



THE DELAWARE FREEMASON

Then – Now – Tomorrow



Fall 2002

Message From The Grand Master MW• James S. Russell, Jr. Grand Master of Masons in Delaware



Summer is over and we are back to work in the quarries for the benefit of the craft once again. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the break and is anticipating a productive and successful ensuing Masonic year.

During my year, I have enjoyed unlimited support from the Grand Staff, the Lodges, the Past Grand Masters, the Appendant Bodies, and the individual Brothers. Most important, I have had the unwavering support of my Lady Linda and our family, without which my year as Grand Master would not have been possible.

To all the retiring officers, I thank you for the time and effort you have put into your positions. To the newly elected and appointed officers, I look forward to your leadership and to the programs that

each of you will bring to your Lodges. During my remaining time as Grand Master, and also as a Past Grand Master, I pledge my support to you and your Lodges in whatever way that I can. This commitment extends to all of the bodies that make up our Masonic Family.

I look forward to having R•W• P. Donald Carey, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master Elect, receive the same support that I have received as he assumes the responsibilities of the office of Grand Master and I pledge him my full support.

As my year comes to a close, I must state how pleased and privileged I am that the brethren of Delaware have afforded me the opportunity to serve them as their Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Permanent Fund

By MW• James S. Russell, Jr.
Grand Master

1. Do you believe in the future?
2. Do you believe that Masonry is worthwhile?
3. Would you like to help Delaware Masons in the future?

It is the answers to these three questions that helped prompt me to establish a Permanent Fund for the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Delaware.

The Fund is to be managed in such a way that the principle is to remain unused. It is there to grow and earn interest. As it earns interest, the Fund grows. Only a percentage of the interest may be utilized to help fund programs of our jurisdiction.

Our financial situation as a Grand Lodge needs to be improved. Together we can work toward this improvement.

This year, the first year of collecting monies for this fund, I did not know what to expect, however, the Lodges, Masonic Clubs, and individual Brothers have supported this endeavor and there has been more added to the Fund than I anticipated. For this, I thank all of those who have helped and supported this challenge.

You can help with this project in many ways:

- You can purchase a trowel which has been advertized this year.
- You can sponsor and coordinate fund-raisers.
- You can remember the future of our Craft in Delaware in your wills.
- You can donate in memory for a faithful Brother or loved one.
- You can make a direct personal donation because you care.

If you have any questions, call the Office of the Grand Secretary at 302-652-4614 or by direct mail to The Grand Secretary, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

This Fund will not be of immediate benefit, but will certainly help finance worthwhile programs for Delaware Masons in the future.

I answered all three questions at the beginning of this article in the affirmative. What were your answers?

What are you going to do about it?

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By W. William F. Spruill
Grand Chaplain

FAITH, OBEDIENCE AND TRUST

It seems in today's situations that too much trust is placed in things, self, or man-made security - such as insurance, retirement plans or government, only to be disappointed. The eternal security is God, patiently waiting to be called upon, the One who places a hedge of protection around us, and a shield to protect us if we come to God in faith, obedience and trust. He wants to bless us in a mighty way.

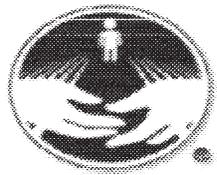
I believe the reason our fraternity remains strong over the many years is because Freemasons seek God's blessing first.

May we be reminded in Chronicles 4:10 when Jabbed called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me and that you would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain!"

What could be more glorifying to God than to come daily, praising Him for who He is, and with these four simple requests. These requests can release something miraculous in your life, and even the world we live in.

God has given man the gift of free will and choice. May the choices we make in our daily life glorify our God, and strengthen us in Faith, Obedience and Trust.

So mote it be.



Grief support after the death of a child.....

The mission of **The Compassionate Friends** is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

The Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit, self-help support organization that offers friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. There is no religious affiliation and there are no membership dues or fees.

The secret of TCF's success is simple: As seasoned grievers reach out to the newly bereaved, energy that has been directed inward begins to flow outward and both are helped to heal.

For more information contact:

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Consider your final wishes now

Every Master Mason in good standing in the fraternity at the time of his death is entitled to Masonic funeral services, if that is his wish. Unfortunately, many Masons who would like this final ceremony in the tradition of the Craft fail to make this

known to their survivors before they die. The following information in this form is offered to help our brethren assure that their last wishes are met when they are called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Masonic Funeral Planner

To the members of _____
Lodge No. _____, my family, clergy and funeral home directors, upon my death:

I would like to have:

- Masonic funeral services at the funeral home
 Masonic funeral services at my place of worship with my religious rites, if possible
 Masonic graveside services
 No Masonic services

I would like to be remembered in my Masonic eulogy for:

I would like the following brothers to serve as pallbearers (if willing/able) at my funeral:

I would like to have my Masonic apron:

- Placed on my person
 Draped on my casket during the services
 Buried with my remains
 Given to _____ after the funeral

To assist your family and friends during this difficult time, please consider the following and discuss them with your lawyer or an estate planning professional.

1. If you have Masonic jewelry, how would you like it disposed of?
 It may be left on your person and buried with you.
 It may be left on your person during your last rites, then given to _____
 It may be given to your lodge for future presentation to _____
 It may be given to the Grand Lodge.
2. If you have other Masonic mementos (awards, Past Master's apron, literature, sword, etc.):
 Give them to _____
 Donate them to your lodge to dispose of as it sees fit.
 Donate them to the Grand Lodge
3. Have you considered the desirability of:
 Making a monetary or other gift in your will to your lodge?
 Making a monetary or other gift in your will to tax-deductible Grand Lodge funds or other funds of your choice?

Should you decide to complete this form, provide a copy to your lodge and keep a copy with your personal records. You may want to give a copy to your funeral director.

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In Memoriam

Lewis James Blackwell



Hiram Lodge No. 21, A.F.&A.M.

Born:	January 27, 1912
Entered:	January 25, 1951
Passed:	April 4, 1951
Raised:	May 24, 1951
Worshipful Master:	June 4, 1964
Grand Marshal:	October 6, 1966
Senior Grand Warden:	October 6, 1970
Deputy Grand Master:	October 8, 1983
Grand Master:	October 6, 1984
Called from labor:	June 27, 2002

*"Farewell thou good and faithful servant,
enter into the glory of the Lord.*

Deadline for Delaware Freemason Articles

NOVEMBER 1, 2002

Message from the Grand Master Elect RW: P. Donald Carey

As I look forward to beginning my year as the 150th Grand Master of Masons in Delaware I find now, more than ever, the need for both Freemasonry and our country to unite. Therefore, my theme for the ensuing Masonic year will be "Masonry United". The Scottish and York Rites, Tall Cedars, Shrine and all the appendant bodies must unite for the good of our Craft. This is necessary for Freemasonry to remain alive and strong for many years to come.

I became interested in Masonry through a man I worked with, who had become a very good friend. I was impressed by the way he did his job, worked in the community, attended church, and how he treated the people he worked with. I knew he was a Mason and decided to ask him more about the fraternity and how I could become a part of it. He told me it was an organization that would take a good man and make him better. I believe that to be a true statement.

There were and are a great many good men in Freemasonry. Thirteen signers of the constitution and fourteen Presidents of the United States of America. George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Gerald Ford to name a few. There were men like Benjamin Franklin, General Douglas MacArthur and astronaut Buzz Aldrin. They all helped to keep our country united.

Over four million Freemasons around the world from all walks of life, with different political and religious beliefs manage to come together united in friendship and call each other "brother". May we unite together to strengthen this great fraternity. If every Mason who reads this publication brings just one good man

into our fraternity, imagine how many new members we would have at the end of this new Masonic year. I challenge each of you to try to accomplish this. I will try, as Grand Masters before me have, to reach this goal. With your help I pray this will happen.

My charities for this year will be "Highfield" Masonic Home and the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. I found it impossible to make a choice between these two important charities so I may well be the first Grand Master to have two charities! I am confident that our great fraternity will rise to the occasion and support both of these wonderful causes.

A Grand Master's Charity Ball is scheduled for April 5th, 2003 at Ruddertown, Dewey Beach, Delaware. All funds raised by this event will be divided between my two charities. The Charity Ball will be in conjunction with our second Annual Retreat Weekend. The first one was a huge success. You are all invited to come to Dewey Beach April 4th, 5th and 6th to join our Retreat and share a great time with us at the Charity Ball.

I am also challenging all Lodges to have a charity event of some kind this year. A Cake sale, auction, car wash, etc. to raise money that can be donated to "Highfield" Masonic Home on our Grand Lodge Picnic Day on June 7, 2003. A plaque for the largest donation to the Masonic Home will be presented to the winning Lodge.

When my year as Grand Master is complete I hope I can say all the Masonic bodies in Delaware have grown united. With your help I am confident this will happen.

Grand Lodge of Delaware Bicentennial

By MW : Paul E. Ellis, PGM

The committee on History and Library and the Committee on the Bicentennial has been meeting jointly to formulate plans for the celebration and observance of the formation of Grand Lodge on June 6, 1806. Tentative plans include a special observance at the Annual Communication on October 3rd and 4th, 2006, dedication and unveiling of a plaque commemorating the formation of Grand Lodge at Old Town Hall in Wilmington on June 6, 1806, followed by a parade up Market Street and dinner at the Masonic Temple, wreath laying ceremonies at the graves of Gunning Bedford and Jesse Green; and a church service of thanksgiving. A full report will be submitted to the brethren at the next Annual Communication for comments and approval.

With the anticipated number of out-of-state guests at the Annual Communication, there is no Masonic facility in Delaware capable of hosting the communication. A group has reviewed several possibilities and concluded that the best available site is the Clayton Hall Conference Center at the University of Delaware. It is capable of hosting the communication and providing for all lunches and dinners. Adjoining the conference center, ground has been broken for the erection of a hotel, which will be completed in 2003. There is plenty of free parking at the center. The Center staff can plan and host tours and entertainment for the ladies. We

hope that the University Library will present an exhibit on Freemasonry and display some of its rare books.

For the Sesqui-Centennial in 1965, Brother Charles E. Green prepared a history of Grand Lodge. Plans are underway to update that history by Brothers Richard Garland, Gary Laing, Gil Riddell and Jim Turner. Lodges are encouraged to supply them with a summary of significant highlights of their history during the past 50 years.

The Committees are looking for ideas for commemorative items such as cups, mugs, trowels, coins, etc., anything which is popular and will sell to raise additional funds. If you have any ideas, contact Brother Frank Furr of Union Lodge of Dover.

Further plans include programs in each district under the direction of the immediate Past Grand Master from the district, a ritual festival under the direction of the Committee on Work, and a video account of all the activities for the benefit of posterity. Lodges are encouraged to develop and plan their own programs to mark the occasion.

The two Committees are receptive to any and all ideas to make the year a memorable one. Give your thoughts and ideas to a member of the Committees.

Jun 6, 2006—two hundred years of service to mankind by the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Let us make it a memorable event!

The Delaware Freemason Boosters Club

The current budget for The Delaware Freemason allows for only three issues per year. A fourth issue would afford this publication the opportunity to impart news and information to the readership in a more timely manner. In an effort to provide the fourth issue we are asking you to help us in the formation of a "Boosters Club".

To become a member of The Delaware Freemason Boosters Club please remit a check for \$10.00, payable to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, to the Grand Secretary, 818 Market Street,

Wilmington, DE 19801-3077 or submit the membership fee to your Blue Lodge secretary who will forward it to the Grand Secretary.

The names of the Booster Club members (with spouses if requested) will be published in each issue of The Delaware Freemason. This membership will be renewable each year.

Please assist us in providing you with more current and timely information that will benefit you and your Masonic affiliates. Join The Delaware Freemason Boosters Club now!

Letter of appeal from the Grand Master

August 31, 2002

Brethren:

This year, the proceeds of our Annual Appeal on behalf of Highfield, The Masonic Home of Delaware, will be used for the restoration of the portico at the west end of the Home's original building.

The original building dates back to 1845 and is historically significant as an example of Italian Renaissance architecture. It was purchased by the Masons of Delaware from the Grubb Family in 1911 and after some modifications, it was dedicated as a retirement community in October, 1912. Later that same year, five men and five women were welcomed as the first residents.

For almost 90 years, the Home has provided a safe and comfortable retirement environment for Master Masons, their wives, and family members. They are treated with the respect and dignity they so deserve.

As you are aware, there are ongoing maintenance issues that are unique to historic buildings. Hence this year's special challenge, the preservation of the portico.

The cost of this project is estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Your financial support is vital to the success of this project. Please help to restore the portico to its original splendor. We must not allow the walls and roof of this structure to deteriorate further. Our goal is \$60,000. The Masons of Delaware

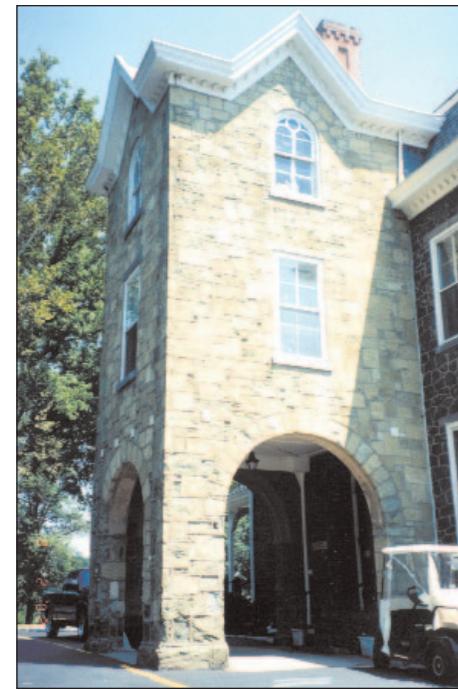
can meet this challenge if they choose to do so. I urge you to send your checks payable to the Masonic Home of Delaware or give through the United Way (#9135).

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Sincerely and fraternally,



James S. Russell, Jr.
Grand Master



Yes, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I want to support the 2002 Campaign for Highfield, The Masonic Home.

Please complete and mail to:

"HIGHFIELD"
Masonic Home of Delaware
4800 Lancaster Pike
Wilmington, DE 19807

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

LODGE NO. _____

My Contribution is _____ Payment Enclosed

_____ Pledge _____ Total. Payable _____ (Amount) per _____ (intervals).

I will make arrangements to give through:

_____ United Way (#9135) _____

REFLECTIONS FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S LADY

By Linda Russell

There are so many wonderful memories from this past year. I would like to share a few with you.

When this Masonic Year began, I hoped the Ladies of the Officers of the Grand Staff would not only support the men of this fraternity but would also make a difference by contributing to the community and to mankind in general.

Therefore, I initiated three programs:

(1) My Charity, **The Compassionate Friends**, is a non-profit support group for bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings. This Charity was chosen in memory of my daughter, Jill. From the profit of the sale of 168 Masonic Afghans, contributions from many of the Blue Lodges, Appendant Bodies, individual Delaware Masons and Ladies, as well as Masons and their Ladies from several other jurisdictions, we will donate \$3,250.00 to this Charity. This donation will help many parents through a most difficult time. A special thanks to all who supported this Charity.

(2) The American Cancer Society sponsors a **Relay for Life**. The Grand Staff Ladies walked in memory of Jane Lloyd and Sue Lane. We walked in honor of Phyllis Waecker, Kathy Tyrrell, Siggy Millman, Judi Benson, and Virginia Taylor. The Relay began on June 7, 2002 at 7:00 PM and was completed at noon on June 8, 2002, for a total of 17 hours. There was someone from our Team walking the track at all times. Joining the Grand Staff Ladies were 71 other participants including the Grand Master, Past Grand Master and his Lady, Representatives from the Grand Staff, Demolay, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, and Jobs Daughters. Our Team raised \$2,200.00 and we will donate this amount to the American Cancer Society.

(3) **Friend to Friend at Highfield** was a special program for our ladies at our Masonic Home. Each Grand Staff Lady befriended two female residents at the Home. Approximately 125 visits were made to our special friends as well as a Luncheon in honor of our female residents. Thanks to Marion Taggart, Administrator of Highfield for her support of this program. This program was initiated to benefit the ladies at Highfield but it was also most rewarding to the Ladies of Grand Staff.

I would like to personally thank the Ladies of the Officers of the Grand Staff for their friendship and support. They have worked very hard this year and they have truly made a difference. Thank you Carol Carey, Peg Talbott, Pam Hanna, Joan Lloyd, Joanne Small, Carol Fulmer, Barbara Spruill, Rose Hutchinson, Kathy Tyrrell, Agnes Wright, Siggy Millman, Bonnie Zahn, Judi Benson, Aleta Esham, Jo Krough, and Azalie Dole.

On a very personal note, I would like to thank the Masons of Delaware for electing this Grand Master as it has afforded me the opportunity to accompany him to 17 jurisdictions throughout this Country and to make many new friends. It has also given me the opportunity to travel throughout our State of Delaware. To the Delaware Masons and their Ladies, I thank you for all the kindness and courtesies which have been extended to me and the support you have given to my programs.

Finally, I appreciate the wonderful support my husband and family have given to me as I have tried very hard to make a difference. It truly has been a wonderful year

Editor's Notes

By Chuck Simmermon

The Delaware Grand Lodge Masonic year is almost over. This has been a year of innovations, strong support for ongoing worthy causes and an emphasis on "Unity of Craft". Grand Master Russell has governed our Masonic jurisdiction with keen vision and sense of purpose. His high visibility and availability have fostered a new level of unity within the Delaware Masonic community as well with other jurisdictions.

Most notable of Grand Master Russell's innovations is the implementation of a Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. This fund will assure the future fiscal security of the Delaware Grand Lodge as well as provide a source of

income as it matures.

The Grand Master's lady, Linda, was very active in promoting her charity (Compassionate Friends) and developing a program by which the ladies of the Grand Staff interacted with the female residents of The Delaware Masonic Home. Linda Russell is a credit to our Masonic family.

We are grateful to Grand Master James S. Russell, Jr. for the leadership he has demonstrated and the efforts he has put forth. His strength of convictions and fortitude in actions have served to enhance Freemasonry in the State of Delaware.



"OLD GLORY" GOOD WILL TOUR CONTINUES

By Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM

After more than seven years, "A Tribute To Old Glory - Building The Flag" continues to be presented throughout the tri-state area and beyond . . .

On Wednesday, June 19, several Past Masters of Christiana Lodge No. 35 (and members of DuPont Chapter No. 78 of the National Sojourners), continued their presentation of A Tribute To Old Glory at the Echelon Mall in Voorhees, NJ. At the request of Worshipful Master Marty Ellner of Mizpah-Haddon Heights Lodge No. 191, Past Masters Richard G. Pyle, PGC - Carl H. Cox, PGMar. - Edwin M. Newth, PJGW - Joseph C. Woerner, PAGM - and Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM, along with their significant others, made the trip to Voorhees, NJ and the Echelon Mall to make this special presentation. Accompanying the Old Glory Team, were Most Worshipful Grand Master James S. Russell, Jr., Worshipful D. Edward Wright, Grand Marshall, and Right Worshipful Wayne D. Mower, III, Past Senior Grand Warden (Deputy Grand Master elect).

Prior to arriving at the mall, the "Delaware Travelers" were treated to a wonderful dinner, held at the Mizpah-Haddon Heights Lodge Hall, and prepared by the brethren of the Lodge . . . they know how to put on a feed bag! Following dinner, everyone proceeded to the mall to set up and prepare for the presentation.

This particular presentation was also sponsored by Boscov's, and

was held in the Boscov's Courtyard at the Echelon Mall. Although everyone had to fight the "flood waters" of a New Jersey downpour, all arrived safely (including the equipment), and the show would go on. Approximately 80 people assembled in the courtyard, including the Mayor of Voorhees (and Past Master of Mizpah-Haddon Heights Lodge), and the District Deputy Grand Master of their Masonic District, and the Past Master's of Christiana Lodge No. 35, gave their usual excellent performance.

The Past Masters of Christiana Lodge No. 35 and the members of Dupont Chapter No. 78 of the National Sojourners, continue to bring their message of Patriotism and Brotherly Love wherever they are asked. In addition to making this presentation to several local Lodges and Masonic Organizations, during this Masonic Year, this team has also made presentations at St. Hedwig's School in Wilmington, and at the Delaware Chapter of the Civil Air Patrol. They have also been asked to perform at Union Lodge No. 7 on Wednesday, September 11, at a special ceremony to remember this very memorable day in the history of our country.

If you are interested in having this ceremony presented at your Lodge, Chapter, school, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church, or any other organization, please contact Glenn F. Davis, Sr., PGM at 1-302-376-9289 for further details.

Grand Marshal Association of Delaware

By John C. Rayias
President

The unity and fellowship of Masons from all districts in this Grand Jurisdiction continues to grow and prosper. This is an idea that is finally taking shape!

Several Past Grand Marshals of the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware have thought about starting this association. However our current Grand Marshal, Ed Wright, has driven its formation.

With assistance from Dep. Grand Secretary (and Past Grand Marshal) Gene Small, we have accumulated a list of Past Grand Marshals, including their addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, Grand Masters served, and Year as Grand Marshal. Using this list, contact was made with everyone known to be a Past Grand Marshal for Delaware. Grand Master (Elect) P. Donald Carey attended our

first meeting, which was held on August 14, 2002. We circulated draft By-Laws, elected our first President, and outlined plans for future meetings and the creation of a pin to denote the association.

In addition to fellowship, our goal is to assist the in-coming Grand Marshals with their training and preparation. With this goal in mind, a Grand Marshal Training Manual was prepared by the writer last year, and has already been passed to it's second successive in-coming Grand Marshal.

If by chance, we have forgotten to contact any Past Grand Marshal, kindly forgive our oversight because it was not intentional. If you happen to be a Past Grand Marshal from this jurisdiction or know of one, kindly contact either W. Ed Wright at (302) 834-4231 or me at (302) 529-7313.

Masonic Workshops to continue

Due to the existing educational needs with the Delaware Masonic Jurisdiction and the unprecedented success of the workshops during this current Masonic year, the Masonic Workshop Project will be continued.

Workshops of interest to everyone are being planned and will address "ritual", Delaware Masonic Code and leadership. In addition, educational sessions can be developed for subjects of your choices and suggestions.

The key to strengthening our Masonic Jurisdiction is to have

well trained, well informed leadership. Each Masonic body is encouraged to send its officers to one of the Masonic workshops listed below:

- November 23, 2002 - Masonic Home of Delaware
- January 11, 2003 - Temple Lodge No. 9 in Milford
- March 1, 2003 - Jackson Lodge No. 19 in Delaware City

All Workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. with registration and coffee at 8:30 a.m. All sessions will finish by 12:00 noon. Bring your Cipers and Code Books.

A Magnificent Volume

By Donald D. Thomas, PSGD

Without fail, each year many new books on Freemasonry are written and made available to the public. Some, like John Robinson's 'A Pilgrim's Path - One Man's Road to the Masonic Temple' are marvelous works. Others, one might question why they were ever written. This year a magnificent volume entitled 'Freemasonry on Both Sides of the Atlantic' - subtitled - 'Essays Concerning the Craft in the British Isles, Europe,

the United States, and Mexico' has appeared. Edited by R. William Wesiberger, Wallace McLeod and S. Brent Morris, it is a collection of papers and some doctoral dissertations from the world of academia in this country and abroad. The papers reflect very serious studies of the impact of Freemasonry and Freemasons on society. The volume is available from Columbia University Press or Amazon.com for \$62.00.

Masonic Rites in Castro's Bailiwick

Havana, April 25 - Cuba's capital has a sovereign grand commander who wears a uniform, is privy to secrets and partial to symbolism. But he is not Fidel Castro.

His name is Jesus Armada Pena and he is a 33rd degree Mason who presides over Cuba's Supreme Council at an imposing, if age-worn, Scottish Rite Masonic temple in central Havana.

Long discouraged and distrusted by the authorities, Cuba's Masons have seen their ranks more than doubled since the 1980's to 29,000 members in more than 316 lodges across the island. Earlier this year the Cuban government gave permission for two new lodges, the first since 1967.

Along with other fraternal or mystical groups, like the Oddfellows and the Rosicrucians, the Masons have been attracting men searching for more enduring answers than those offered by Communism, the only system generations of Cubans have ever know.

Members visit the sick in hospitals and help out their families. Mr. Armada's Masonic temple distributes medicine and vitamins donated by lodges in the United States and Europe. The brotherhoods are creating a mutual aid network that seeks - very cautiously - to provide what Mr. Castro's government does not or will not.

FOR SALE

Master Mason's Carpet

This collectible Masonic "Master Mason's Carpet" is made by residents of the Highfield Masonic Home of Delaware and all proceeds from the \$10.00 sale price go to support our non-profit retirement home.

A "Master Mason's Carpet" is made from a carpet sample measuring 18" high by 27" wide

and is silk-screened with the square and compass plus lettering as shown below. All carpet samples are light in color (earth-tone).

If you would like to purchase a "Master Mason's Carpet", please contact Jim Teal, PM, Hiram Lodge No. 25 at 7 Larchmont Court, Hockessin, DE 19707 or telephone (302) 234-2757.



Letters to the Editor

To the Delaware Freemason,

We hear so much negativity about young people when one does wrong, but nothing when one does right.

Grand Lodge voted to allow eighteen-year-olds to join Freemasonry. The first in the state of Delaware to join and become a Master Mason was James E. Willey, III, son of James E. Willey, Jr., Past and present Master of Franklin Lodge No. 12, Georgetown, Delaware.

James was raised by his father and assisted by Grand Master Elect P. Donald Carey who sat in the West.

On September 7, 2002, young Jim leaves for basic training in the U.S. Navy. I know we all wish Brother Jim the best.

Howard A Kuhn, Jr.
Junior Warden
Franklin Lodge No. 12

This is an invitation to all the brethren who come to Milwaukee, WI for the 100 year Jubilee of the Harley Davidson Motor Company.

On the 29th of August, 2003, Aurora Lodge No. 30 F. & A. M., with the assistance of George Washington Lodge 1776 No. 337, will perform an E.A. Degree in the modified French Rite and in the German Language. An exception dinner will follow this degree.

The degree will take place at the Humphrey Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Milwaukee. Further information about time and cost will be posted on the Aurora Lodge web page: <http://geocities.com/auroalodge/>. The capacity for the degree and dinner is 350 persons. We are looking for an early reservation deadline to accommodate a ladies program, should there be a demand for it. The web site should have all the information up by the end of April. Immediate information by e-mail: imperialjcp@aol.com

Fraternally yours,

Josef Pronnet, W.M. Aurora Lodge No. 30
4570 Imperial Drive
Brookfield, WI 53045



MASONIC HOME OF DELAWARE

Vacancies

The Masonic Home has vacancies in the main building and the cottages. If you are thinking of retiring, think of us. Call (302) 994-4434 for information.

Volunteers

Highfield continues to be in need of volunteers to drive our residents to appointments, etc. and to drive our bus. Please call the Masonic Home and give a small amount of your free time to your senior Masonic family.

New Admissions

(Cottages)

Carolyn Newsome, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clark (affiliated with Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34) moved to a Highfield cottage on August 1, 2002.

S. Edward Anderson (Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 29) moved into the cottages on May 1, 2002.

Mr. & Mrs. George B. Bronk (Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34) moved into the cottages on July 5, 2002.

(Main Building)

Edward S. Cunningham (Oriental Lodge No. 27) moved into the home on April 3, 2002.

Majorie Harkness, wife of James Harkness (Hiram Lodge No. 25) who resides in the main building, was admitted to our health care unit on July 10, 2002.

Highfield Masonic Home of Delaware

Birthdays

Mr. James Harkness	September 4	Hiram Lodge No. 25
Mrs. Ruth Wilson	September 21	Hiram Lodge No. 25
Mr. Philip Downey	September 28	Penn Lodge No. 709
Mrs. Mildred Lee	October 29	Eureka-DuPont Lodge No. 29
Mr. Earl Swanson	November 3	Christiana Lodge No. 35
Mrs. Majorie Harkness	November 16	Hiram Lodge No. 25
Mr. John Keim	November 22	Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34
Mr. Maximillian Jaworowski	December 6	Lafayette Lodge No. 14
Mrs. June Reiner	December 11	Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34
Mrs. Margaret Cantwell	December 30	Eureka Lodge No. 23

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Sunday Church Service Schedule (3:00 p.m.)

September 1, 2002	Labor Day weekend – no service
September 8, 2002	Brandywind Chapter No 14 and Unity No. 16 O.E.S.
September 15, 2002	St. John's Commandery
September 22, 2002	St. John's Royal Arch Masons
September 29, 2002	Ruth Chapter No. 19 and Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8
October 6, 2002	Doric Lodge No. 30 and Delaware Lodge No. 37
October 13, 2002	Hiram Lodge No. 21 and Gethsemane No. 28
October 20, 2002	Temple Lodge No. 9
October 27, 2002	Hope Lodge No. 4
November 3, 2002	Franklin Lodge No. 12 and Endeavor Lodge No. 34
November 10, 2002	Brandywine Lodge No. 33 and Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34
November 17, 2002	Five Points Chapter No. 13 and Newark Chapter No. 10 O.E.S.
November 24, 2002	Thanksgiving Weekend – no service
December 1, 2002	Armstrong Lodge No. 26
December 8, 2002	NUR Shrine
December 15, 2002	Christiana Lodge No. 35
December 22, 2002	Christmas Weekend – no service
December 29, 2002	Washington Lodge No. 1

Grand Master's Blue Lodge 2002 Visitation Schedule

Solomon No. 36 October 9, 2002	Franklin No. 12 November 26, 2002
Gethsemane No. 28 October 11, 2002	Union No. 7 December 3, 2002
Doric No. 30 November 4, 2002	Jefferson No. 15 December 4, 2002
Granite-Corinthian No. 34 November 5, 2002	Ionic No. 31 December 5, 2002
St. John's No. 2 November 13, 2002	Hiram No. 25 December 9, 2002
High Noon No. 38 November 16, 2002	Unity No. 32 December 16, 2002
Hope No. 4 November 19, 2002	Armstrong No. 26 December 19, 2002

The Order of the Eastern Star By Jackie Collier

Let me introduce you to the Order of the Eastern Star, first generally to the worldwide organization, and then specifically to the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. It circles the earth with over 10,000 Chapters in the United States, Canada and 18 other countries under the General Grand Chapter to which Delaware belongs. It also includes the Independent Grand Chapters of New Jersey and New York, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland which has jurisdiction over Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, South Africa, New Zealand and India, and the United Grand Chapter of Australia and New South Wales.

Though its teachings are based upon the Bible, the Order espouses no religion and is neither secret nor political. There are five Biblical heroines on whose lives our teachings are based. They are Jephthah's daughter, known as Adah, who teaches the lesson of fidelity to a spoken vow, Ruth, the widowed daughter-in-law of Naomi, whose lesson is that of constancy, Esther, a Jewish woman chosen as queen with her ethnic background concealed, and who risked death to protect her people, teaching the lesson of loyalty to kindred and friends; Martha, sister of Lazarus, whose lesson is that of faith; and Electa, who is referred to in the Bible as the Elect Lady, teach the lesson of extending aid to those in need and loyalty to one's beliefs, even in the face of persecution.

The membership of the Order is comprised of men who are Master Masons and women with specific Masonic relationships. For many years those specific relationships were the wives, mothers, daughters, widows and sisters of Master Masons. In recent years, the qualifications for membership have expanded so they now include "affiliated Master Masons in good standing, the wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, stepsisters, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great-granddaughters, nieces, great nieces, mothers-in-law, and daughters of sisters or brothers of affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death; as well as members – either active for three (3) years or majority – of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or of the International Order of Job's Daughters, each of whom shall have attained to at least eighteen (18) years of age. We would invite all of you and your female relatives fitting into any of these categories to get to know us and join us.

Millions of dollars are raised annually

within our membership for numerous projects that benefit mankind. Our members support many national and local charities. Through this fraternal service to humanity we strive to build a better, more fulfilling way of life for all. Here in Delaware there are 16 Chapters with nearly 2000 members. While we support all manner of local and national charities, such as Heart, Cancer Research, American Diabetes Society, etc., both individually and as a body, the particular focus of this Grand Chapter is aid to children and each year funds are raised and distributed to schools, hospitals and organizations that serve children with special needs. We have just completed an event that produces these funds, known as the "Summer Benefit". The distribution will be made at the informal opening of our May 2003 Grand Session. Now we are moving on to raising funds for ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership), a project which makes awards to persons entering the ministry or who are currently serving and seek further training. There will be an ESTARL church service at Barratt's Chapel on September 29, 2002 at 2: p.m. The service will be followed by a dinner at the Masonic Temple in Dover. Fried chicken and roast pork loin will be featured on the buffet. Tickets are \$12.00 and may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of any Chapter or calling Jackie Collier, at 697-1000 for reservations.

While the Order of the Eastern Star is an independent body, we still seek to cooperate with and support the Masonic Lodges and their functions throughout Delaware. Many of our Chapters now meet in Masonic Lodge buildings. Two Chapters meet at "Highfield," the Masonic Home. We take church services and various entertainments for the residents to the Home from time to time during the year. We also provide the materials and personnel for an Arts and Crafts program for the guests and contribute to an Activities Fund for the benefit of the residents.

There are many other facets to our Order and our members, but space will not permit exploring all of them. A calendar of events for the current year can be found at our official website, <http://www.oesde.com>, and everyone is invited to drop by and visit. There you will find a list of our Grand Family for the 2002-2003 year, a comprehensive set of answers to almost any question you might have concerning the Order, complete information concerning a trip to Williamsburg, VA over New Year's, and a method of contacting someone if you have an unanswered question or if you would like to join us at some of our events. Don't hesitate to send a message. We will be looking forward to hearing from you!



George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

By Earl L. Emerson, Jr., P.G.T.

Situated on 36 acres of land just west of the Potomac River and just north of U.S. Rt. I-95 is the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The building, measuring 177 feet by 195 feet with a 50 foot semicircular extension containing the auditorium, was built on Shooters Hill facing the East. It rises 440 feet above sea-level making it 67 feet higher than the dome of the United States Capitol Building.

The principal entrance is from the forecourt by way of the second floor through a vestibule formed in front by 8 free-standing 32 foot high granite columns beyond which is Memorial Hall, a room measuring 64 feet by 65 feet with a 52 foot ceiling height.

Above Memorial Hall rise the seven levels of the Tower. In the tower you will find the George Washington Museum. The Tower also contains the library, the Grotto Archives Room, the Royal Arch Room, the Cryptic Room, the Knights Templar Chapel, the Tall Cedars Room, the Shriners on Parade Room and the Observation Platform.

Each year nearly fifty thousand Masons and non-Masons visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Located in Arlington,

Virginia. Visitors travel from all over the world to see and experience this beautiful Memorial which was erected and dedicated to a great American Freemason, Brother George Washington.

The upkeep and maintenance on a structure of this vast size is constant and very costly. Any contributions or donations toward these expenses or projects at the Memorial would be deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

All Freemasons are encouraged to visit the Memorial. From Delaware, simply follow Rt. 301 south to Rt. 50 then follow Rt. 50 to I-95. Take I-95 south around the east side of Washington, D.C. and as you cross the Potomac River into Virginia, you can see the memorial through the right side of your windshield. The trip takes only about 90 minutes. Ample free parking is available and there is no admission charge. The Memorial is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with guided tours from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

If you visit the Memorial on a Saturday, you may be able to attend Lodge during one of the many Third Degree conferrals that take place in one of the Lodge rooms.



The Officers and Members of Lombardy Hall Foundation

The Officers and Members
of Granite-Corinthian Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M.

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Cordially Invite

You, Your Family and Friends

To a Christmas Open House

on Saturday, December 7, 2002

and

Sunday, December 8, 2002

1 - 4 P.M.

The Masonic Service Association

By J. Sherman White, P.M.
Delaware MSA Representative

The Masonic Service Association (MSA) continues to be active in the Veterans Hospital in Elsmere, Delaware. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, MSA volunteers contributed 3,567 hours to this effort. Regular MSA Volunteers donated 2,278 hours. Occasional volunteers, including some Masons, but primarily volunteers who provide music in our Sunday Chapel services donated 1,298 hours.

Delaware Lodges that participate in the MSA are St. John's No. 2, Jackson No. 19, Granite-Corinthian No. 34 and Ionic No. 31. In addition to time and talents, Ionic Lodge No. 31 has rendered a regular donation of \$200.00 each year for many years. Other Lodges send in occasional donations for which we are grateful.

During the week, MSA volunteers man the coffee shop two days a week and others serve as escorts. Every Sunday the MSA sponsors a coffee hour from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Donuts are served to the residents and patients. This is a popular event and is appreciated by all. Coffee hour covers both the Catholic Mass and the Protestant services. We need a minimum of \$1,200 to operate this program.

The Sunday activity is one area where new volunteers are needed. We assist the Chaplains in the Chapel Service, control the sound system, deliver church bulletins to patients in the hospital and provide an escort service to the Chapel when needed. Volunteers are encouraged to meet the residents in the nursing home and become friends with them. Currently there only three Sunday regular volunteers.

The MSA gives gifts at Christmas, hospitalized Veterans' Week, Valentines Day and the Patient Carnival. Occasionally we provide some personal assistance to destitute veterans.

We are badly in need of additional men to assist the MSA the areas listed above. All men interested in becoming a MSA volunteer, either for the Sunday or weekly duties please contact J. Sherman White (302) 737-5792.

Union Lodge No. 5

By Earl Emerson, PM

Greetings! We are having a wonderful year in Middletown.

Our Sporting Clay Trap Shooting Tournament was a great success with over 100 persons registered. Because of this success, Union Lodge No. 5 was again able to award \$1,000.00 scholarships to three graduating seniors from Middletown High School. The scholarships are given annually to applicants from the graduating class who will be attending schools of higher learning. This year's winners were Miss Laurie Johnson, Miss Erin Foley and Mr. Tyler Reynolds. A dinner honoring this year's winners and their families was hosted by the officers and members of Union Lodge. Approximately 40 people were in attendance to congratulate the scholarship recipients. During the last four years a total of \$12,000.00 has been contributed to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education.

The elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year are: Brother William Shetzler - Worshipful Master; Brother James Smith - Senior Warden and Brother Marc Mancini - Junior Warden. The officers are preparing for the start of a new Masonic year.

All Master Masons are encouraged to visit Union Lodge No. 5. We are located on West Park Place in Middletown and meet on the first Tuesday of the month. The gavel falls at 8:00 p.m. Please join us for a night of fellowship and good will.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

The origin of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon goes back to 1843 when some energetic and imaginative Master Masons came up the idea of the Tall Cedar Degree. It was around 1846, after the meetings of some Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that the Tall Cedar Degree was performed. Glassboro, New Jersey seemed to be the focal point for this performance. Finally, on March 18, 1902, in Trenton, New Jersey, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was officially constituted and became an appendant body of Freemasons. Individual lodges are called "Forests" and the official headgear is a tri-cornered hat called a "Pyramid" which is tied in with ritualistic work. In 1971 a Forest was instituted in Canada and since then the Fraternity has been known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

The only requirement for membership in the Tall Cedars is that an applicant must be a member in good standing in a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. The objectives of the organization are basically to provide social entertainment and clean, wholesome recreation and to promote wider acquaintances and friendships among Master Masons and their families. Their theme, therefore, is "Fun, Frolic and Friendship" with a purpose which is to help combat muscular dystrophy, which is basically an affliction of young people. Tall Cedars involvement with the Muscular Dystrophy Association began in 1951, when it became the first national organization to adopt the Muscular Dystrophy Program as a charity. Since 1952, the Tall Cedars have given over \$14 million to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, making annual presentations to Jerry Lewis at his Labor Day Telethon. This money is raised through donations received from the Rose Program, hoagie sales, garage sales, pancake breakfasts, dances, etc., with entire families participating in these events.

Youth Programs are an integral part of the Tall Cedar agenda. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships are awarded annually to Masonic affiliated youth. Tall Cedars is also proud to underwrite the entire financial cost of the DeMolay Past Master Counselor's Meritorious Award every year.

The leaders of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of

North America continually stress to all its members that their first allegiance is to their Blue Lodges, the life blood of our Fraternity.

Knights of the York Cross of Honour

By Donald D. Thomas

Earlier this year, their peers honored four very unique and active men in Delaware. On May 12, Prior Charles H. Lengel, Past Grand Master, and the officers of Jesse Green Priory Number 70, received into that body, esteemed Brethren James R. Herrington of Hiram Lodge Number 25, Robert V. McDowell, III of Brandywine Lodge Number 33, Albert J. Miller of Solomon Lodge Number 36, and Randall C. Mullen of Union Lodge Number 48, Elkton, Maryland.

What makes Knights of the York Cross of Honour unique among their equals is recognition that it is composed entirely of men who have presided over each of the four York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry. It is an organization in which membership can not be solicited, or petitioned. It has only one entranceway - through a door marked SERVICE. Service as Worshipful Master of a Symbolic Lodge, Excellent High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Illustrious Master of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Eminent Commander of a Commandery of Knights Templars. If one were to occupy every seat, excepting Secretary, Treasurer and Tyler, in each of those bodies, he would have worked on the floor in 35 different capacities, have had the pleasure of participating in at least 13 different degrees or orders and mastered a host of ritual. In the state of Delaware with approximately 6,000 Masons, only 27 Masons currently qualify. On a National basis with approximately 2 million Masons, there are only about 13,500 members in the Knights of the York Cross of Honour. With that as a reference, it is rather remarkable that the Priory was able to receive four new members this year. They stand as a testimony that men are still willing to accept the challenge of working in several of the quarries of Freemasonry. Sadly we note that on July 25, 2002, Knight Robert V. McDowell, III died suddenly of a heart attack and will be greatly missed.

The Knights of the York Cross of Honour was first established on March 13, 1930 in Monroe, North Carolina. The Priory located in Delaware, Jesse Green Priory No. 70, named after the second Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was chartered on September 3, 1983. Prior to that date, Delaware was part of Philadelphia Priory No. 12, Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania.

We Remember

By Frank Townsend

In recognition of the enormous debt owed to the dedicated work of fireman, law enforcement and emergency workers, the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Wilmington have named their 2002-2003 Class the "Shield, Square and Eagle" Class.

It is very sobering that the events of September 11, 2001 so dramatically and vividly brought to mind the dependency that we have on those we honor. That event alone would be enough to pause in our deliberations and say "Thank You". But there are many other very precious reasons, that don't always make the headlines. Officer Ted's visits to local grade schools to acquaint young students with the local policemen and establish a bond between them and the police. (Incidentally, Officer Ted is now retired and is a Past Master of one of our Lodges). The visits to the local fire hall as part of a Civics class field trip and a reminder that smoke detectors should be as much a part of a home as a TV set. The emergency worker who calms the elderly person gasping for breath and who restores confidence in us that tomorrow will be a better day.

It is more than coincidental that of all the occupations in our fraternity, universally the greatest percentage of members comes from the fire, police and emergency sector. The Valley welcomes the opportunity to greet our Brethren as we honor and pay them homage. In order to emphasize the significant role of these Brethren, at each of the ceremonials this year, a guest speaker from one of these organizations will share his view of their organization and how it has impacted their life and community.

In addition, a special pin honoring this class will be presented at the 32nd degree ceremonial on April 12, 2002 at the NUR Shrine Center.

The Fall Class for this year is scheduled to begin on October 17, 2002 at Union Lodge Number 5 in Middletown, while the Spring Class will commence on February 8, 2003 at the NUR Shrine Center. A sincere welcome is extended to all Master Masons who wish to join us in honoring the Shield, Square and Eagle Brethren. For further information contact Valley Secretary Franklin R. Townsend at 302-998-6475.

Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America, Inc.

Osiris Court No. 69, Wilmington, Delaware

By Helen Oliver
Junior Past High Priestess

Greetings. We have been dark during the summer months of July and August. Our next meeting will be on the second Wednesday of September.

Our Installation of Officers was held in April, 2002. It was a closed event in which our newly elected High Priestess, Lady Susan McKinney, was installed.

With sadness in our hearts, our charter member and first High Priestess of Osiris Court No. 69, Lady Dorothy Vanderpool, left this earthly court to enter the Grand Court above this past spring. She was 104 years of age. Lady Dorothy will be sadly missed by all.

Membership in the Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America is limited to ladies related by blood, adoption or marriage to a Shriner in good standing. Only court

members may attend. For more information call Helen Oliver (302) 798-9140.

Ionic Lodge goes to Philadelphia

Exemplifying inter-jurisdictional cooperation and unity, Ionic Lodge No. 31 visited St. John's Lodge No. 115 in Philadelphia and presented the "Delaware illustrated Master Mason lecture". A sizable contingent from Delaware traveled to the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Temple and, with Freemasons from various Pennsylvania Lodges, witnessed Brother Bill Calloway's flawless offering of the lecture.

St. John's No. 115 and Ionic No. 31 have enjoyed a strong relationship for the past eight years. The mutual support extended by these two Lodges has yielded friendships that have transcended Masonic jurisdictional boundaries.

Unity Lodge No. 32

By Richard W. Garland, PM

On May 20, 2002 in Unity Lodge No. 32, Worshipful Master John Kuhn presented Past Master Charles McVaugh with his 50 year certificate and pin. P.M. McVaugh was raised a Master Mason in Armstrong Lodge No. 26 in 1952. In September, 1954 he affiliated as a Charter Member with the newly established Unity Lodge No. 32, located in Newport, Delaware. In 1959, Brother McVaugh was elected and installed Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge. He served with distinction and has always been a credit to Unity Lodge and Freemasonry.



Worshipful Master John Kuhn is shown presenting a 50 year certificate to Past Master Charles McVaugh

Raising the Visibility of Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem

By John C. Rayias

Sovereign Prince

The Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem, Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington, is also known as Equity Council. This group comprises one of the four bodies in the Valley of Wilmington. We are responsible for the 15th and 16th degree ceremonials, which are offered during the fall and spring of each Masonic Year.

On the second Monday of each month from September through May, we have dinner/meetings, which include our Ladies. Starting September 2002, we will hold our meetings in the new dining room at Highfield Masonic Home of Delaware. New for this year, our schedule includes monthly guest speakers, who will present Masonic and non-Masonic topics of general interest. Topics include:

Sept. 9, 2002	Effects of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks on the City of Wilmington.
Oct. 14, 2002	Ladies of the 2002 Grand Staff, Program at Highfield.
Nov. 11, 2002	1 st Hand Experiences in World War II Bombing Crew.
Dec. 9, 2002	Holiday Celebration.
Jan. 13, 2003	Majority Speaker of the Delaware House of Representatives.

Many more varied topics are planned including a talk on State Police Dogs, which includes a brief demonstration.

We extend an invitation to all Masons and their Ladies to join us for fellowship and participation with our guest speaker program. You need not be a member of Scottish Rite or Equity Council. If you are interested, kindly contact me in advance for dinner arrangements and directions at grndmarshal0001@aol.com or (302) 529-7313.

Also new for this Masonic year, Wilmington Council Princes of Jerusalem plans monthly visits to Delaware and Pennsylvania Lodges. We look forward to meeting and getting to know as many Brothers as possible during our visits.

Job's Daughters

By James G. Taylor

Past Associate Grand Guardian

Summer has come to an end, school is starting and so it is back business in the 'Jobie' Bethels. Our Leadership week-end in May was a smashing success. This was an outstanding event that was as much fun as it was educational. The facilities were beautiful and the food was great. On Sunday, after church services, some of the "Daughters" and adults then headed to Hershey Park from

the Patton Campus for a day of fun. The Leadership Team has been meeting almost every week since May 24th in an effort to put together a book that will contain information for everyone involved with Job's Daughters.

The month of May also saw the Bethel installations. Congratulations to all of the "Daughters" in their new stations.

The "Daughters" participated in several parades with the Grand Staff of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware. On this note, Most Worshipful James S. Russell and his Lady Linda kept some of the girls busy walking in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life". Lady Linda far exceeded her monetary goal as over \$2000.00 was donated to the American Cancer Society! WAY TO GO, LINDA! Of course, as I wish to stay in the good graces of the ladies, I will mention that they also did a lot of walking (and talking and eating!).

Most Worshipful asked the "Jobies" to assist him and the Grand Marshal with the installation for six lodges. Our young ladies escorted the incoming officers and performed the "Closing Cross" at the closing of these lodges and did a superb job. After the "Closing Cross" at Jackson Lodge, the Grand Master and his Lady experienced the pure pleasure of having their cars decorated with "TP"!

In July the Grand Council of Delaware held its annual session. Mom Ruth Butler and Dad "T" were relieved of their duties on Saturday evening, July 20th. Mom Ruth and I would like to thank all Masons who so lovingly supported our "Daughters" throughout the year, especially Most Worshipful Jim Russell and his lovely Lady Linda. The girls love them very much and I do believe they came away with a deeper appreciation for Job's Daughters of Delaware. We all thank you two wonderful folks from the bottom of our hearts! The Grand Master and Lady Linda were also VA VA VOOMED!!! Just ask them about it!

In my last article I neglected to mention Dina Roussos' name as the most recently elected "Miss Junior Jobie of Delaware". I'm sorry sweetie and congratulations.

Frank Kell Lives the Legacy of DeMolay Grand Master

Franklin J. Kell, Jr., a native of Shreveport, Louisiana and current resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been elected to the highest adult position in DeMolay International, Grand Master. As Grand Master, Frank will serve as President of the Board of Directors of DeMolay International.

DeMolay, a youth leadership organization for boys between the ages of twelve and twenty-one, has chapters all over the world. Through DeMolay, boys learn leadership skills, the value of community service, and a respect and love for parents, family and faith. Frank will play a key role in building on the foundation of DeMolay, while keeping the focus on the youth that the organization serves.

Frank and his wife of 37 years, Vicki, are excited about his newest role in DeMolay. Frank's theme for the year is "Live the Legacy". He states "Working with the youth keeps one hopping and thinking young. Having a positive influence on just one young person's life is a great joy!"



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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
2nd Wed	Temple No. 11
2nd & 4th Tue	Franklin No. 12
1st & 3rd Thu	Harmony No. 13
1st Tue	Lafayette No. 14
1st & 3rd Wed	Jefferson No. 15
2nd Thu	Endeavor No. 17
3rd Tue	Jackson No.19
2nd & 4th Thu	Hiram No. 21
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