

Editor's Notes

By Chuck Simmermon

These are the times that test our resolve. Our country is at war! No matter how one feels about our role in the Iraqi conflict, we should support and pray for our brave military personnel who are currently in harms way. We should also pray that the Great Architect provides the leaders of our nation with the wisdom necessary to achieve the objective of the mission as quickly and efficiently as possible. The United States of America, with the freedoms it embraces, was founded in part by patriotic Freemasons. Let us continue the Masonic tradition of valuing and protecting those freedoms.

The response to the call for

membership in "The Delaware Freemason Boosters Club" has been good. However, there remains a shortfall of funds for a fourth issue during this Masonic year. Please consider the importance of the communication this media tool offers our Masonic jurisdiction. The Delaware Freemason affords you information on the various appendant bodies and enables your organizations to promote themselves and their activities. Please make the effort to remit \$10.00 to the Grand Secretary's office and list your name and that of your significant other with those who are actively supporting this publication.

Letters to the Editor

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Several years ago, the distinguished author, and an Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, published a marvelous little book called "The Lions Paw" - twenty-four short stories on the excellence of Freemasonry. The publisher of this book has offered to donate a copy to any Master Mason serving on active duty beyond the borders of this country. If you know of such a Brother, please contact the Secretary of the Scottish Rite, Franklin R. Townsend at (302)998-6475 with the Brother's name, lodge and mailing address.

Donald D. Thomas

Deputy For Delaware

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It has been brought to my attention, by a few brothers from different lodges, that they were told "Awards Unlimited" was no longer making name badges for Masonic organizations. This is not true. We are still very much in business and look forward to continuing the design and production of name badges, plaques, etc. for the Delaware Masonic Community. Our telephone number is (302) 836-1134.

Mick Schroeder

DID YOU KNOW?

What is the "Mystic Tie"?

Greek *mysterion*, secret religious ceremony (*muein*, to close the lips); Latin *ministerium*, same meaning. Masonically, the "mystic tie" symbolizes the bond of brotherhood. Apparently the words were first popularized, if not first used, by Robert Burns in his poem of farewell to his brethren of Tarbolton Lodge, Scotland, in which he takes leave of his "dear brethren of the mystic tie." Some confuse the mystic tie with the cable tow, in spite of the fact that the cable tow is removed when the real tie of the obligation is assumed.

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To become a member of The Delaware Freemason Boosters Club for one year, please remit \$10.00 to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19810-3077.

Union Lodge No. 5 Middletown, Delaware

By Earl Emerson, PM

Greetings from Union Lodge No. 5. Once again the Lodge is having a very busy year. In February, three men received the Fellowcraft Degree. The officers are working on their proficiency and hopefully will be finished soon.

The DeMolay chapter has increased to five boys with the possibility of two more. Bethel No. 4 is doing very well. The Grand Guardian's Statewide Job's Daughters Initiation, which was held at Union Lodge No. 5, was a great success. One of the young ladies who was initiated into Job's Daughters is a member of Bethel No. 4. The members of Union Lodge No. 5 should be very proud of the youth program they sponsor.

Once again Union Lodge No. 5 is sponsoring our 5th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot. This event is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2003 at J & P's Sporting Clay Range in Sudlersville, Maryland. All proceeds from this event benefit the David C. Burris Masonic Scholarship Fund. Monies from this fund are used to award three \$1,000.00 scholarships to deserving Middletown High School seniors who will be attending schools of higher learning. Over \$12,000.00 has been awarded during the last four years. There are trophies for 4-man teams, 4-person mixed teams, teams from Fire, Police and Ambulance personnel. There are also trophies for individuals and juniors (under 16 years of age). For more information, contact WM* William Shetzler at (302) 378-8415. Come out and enjoy a day of fun and excitement and see who goes home with the BEG trophy.



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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