

# Union Lodge No. 7 Groundbreaking Ceremony

Union Lodge No. 7 of Dover held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of their future new home on Saturday July 3, 2004. Ceremony officials included Worshipful Master Mark Claveloux, Masonic Hall Corporation President Edgar

Harmon, Delaware Grand Master Wayne Mower III, Kent County Commissioner at Large Richard Ennis, Delaware Supreme Court Chief Justice Myron Steele, Dover Mayor Stephen Speed, and Past Grand Master P. Donald Carey.



Left to right: Jesse Collier, John Hiott, Mark Claveloux, Jim Satterfield, Val Derocili, Ward Kelly, Jim Richardson, P. Donald Carey, Tom Frazier, Edgar Harman, and Tom Moore



The ceremonial groundbreaking was conducted by the officials listed above, as well as by the officers of Union No.7 and members of the Masonic Hall Corporation of Dover. One of the shovels used in the ceremony was previously used to break ground for the current home of Union 7 in 1959.

Site work has begun on the approximately seven acre parcel of land on Wyoming Mill Rd. in Dover, with construction scheduled to be completed by February 2005. When completed, the building will cover just under 10,000 square feet and will house a banquet hall, flanked by two separate Lodge rooms.

## Never Underestimate

By Donald D. Thomas  
Grand Master-Elect

On Mother's Day Sunday, the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star holds "The Informal Opening" of the Annual Meeting. It is an occasion where they welcome distinguished guests to their sessions, greet their own membership and recognize the other Leaders of Freemasonry in the State of Delaware. Although not a member of the Eastern Star, it has been my good fortune to work with the O.E.S. for almost thirty years and I have been privileged to attend the last four opening sessions. Let me first assure you, there is absolutely nothing "informal" about this occasion.

For those who have never enjoyed this privilege, let me share with you that it is a very impressive, dignified, elegant and well run event. It's worthy of comparison to a reception I attended several years ago in the garden of the English Prime Minister's home at No. 10 Downing Street, London, England. Our Sisters and Brethren of the O.E.S. were bedecked in their finest dress, prepared to be introduced and received in a manner befitting their offices and the respect properly due them. In like manner, they handled the reception of their guests eloquently, properly and with due decorum. The beauty of the evening, with all the finery and grace, solemnity and dignity of the occasion, however, lay not with the material splendor. No. The magnificence of this evening lies in the outpouring of love that the Ladies and Brethren of the O.E.S. provide.

At this meeting it is the tradition of the O.E.S. to distribute the annual harvest of their labors to child-based organizations and children in need. A rich outpouring resulting from their many hours of hard work in many quarries. Their efforts are well worth broadcasting across all corners of the world and sharing with as many as we can possibly reach. Those that were touched by their kindness were: Capital School District (\$1644), Sussex Consortium (\$1500), Kagan Nuss (\$1055), Easter Seal of Delaware (\$1400), Sugar Free Kids (\$1000), United Cerebral Palsy (\$900), children's Beach House (\$1000), Elizabeth Murphy School (\$100), COTA for Brandon Hastings (\$1500), John Charlton School (\$1000), W. Riley Brown School (\$599) and Center For Therapeutic Riding (\$1500).

As well as the following Masonic Activities:

Royal Arch Research Assistance Program (\$1000)

Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Brandywine Forest Muscular Dystrophy (\$1000)

Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Evergreen Forest Muscular Dystrophy (\$1000)

Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Del-Mar-VA Forest Muscular Dystrophy (1000)

AASR 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Children's Learning Center (\$1500)

NUR Shrine Transportation Fund (\$1000)

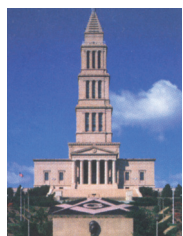
Shriners Hospital of Philadelphia (\$1000)

Shriners Hospital of Boston (\$1000)

Where do these seeds of loving-kindness fall? Schools, with special needs programs for children, dyslexic children, crippled children, children with Muscular Dystrophy, with hearing difficulties, those who are autistic or abused or abandoned, children with physical disabilities and a child undergoing a liver transplant. These are noble efforts and deeply appreciated.

On Saturday, October 9, 2004 at Caesar Rodney High School, the Order of the Eastern Star will again undertake their Benefit for Special Needs Kids. A new location, just off Route 13 in Camden, Delaware, a new date, but for the same dedicated cause. When this date comes, join those of the O.E.S. at this benefit. Enjoy the Outdoor Degree of Union Lodge No. 7 in the morning then venture over to Caesar Rodney High School in the afternoon or evening. Take an advertisement in their booklet; volunteer your time and/or your talents. Also, the next time you have the pleasure of being with a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, remember to express your thanks for the work they do.

"As you have done it to the least of these my children, so have you done it onto me". Faith, Hope and Charity – but the greatest of these is Charity. A love that extends beyond the grave, to the boundless realms of eternal bliss.



## The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

By Earl Emerson



On May 7, 2004, MW Ronald S. Coppedge, the Grand Master of Oklahoma, opened the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma exhibit in the Memorial. This exhibit concludes the Grand Lodge Month Program where each Grand Lodge in the United States presented a month long exhibit of Masonic history and important events which occurred in their jurisdiction. May was the last Grand Lodge Month in the current cycle.

In June a program began which will honor and recognize the appendant bodies of the Masonic family beginning with the Shrine of North America. July – the Scottish Rite NMJ, August-the Scottish Rite SJ, September – the Allied Masonic Degrees, October – Order of the Amaranth, November – Social Order of the Beauceant and December – Cryptic – Masons International.

The Grand Lodge Month Program has been an outstanding success in drawing visitors to the Memorial and in generating awareness of and support for the Memorial

Any donations or contributions to the ongoing maintenance of the Memorial are deeply appreciated.

Come visit your Memorial, I know that you will like it!



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BLUE LODGE!**

### 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
4th 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