

## Editor's Notes

By Chuck Simmermon

Congratulations to Grand Master P. Donald Carey and the Grand Staff of Delaware on their recent installation. This publication urges all Freemasons in Delaware to support our new leadership team by practicing the Grand Master's theme of "Freemasonry United". Consider the various Masonic bodies in our jurisdiction as a "Masonic Family". Let us all work together as such, and realize the strength in unity.

Does your name appear on page EIGHT of this issue? If you join the Delaware Freemason Boosters Club, it will. Please help this publication continue

to grow. Remit your check FOR \$10.00 to the Grand Secretary's office and make the statement that you have value for the Delaware Freemason and realize its capabilities in bringing our Craft together by improved communications. Please note the entire Grand Staff and their Ladies are members of the Boosters Club.

Please consider the Delaware Freemason a vehicle in which your organization can promote future events and inform readers of past happenings. Your participation in our publication is important.

## Letters to the Editor

An open letter to Brother W. Dale Reardon,

On Sunday, September 29, 2002. Dale Reardon gave Sherman White the keys that he carried faithfully to open the chapel, make coffee and escort patients to and from chapel services. He had been performing these services for over 25 years and is sorely missed by the Chaplain's staff as well as the residents of the Nursing Home. Brother Dale has seen Chaplains come and go, however, he remained as a rock dedicated to his MSA duties. Father Connery said "Things aren't the same - Dale is supposed to be here." Chaplains Kraak and Ashworth commented that "We now have to learn how to do all those things that we took for granted". All those things that Dale did.

Ionic Lodge No. 31 has been fortunate to have this loyal Mason carry our banner all these years and serve as the MSA Deputy Representative at the Elsmere Veterans Administration Medical Center in Elsmere, Delaware.

Thanks Dale for everything. God bless you and yours.

Fraternally,

J. Sherman White, PM, Representative Elsmere VAMC

Dale T. Irwin, WM and the officers and members of Ionic Lodge #31

Dear Sir,

The Booster Club is a great idea to cover the cost of the publication and postal expenses. If I owe you another \$10.00 for including my wife's name, let me know.

Suggestion - why not have Masonic note pads printed for sale. I just realized this is the end of my old company note-paper

I do enjoy reading The Delaware Freemason.

Fraternally,

Buford Cline

## DID YOU KNOW?

### "It Shall Not Burn"

After four years of war, the weary and almost defeated confederate Army was retreating and leaving the Confederate Capitol of Richmond to its own fate. As the army retreated, fires broke out in all sections of the city. Hoodlums, deserters and criminals with no law and order, began to pillage the city.

Just as the city seemed to be doomed, a Union cavalry unit rode up Franklin Street. The bearded colonel looked warily at the riff-raff around him who were about to fire a building, which bore a sign saying "Masonic Hall". Taking command of the moment he halted his troopers and ordered that an adjutant "have all Freemasons wheel out of column". Almost one half of his force moved out. From this group he ordered a suitable guard to protect the Masonic Temple. The column reformed and resumed its ride. Later, General Weitzel, a Freemason, gave the order to continue the guard.

The building saved is said to have been the oldest purely Masonic building in America with records dating back to 1787. The historic building itself was built in 1785 by Richmond Lodge No. 10. The Virginia Grand Lodge

## Masonic Open House

By Donald D. Thomas

Sunday, May 4, 2003 promises to be a unique day in Delaware - a day of magnificent opportunity - a day when a Masonic Open House will be held in NUR Shrine Center. This day will be a day for Freemasonry to show the public the many activities of our fraternity. This Open House is being supported by all the Masonic Bodies in the State of Delaware. Primarily focusing on the Symbolic Lodges, the day is being coordinated by the Unity Committee of Grand Lodge. This Committee is composed of selected officers from the Grand Lodge, the remaining York Rite Bodies, elected Shrine officers, the Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, the Grand Governor for Delaware, Y.R.S.C.N.A., the Deputy and Active for Delaware of the Scottish Rite, representatives from the Masonic Home and Job's Daughters, and the DeMolay.

This Committee was formed to bring together the leaders of Freemasonry in Delaware. The intent, the pooling of their resources to address the issue of the decline in Masonic membership in Delaware over the past 29 years. To this end, they have developed plans for a public Open House to present the Masonic story - focusing primarily on the Symbolic Lodge. It is expected that displays will be presented on:

- Freemasonry in Delaware - Symbolic Lodges
- History and Famous Freemasons
- Masonic Philanthropies
- Shrine
- Appendant Bodies
- Order of the Eastern Star
- Youth
- Masonic Home

We will be including within this day, sponsorship of the CHIP program. CHIP, which stands for child identification program, is a very successful community support program run by many Grand Lodges. It provides for the establishment of a physical identification, either a videotape or photograph, fingerprinting and toothprints of children with all information being given to the parents. Contacts are being pursued with the dental community in the state as well as law enforcement personnel for support. To date, contacts with these organizations have been very supportive.

It is planned that this entire program be portable - that is, subsequent presentations could be made in Kent and Sussex Counties.

Grand Master P. Donald Carey requests the dedicated support of each Blue Lodge and member of the fraternity in this program. Contacts with each of the representative bodies are underway to insure maximum participation by all. Any questions relative to this program should be directed to Deputy Grand Master Wayne Mower - (302) 798-3828, Senior Grand Warden Jack Hanna - (302) 994-4818, or Junior Grand Warden Ron Conoway - (302) 628-3938.

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### STATED MEETINGS

1st Thu	Washington No. 1
2nd Wed	St. John's No. 2
3rd Tue	Hope No. 4
1st Tue	Union No. 5
1st & 3rd Tue	Union No. 7
2nd & 4th Thu	Temple No. 9
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2nd & 4th Tue	Franklin No. 12
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3rd Tue	Jackson No. 19
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2nd & 4th Mon	Hiram No. 25
3rd Thu	Armstrong No. 26
3rd Wed	Oriental No. 27
2nd Fri	Gethsemane No. 28
1st & 3rd Mon	Doric No. 30
1st Thu	Ionic No. 31
3rd Mon	Unity No. 32
2nd Tue	Brandywine No. 33
1st Tue	Granite-Corinthian No. 34
3rd Tue	Christiana No. 35
2nd Wed	Solomon No. 36
2nd Tue	Delaware No. 37
2nd Wed	High Noon No. 38
2nd Thu	Eureka-Dupont No. 23-29