourse so that we can enjoy our reunions of the degrees. We are reminded of the lessons of each degree and its significance in our lives that God wants each of us as Masons to live. We join with other SR brothers in fellowship, nutriment, and love as HE commanded us.

The Lower Valley continues to grow and the opportunity is present that SR members may travel and witness degrees being presented in different ritualistic setting. As we continue to grow and enrich our minds in Masonic knowledge and enjoyment with our Brothers, let us not forget that it is also our responsibility to perpetuate our fraternal organization. The new Blue Lodge Masons need to be encouraged to continue their Masonic journey and extend their Masonic brotherhood. Become a first line signer, take this new Brother by the hand and walk with him down this educational enlightenment together. Due to Delaware's size, it allows us to become a close unified SR family

BECOME AN ACTIVE SR BROTHER AND ENJOY THE RITE.

**Ill. Arthur L. Bright, 33rd
Commander-in-Chief**

BABES IN TOYLAND

A wonderful Christmas show to enjoy with the entire family. Come join the people of Mother Goose Land and listen to the music of Victor Herbert.

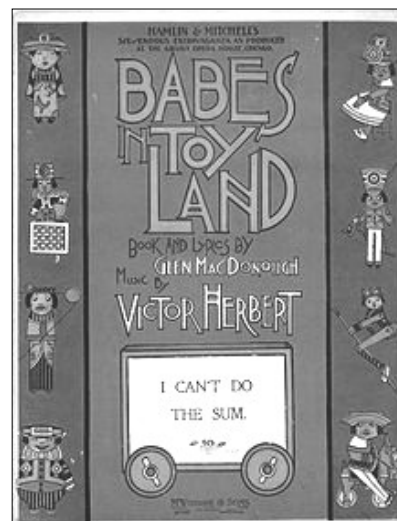


Babes in Toyland features some of Herbert's most famous songs - among them "Toyland", "March of the Toys", "Go To Sleep, Slumber Deep",

and "I Can't Do The Sum". The title song "Toyland" and "March of the Toys" occasionally show up on Christmas compilations.

The original production opened on Broadway on October 13, 1903 and ran for 192 performances. This was followed by many successful tours and revivals.

This production of BABES IN TOYLAND is recommended for children 4 years of age and older.



Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 PM

Doors open at 1:30 pm and guests should arrive no later than 1:45 pm

**Delaware Children's Theatre
1014 Delaware Avenue
Wilmington, DE**

Free parking is available across the street from the theatre in the Colonial Parking / Bellevue Holding Lot next to CVS, the parking lot behind Liberty Dialysis (Sundays only) as well as street parking all around the theatre. There is also free parking available at the Ursuline Academy Cultural Arts Center parking lot at the end of Park Place and Van Buren Street behind the Theatre.

TICKETS are \$12 each -- to make reservations or for more information, call Tony Maxwell at (302) 528-2636 or send an email to tonymaxwell@hotmail.com.

Please make reservations and send a check payable to "DCT" by December 1st to:

Tony Maxwell
32nd Degree Masonic Family Life Program
4609 Sylvanus Drive
Wilmington, DE 19803

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN

06/30/1935	Ronald L. Jefferson, Sr., PGM D	09/23/2010
12/212/1923	James C. Phillips	09/29/2010
07/25/1922	Lawrence O. Viands, SM	10/07/2010
10/08/1938	Arnold N. Lee	10/09/2010
04/20/1934	Stanley Wolin	10/15/2010
05/14/1921	Owen S. Weaver, MD	10/27/2010

SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

For every petitioner for the Scottish Rite degrees there are two Scottish Rite Masons on whom rests a responsibility for the proper training of that petitioner. The two Scottish Rite Masons who sign the petition have a responsibility that does not end with their signature on the petition. If you invite a guest to a gathering at your home, you make sure that he meets all your guests, and is made welcomed and comfortable. Isn't the Master Mason who you recommend to Scottish Rite entitled to the same courtesy? As his sponsor, is it not your duty to take an interest in his progress? It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and it is your duty as a Scottish Rite Mason. Let's all give this matter some serious consideration. It will certainly bring forth good results if you attend the conferring of the degrees at our Reunions.

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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Pictured above (L to R) Ill.°. William R. Stevens Jr., Active for DE., MW William T. Wadkins, Jr., Emma Wadkins, Dale T. Irwin, 32°, MSA, Ill.°. James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°, Deputy for DE. (Missing MW John E. Bednash Grand Master)

NEW 33RDs

At the Honors Event on October 17th, 2010, Ill.°. James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°, Deputy for DE announced that Dale T. Irwin, 32°, MSA, William T. Wadkins, 32° and John E. Bednash, 32°, Grand Master will be Coroneted 33° Masons in Chicago in August 2011. Please offer them your heartiest **Congratulations!!** More information and pictures about the *Honors Event* in our next *Scottish Rite Newsletter*

A MASTER MASON FOR 34 DAYS

General Thomas A. Smyth of Civil War fame was raised in Washington Lodge No. 1, Wilmington, DE, March 6, 1864. He was killed by a sniper's bullet on April 9 and buried by his Lodge on April 17, 1864.

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