

# SCOTTISH RITE

VALLEY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

**November 15, 2014 Reunion #2 Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem (15th & DVD)**  
**January 29, 2015—Business Meeting with Ladies (location to be announced)**  
**January 31, 2015—Reunion #3—Wilmington Lodge of Perfection**  
**February 24, 2015—Video Degree Night—4th, 6th, 22nd & 29th Degrees**

## Scottish Rite Core Values

Core values of an organization must not be just slogans. The core values of an organization are really foundational. They form the base on which the members of that group stand, strive to work and conduct themselves.

Core values are the essence by which its members are known. (“By your values, ye shall be known.”) Some values are such “steady currency” as Peter Buffett calls them, that they are cherished and preserved by the members of the group. Even society, government and politics may change; technology may alter even the most commonplace components of life; and history may unfold and fold with astounding pace. Core values are constants.

Core values are not descriptions of what men do; they describe how to be. Core values are not strategies or maneuvers to achieve selfish goals. Core values are not the tools by which to get an advantage in business, relationships or life. They should guide men in making decisions, predominate in personal relationships, reveal humanity and show what it stands for. That is not to claim a Scottish Rite Mason is some blend of Jedi Knight and Eagle Scout. Without question, sometimes it is a substantial personal challenge to stand, just and upright, on the platform of those values. Nevertheless, whatever the challenge to achieve and maintain those values, the attempt to reach such standards is still an eminently worthy goal.

The 32° Masonic core values are so strong a force that despite the ebb and flow of society, government, politics, technology and culture, they remain that bright beacon of Masonic Light, undimmed through the centuries, illuminating the perpetual safe harbor sought for generations:

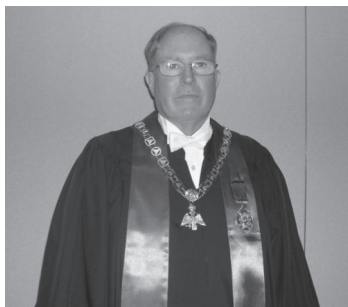
Reverence for God  
Justice  
Toleration  
Devotion to country  
Service  
Integrity



Pictured above is Nathan Zahn receiving the Ill. Harry J. Guthrie, 33° Ceremonial Achievement Award for outstanding drama and participation in our many reunions. Nate has participated in 15 years of reunions. He is best known for portraying *Moses*.



Sharon Dutton receiving the 2014 Abbott Scholarship Award from Deputy Ill. James T. Elliott, Jr., 33°. Sharon is the daughter of Brother George C. Dutton, 32° (member of the Valley since 1985).



### Update on our Deputy

As many of you know, our Deputy, Ill.: James T. Elliott, Jr, 33° suffered a dissected aorta around labor day weekend. Due to the intervention of the Grand Architect of the Universe and rapid response by his wife and doctors, he beat the odds of a 90% mortality rate. Deputy

Jim, is progressing as well as can be expected and, as of this writing, has started cardio-vascular rehab and therapy. Keep he and Carolyn in your thoughts and prayers. Although we do not know exactly when he will return, we hope it will be at full health. If you would like to send him a card, please send it to James T. Elliott, Jr. in care of the Secretary at 818 N. Market Street, 3rd Floor Wilmington, DE 19801.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**November 15, 2014**—818 N. Market St. (4th Floor). Beginning at 9:00 AM (doors open at 8:15 AM), Reunion #2 under the direction of the Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem. Dress for all officers is tux, hat & jewels. Dress for all others jacket & tie. Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

**December 14, 2014**—Deerfield Country Club (2:00 PM). \*\*33rd Mixer by invitation only\*\*. Dress for men is jacket, tie & pin.

**January 29, 2015**—**Business meeting** and dinner with our ladies. Under direction of Wilmington Chapter Rose Croix. Location to be determined. Limited seating will be available, so you **MUST** make reservations once the location is determined and announced.

**January 31, 2015**—**Reunion #3** at 818 N. Market St (4th Floor) beginning at 9:00 AM (doors open at 8:15 AM). Hosted by Valleys of Wilmington and Lower Delaware, Dress for all officers is tux, hat & jewels. Dress for all others jacket & tie. Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

**February 24, 2015**—**Degree Video Night**. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Opening and videos begin at 6:30 PM. Dress is business casual. Come out and enjoy brotherhood, refreshments and some of our newest degrees on videos. This is a chance to help fill your passport with missing degrees.

**February 26, 2015**—**Executive Committee Meeting** at 818 N. Market St (4th Floor). Only the top two officers of each line, deputy, actives and secretary are required to be there. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM; dress is business smart.

**March 21, 2015**—**Reunion #4** at 818 N. Market St (4th Floor) beginning at 9:00 AM (doors open at 8:15 AM). Hosted by Wilmington Chapter Rose Croix (18th Degree) and Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem (16th Degree lunch drama). Dress for all officers is tux, hat & jewels. Dress for all others jacket & tie. Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.



### Ill.: James M. Brittingham, 33°

Illustrious James M. Brittingham, 33°, was named Director of Work Emeritus on April 24, 2008. For the numerous hours he has dedicated to Freemasonry in general, and the Scottish Rite in particular, this year's class is named in his honor.

Illustrious Brother Jim is a 50 plus year member of Granite-Corinthian Lodge Number 34, having been entered in September of 1955, passed one month later and raised on St. John's Day - December 27, 1955. Jim joined the Scottish Rite, Valley of Wilmington in 1986 and served as Thrice Potent Master of the Wilmington Lodge of Perfection in 1991. Illustrious Brother Brittingham was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary member of the Supreme Council on August 27, 1996 in Boston. Jim is also a member of all the York Rite Bodies and served Daylight Chapter Number 10 as High Priest in 1999. Unknown to many, Brother Brittingham was also Grand Master in 1974 - 1975. No, not of the Grand Lodge of Delaware but of the Odd Fellows. He is a member of Eden Lodge Number 34 where he was Degree Master for thirty-two years..

This year we honor Ill.: James M. Brittingham, 33° by naming the incoming class after him. This high honor is well deserved. Please get any petitions you may have to the office so we can get them added to this class.

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

(Cards & calls are always appreciated)

- Brother William H. McCreary
- Brother David L. Chidester, MSA
- Brother Steven Lester Kerr
- Illustrious Brother James M. Brittingham
- Brother S. Curtis Cole
- Brother Carl H. Carlson, Jr.
- Brother Charles F. Mitchell, Jr.
- Brother Peter Tyrrell, MSA
- Brother George D. Johnson, MSA
- Brother Robert W. Maclary
- Brother Frank H. Furr, III
- Brother George D. Johnson
- Brother Preston Rogers



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



**"Chinese proverb. One picture is worth ten thousand words."**

The following are pictures of our many recent activities.

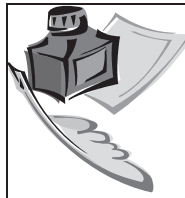


**DEATHS REPORTED SINCE LAST BULLETIN**

Date Born	Brothers Name	Date Died
12/07/1925	Ralph O. Byrne	12/29/2012
01/25/1933	Joshua E. Stevens	03/23/2013
10/06/1926	J. Franklin Voshell	04/19/2013
11/23/1930	Robert. L. Wick	05/12/2013
12/06/1928	John W. Harris	05/31/2013
06/23/1944	Paul L. Lavalley	06/05/2013
05/31/1929	John W. Myers. Sr.	06/09/2013
05/22/1913	Ellice McDonald, Jr.	06/11/2013
04/19/1921	Everett C. Cannon.	06/20/2013
02/17/1943	James N. Hudson	06/24/2013
08/28/1938	Glen H Cottman	07/05/2013
07/22/1924	Joseph K. Lauginiger	07/13/2014
11/01/1932	Eugene R. Hazzard	07/14/2013
12/19/1919	J. Randall Ward	07/15/2013
04/28/1930	Alfred J Rawlings.	07/29/2013
02/09/1929	Thomas G. Mullin	07/30/2013
08/30/1932	Donald J. Conti	08/08/2013
03/03/1929	Dale T. Bleacher, Sr.	08/20/2013
01/21/1923	John T. Hopkins	08/26/2013
08/23/1919	Chester. R. Dewey	05/13/2014
12/07/1912	John Dickerson	06/10/2011
04/04/1939	George B. Hughes	06/02/2014

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01/25/1927	Allison George Ames	09/07/2014
08/18/1925	Earl G. Marple	08/30/2014
07/30/1949	G. Rex Bonnewell	10/02/2014
10/06/1934	Earl L. Emmerson, Jr.	10/16/2014



*From the Desk of the Secretary ...*

Brothers, we are endeavoring to create an email list so as to better communicate the ongoing activities in a prompt and timely manner. I would like you to please e-mail your contact information at both of these e-mail addresses. Shads069@verizon.net and Valleyofwilm098@verizon.net. I also, wanted to thank those who have sent in their dues for the 2014-2015 year. If you are having problems and need assistance with your dues please contact me at the office (302) 998-6475 or e-mail me at Shads069@verizon.net and Valleyofwilm098@verizon.net.

**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.**

**(302) 998-6475**

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**FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUR EVENTS .....**

**April 25, 2015**—Reunion #5 at 818 N. Market St (4th Floor) beginning at 9:00 AM (doors open at 8:15 AM). Hosted by Wilmington Chapter Rose Croix (18th Degree) and Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem (16th Degree lunch drama). Dress for all officers is tux, hat & jewels. Dress for all others jacket & tie. Free parking at 8th & Orange Streets ground level parking lot.

**May 15, 2015**— **Will be our 8th Annual Charity Golf Outing, so save the date!** Contact Greg Correll if you wish to play or contribute to our charity. This event will once again be held again at Eagle Creek Golf Course, in Dover DE. Shotgun start at 11 AM. Please stay tuned for further updates. Price to each golfer will include greens fees, cart, grab-and-go lunch, dinner and prizes. The winning foursome of the tournament will be awarded Grand Master’s trophy. Last year the Grand Master’s trophy was awarded to the fierce team of brothers from the Solomon Lodge No. 36 for the 4rd year in a row.

**June 2015**—**Annual Blue Rocks Outing.** This year on a Friday in June, we will again host our Annual Blue Rocks Outing. The event is heavily subsidized by the Valley of Wilmington and will include dinner in the BBQ picnic area as well as your ticket to the game all for \$10/ per person. More information will be included in future bulletins as we get closer to the event.

**August 2015**—**Valley Trip to Gettysburg, PA.** Every year we try to host a valley trip. This year we are planning to visit Gettysburg, PA. We are still in the early stages of planning and developing an itinerary, that we know will be family oriented. This trip is in conformance of the Scottish Rite’s vision of being Inspirational, Convenient and Enjoyable to all. As in the past, there will be no cost for this trip, and one is invited to bring friends and family. Lunch will be up to each individual. We plan to leave NUR Temple at 8:00 AM. Our next bulletin will include the date, with a complete itinerary.