

## News from the Wonderful World of Jobies

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Hello again! I hope that many of you have had the opportunity by now to have attended a meeting or an installation of a Job's Daughters Bethel since being extended that invitation in the last issue of the Delaware Freemason. I also hope that you have had the pleasure of meeting one or all of our "Three Musketeers"! The trio I am referring to is our "Miss Job's Daughter" – Jennifer Eichholz, "Miss Congeniality" – Allison Dutton and "Miss Junior Jobie" – Jessica Eichholz. These "daughters" have done an outstanding job promoting their order in the state and have also represented Delaware beautifully in other jurisdictions. They are truly leading by example!

In late November of 2004 Delaware hosted the "Supreme Guardian" – Jeanine Hinman and her husband Gene, along with "Miss Job's Daughter International" – Tiernee Childers, "Miss California" – Rachel Anderson and the "Supreme Bethel Honor Queen" – Laureen Stadle.

Everyone had a wonderful visit.

On March 12th a new set of "daughters" will be chosen to represent the state. I know they will have some very big shoes to fill, but I am confident they too will rise to the challenge and make Delaware proud. So once again, a huge thank you, hugs and much love to the "Three Musketeers" as they end their reign and get a little free time to themselves.

We continue to attend parades with the float to get our organization noticed and are always trying to recruit new members. If you know of any young ladies who are 10 years old, send us their names and we will put them in touch with a Bethel nearest their homes.

In closing we again invite you to come out and join us for a meeting or any of the installations which will begin in May or a fundraiser. Just come out and join us - we'll be happy to see you and promise you an exciting event.

## Calling All Outdoorsmen!

We are looking for members of our Fraternity who enjoy hunting, fishing and the great outdoors. A list of persons who are interested in taking trips to places like Cabela's Bass Pro's Outdoor World and various outdoor shows and expos. This group could also participate in sporting clay events, trap shooting and the like.

We are interested in renting/leasing ground to do duck, goose, deer and upland game hunting. If any of you have or know of anyone that has farmland, marsh areas or other suitable places for hunting, please let us know.

Our intent with this endeavor is to meet other brothers with similar interests and of course for some rest and relaxation. We appreciate the support that Grand Master Thomas has offered us in allowing us to place this article in The Delaware Freemason.

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### The Masonic Service Association

By Richard E. Fletcher, PGM  
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The new movie *National Treasure*, starring Nicolas Cage, opened in theaters across the nation on November 19, 2004. It quickly rose to be the highest grossing film (\$35.3 million in ticket sales) of the weekend and has already generated an extremely wide public awareness of Freemasonry. Most importantly, it portrays Masonry in a positive light and accents the significance of the Founding Fathers to our national identity. Many of these early patriots identified as Masons in the film, like George Washington and Benjamin Franklin are well known. Only one reference is not correct. Early in the movie, Charles Carroll, identified as the last survivor of the 56 patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence, is portrayed as a Freemason. Charles Carroll of Maryland was not a member of the fraternity. (Historically, it is believed the reason he was identified as a Mason is that he was present at the laying of the cornerstone of the B&O Railroad.)

Most of the movie is entirely fictional. There is no "National Treasure" as defined by the film, nor were Freemasons, as a group, ever involved in collecting and safeguarding valuable antiquities on behalf of all humanity. Nevertheless, Masonic principles and values are referenced many times in the film and the audience receives a very favorable impression of the Craft.

The movie is rated PG because of "mild violence". It really is a family movie and one all Masons should enjoy. It might even be fun for a lodge to have a "movie night" and sponsor members and their families who wish to attend. Discussions about the film should result in many beneficial insights regarding Freemasonry among Masons and the general public.

### Gunning Bedford, Jr. Masonic Scholarship Program By Earl Emerson

The Gunning Bedford Scholarship Program was established by the Grand Lodge of Delaware to assist deserving sons and daughters of Delaware Freemasons in attending a school of higher learning.

A few changes have been made in the program this year. The "RETURN" or "DUE" date for the completed applications to be returned to Grand Lodge is now April 25<sup>th</sup>, with a cut-off date of May 1<sup>st</sup>. No applications will be considered if received after the May 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff date.

This is five days earlier than last year. These five days will allow the committee to process the applications and render their decisions by May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Master can be notified in a timely manner and the names of the Gunning Bedford, Jr. scholarship winners can be announced at their schools' award ceremony.

Brethren, please have your sons and daughters obtain the proper application forms from the Grand Lodge Office, fill them out completely and mail them back on time.

### Photos Needed

The 200th Anniversary of the Delaware Grand Lodge will soon be upon us. We are asking for photographs of past Delaware Masonic events. These photos will be scanned to become part of a Bicentennial Program and thus, become a part of our Masonic History in the First State.

Please forward your photos to the Grand Lodge office at 818 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801-3377 or scan them and e-mail to [grand-sec.de@vwerizon.net](mailto:grand-sec.de@vwerizon.net).

All Photographs will be returned to the senders.

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