

# Harmony Lodge No. 13 A.F. & A.M.

## Smyrna, DE



### Trestle Board / September 2024

## From The East

Brethren, now that the 2024-25 Masonic year is upon us, it's time to sharpen our working tools and reconnect with brotherly love and fellowship. I hope that your schedules are open on Thursday September 5th and September 19th for Masonic curiosity and desire for further light. If you haven't attended Lodge recently, you will be impressed with the renovations and improvements, as we enjoy our 47th year at 11 N. Main Street. In addition to our officers strengthening their lectures and preparing for upcoming degree work, we have been planning an exciting year of events and community initiatives.

In my August Trestle Board, I wrote about the World-Wide Association of Harmony Lodges (WWAOHL) who are meeting on September 20th and September 21st at Harmony Lodge 241 in Whitestone, New York. It is the first time the meeting is being hosted in the United States. The past meetings were hosted by Harmony Lodge No. 156 in Plymouth, UK (2005), Harmony Lodge No. 8814 in Cardiff, Wales (2010), Harmony Lodge No. 9048 in Northampton, UK (2015) and Harmony Lodge No. 1431 in French Guadeloupe (2019) (Letter attached below). Joshua L Hall, PM and I have already made reservations to stay in New York for the weekend and I would like to invite all our brothers and families to attend as well. **Please let me know as soon as possible if you can join us in New York.** Not only will the experience of masonic intercourse with brethren from both sides of the pond imbibe the spirit of Freemasonry, it may further lead you to higher thoughts and lifelong fellowship.

One of the benefits of being Worshipful Master is representing Harmony Lodge No. 13 throughout the state of Delaware. On August 7th, Katrina and I attended the Grand Master-Elect's dinner at Union No. 7 with most of the other Delaware Worshipful Masters. It was a great time to connect with friends and meet several Masters, who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance due to their stated communication being held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The photo of this event is just below and includes several Delaware Grand Lodge officers, including our own PM Richard M. McTheny, DGM-elect.

One of the small drawbacks of being Worshipful Master is representing Harmony Lodge No. 13 at funerals, both for Harmony Lodge brethren and brethren of other lodges. In early August I participated in a Franklin Lodge No. 12 Masonic Funeral Service for PM Ray Pettyjohn, lead by WM Hunter Whitman. And unfortunately, I was just informed of the passing of Harmony Lodge 45 year member, Brother John E. Watkins, III on Thursday 08/26/24. Please keep Brother Watkins' widow, Jacque, and his family in your thoughts and prayers. I was informed of Brother Watkins passing through a Grandview notification. I encourage all brethren to log on to [https://de.grandview.systems/public\\_members](https://de.grandview.systems/public_members) and review and update your profile and contact information (if necessary). Currently 59% of Harmony Lodge brethren have logged on and it is imperative that we stay connected and engaged. If you need assistance in logging on or updating your profile give me a call.



As I mentioned in June Trestle Board, if you have Masonic passion, time to give, and want to strengthen your Masonic tools, please give me a call or text so that we may discuss ways to work together, such as a candidate instructor, Intender Committee member, or assisting with community outreach projects including the upcoming Clayton Railroad Days and Car Show on Saturday, September 28th at Clayton Fire House.

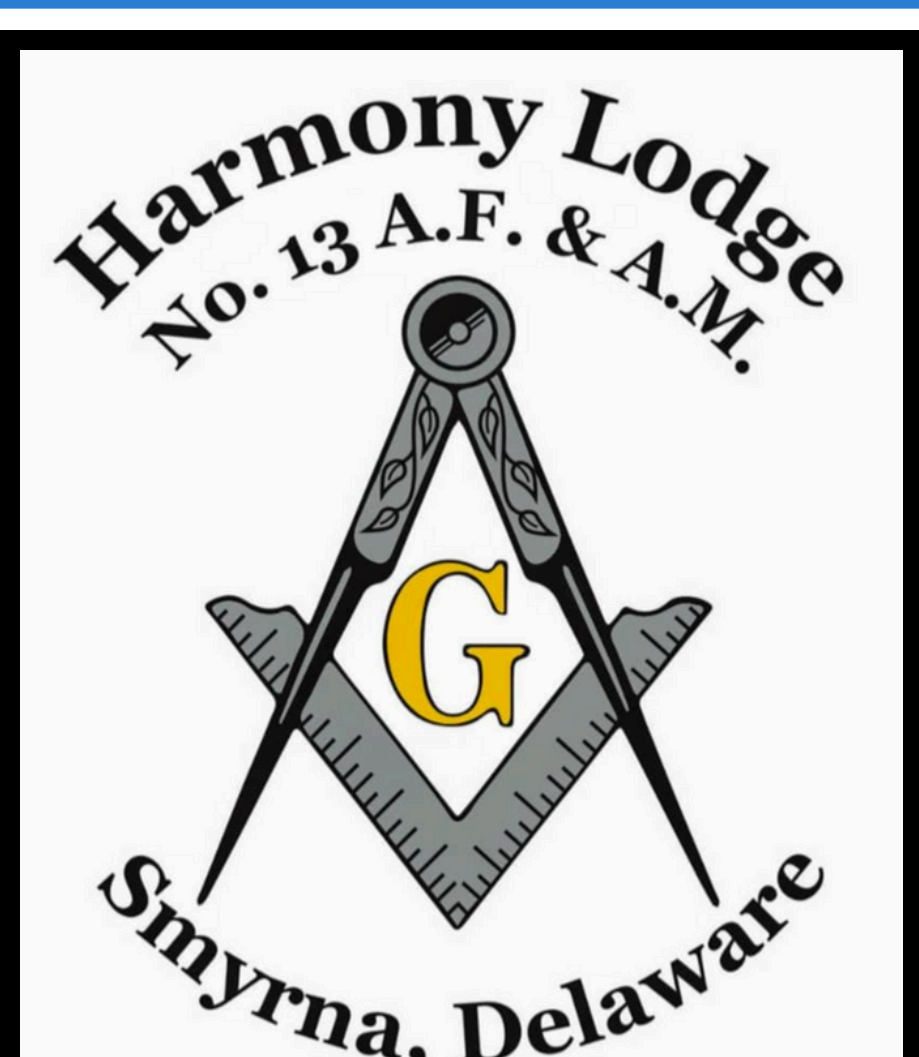
Lastly, please help spread the word about our Harmony Lodge No. 13 Annual Golf Tournament, which is scheduled for Saturday October 12th at Garrisons Lake Golf Club with a 10:00am Shotgun Start. We have Gold/Silver/Bronze Sponsorship opportunities and competitive pricing of only \$75 for player and \$300 for foursome. In addition to prizes for Closest to the Pin and Hole in One, Willis Chevrolet has graciously donated a 2025 Chevy Silverado if you can hit the Longest Drive from Garrisons and land it at the Willis Showroom in one stroke! Custom event shirts will be provided to golfers and if available, sold after the event. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit Smyrna High School and the First State Military Academy Scholarships.



Harmony Lodge No. 13 2024 Scholarship recipients Paisley C., Orlan K., Sydnee H., and Corey W., pictured with myself and Scholarship Chairman Howell (Trey) F. Wallace, III; PM



### 2024-2025 Harmony Lodge No. 13 Officers



#### Worshipful Master

Kevin J. Musto

#### Senior Warden

James P. Miller

#### Junior Warden

Justin R. Collett

#### Treasurer

Kenneth A. Virdin, Jr; PM

#### Secretary

Rodney A. Slaughter; PM

#### Senior Deacon

Rodney A. Peck

#### Junior Deacon

Marvin R. Pedigo

#### Senior Steward

Stephen R. Price

#### Junior Steward

Brian T. Bedford

#### Tiler

Bruce R. Caballero

#### Chaplain

David E. Lewis, II

#### Officer Pro-Tem

Cory Polkinghorne

### Upcoming Events



Join our officers attending the Citizens' Hose Co Annual 9-11 Memorial Service - 7pm

- Sept 5th Stated Communication
- Sept 11th Annual Memorial Service
- Sept 19th Stated Communication
- Sept 21st WWAOHL in Whitestone, NY
- Sept 21st MMCI Charity Ride
- Sept 28th Clayton Railroad Days & Car Show



- Oct 3rd Stated Communication
- Oct 5th Bicycle to the Beach
- Oct 8th Grand Lodge Annual Banquet
- Oct 12th Harmony Lodge Golf outing
- Oct 17th Stated Communication



Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month		SEPTEMBER 2024					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Officer Practice 7:00 pm	5 Stated Comm 7:30 pm	6	7	
8	9	10 Officer Practice 7:00 pm	11 LADDER 3 Annual Memorial Service 7:00 pm	12	13	14Doric Master's Ball 5pm 	
15	16	17	18 Officer Practice 7:00 pm	19 Stated Comm 7:30 pm	20 Veteran Stand Down 8 am - 2 pm	21 Harmony Lodge No. 241 Hosts World-Wide Assoc. of Harmony Lodges MMCI Charity ride 9 am	
22	23	24	25 Officer Practice 7:00 pm World Pharmacist Day	26	27	28 Clayton Days & Car show 9 am - noon Movie Night Nur Shrine 7:30 pm	
29	30						

Breast Cancer Awareness Month		OCTOBER 2024					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		1	2 Officer Practice 7:00 pm Mayor Prayer Breakfast	3 Stated Comm 7:30 pm	4	5 GM Bicycle to the Beach Del Tech Dover to Seaside Park	
6 Grand Lodge 219 Annual Banquet	7 Congrats DGM McTheny	8 	9 Officer Practice 7:00 pm	10	11 Smyrna Homecoming 	12 Harmony Lodge No. 13 Golf Tournament	
13	14	15	16 Officer Practice 7:00 pm	17 Stated Comm 7:30 pm	18	19	
20	21	22	23 Officer Practice 7:00 pm	24 KI Distribution Townsend 11 am - 7 pm	25	26 DEA Take back 10 am - 2 pm	
27	28	29	30 Officer Practice 7:00 pm	31 Halloween 			



# 2024 – 2025 Comittee Appointments

## Charity

Rodney A. Slaughter; PM  
S. Christopher Hudson; PM  
Isaac J. Willis; PM  
Howell F. Wallace, III; PM

## Finance

Kenneth A. Virdin, Jr.; PM  
Rodney A. Slaughter; PM  
Howard A. Fortner; PM  
WM Kevin J. Musto  
SW James P. Miller  
JW Justin R. Collett

## Ladies Night

SW James P. Miller

## Instruction

Howard A. Fortner, III; PM  
Rodney A. Slaughter; PM

## Past Masters Night

Joshua L. Hall; PM

## Historian

Rodney A. Slaughter; PM  
Joshua L. Hall; PM  
WM Kevin J. Musto

## Refreshments

SS Stephen R. Price  
JS Brian T. Bedford

## Sick and Distressed

WM Kevin J. Musto  
Chap. David E. Lewis, II  
Tiler Bruce R. Caballero

*If any brother is sick /injured/ needs assistance  
or knows of any brother who may need a helping hand  
or a phone call. Please reach out to committee Brother*

## Grand Master Vistitation

JW Justin R. Collett  
SS Stephen R. Price  
JS Brian T. Bedford

## Supervision

Howard A. Fortner, III; PM  
Rodney A. Slaughter; PM  
James T. Vaughn, Jr.; PM  
WM Kevin J. Musto  
SW James P. Miller  
JW Justin R. Collett

## Scholarship

Tyler S. Thompson; PM  
Howell F. Wallace, III; PM  
JW Justin R. Collett  
Bro. S. John Barkley, Sr

## By-Laws

Rodney A. Slaughter; PM  
Kenneth A. Virdin, Jr.; PM  
Michael I. Nabb; PM  
Victor F. Kennedy, GLAH

## Widows

WM Kevin J. Musto  
Chap. David E. Lewis  
SD Rodney A. Peck

## Dues Committee

WM Kevin J. Musto  
Rodney A. Slaughter; PM  
Kenneth A. Virdin, Jr.; PM

## Car Show

Bro Cory Polkinghorne

The first brother listed in each committee will be the chair of the committee

## Events

## Masonic Birthdays

Howell F. Wallace, Jr.	9/16/1968	56
RW Thomas J. Ventura, Sr	9/14/1977	47
Richard L. Duval	9/7/1978	46
Michael J. West	9/28/1992	25
David K. Ford	9/23/2003	21
Ronald W. Wuest, Jr.	9/23/2003	21
George D. Wilson; PM	9/22/2005	19
John H. Hubbard, Jr	9/20/2007	17
James T. Lewis	9/25/2008	16
Charles A. McGowan	9/09/2013	11
Charles W. Burris Jr.	9/18/2014	10
Terry A. Benjamin	9/18/2014	10
Dana F. Wattay	9/15/2016	8

## Harmony Lodge No. 13 Annual Golf Tournament

OCTOBER 12, 2024

RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2024

10:00AM SHOTGUN START

GARRISON'S LAKE GOLF CLUB

**\$75 Player / \$300 Foursome**

*Supporting Harmony Lodge's Scholarship Fund*

### REGISTRATION:

Tyler Thompson

302-242-4132

harmonyldodge.no13.smyrna@gmail.com

*Food • Refreshments • Raffles • Prizes*

*Closest to the Pin • Hole in One • Longest Drive*

### Sponsorship Opportunities:

*Gold*

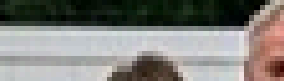
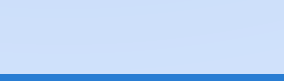
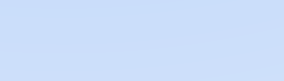
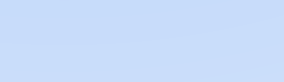
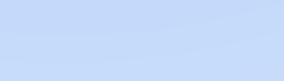
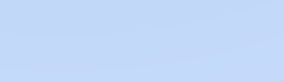
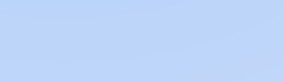
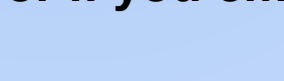
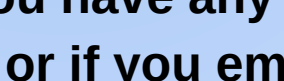
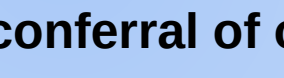
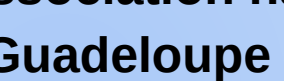
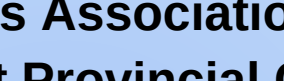
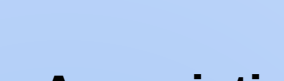
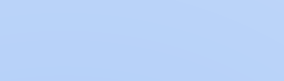
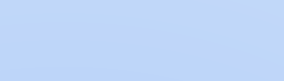
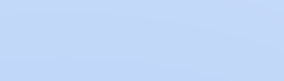
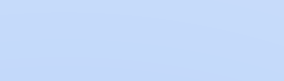
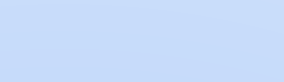
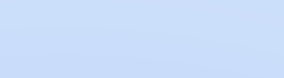
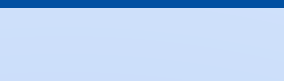
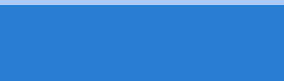
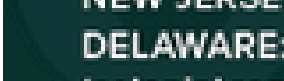
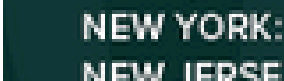
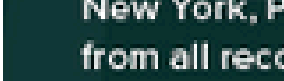
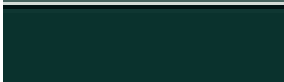
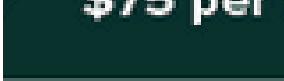
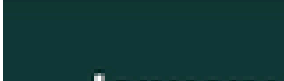
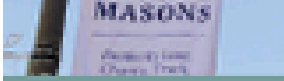
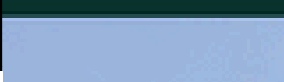
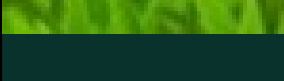
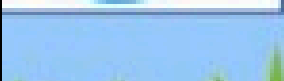
**\$500 / 18 Holes & Foursome**


*Silver*

**\$250 / Hole & Beverage Cart**


*Bronze*

**\$100 / Hole**






Masonic Brotherhood Riders of Delaware  
Southern Chapter



**JOIN US FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
Grand Master's Charity Ride  
Police Escorted  
September 21, 2024**



**Benefitting: Delaware Children w/ Special Needs**  
*Rain or Shine Event*

Start/Signup: 9:00 – 10:30 am @ Holly Lake Campground,  
32087 Holly Lake Road, Millsboro, De, (Breakfast Available)  
KSU: 11:00 am  
End Point: Milford VFW, 177 Veterans Circle, Milford, DE (Hot Dogs/Refreshments)  
Pre-register/Donate on Eventbrite (Grand Master's Charity Ride)  
\$ 20.00  
On Site Registration: \$ 25.00  
T-Shirts: \$ 20.00  
Contact: Bill Hadder (302) 542-3275



THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA PRESENTS  
*Unity Day*

January 25, 2025  
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Masonic Temple in Philadelphia  
An enhanced fellowship opportunity  
\$75 per ticket (non-refundable)

**EVENT DETAILS**  
Grand Lodges participating: Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and Pennsylvania; however, Master Masons from all recognized Grand Lodges are welcome to attend.  
Ritual performed by the following jurisdictions:  
NEW YORK: Entered Apprentice Degree by Garibaldi Lodge No. 542  
NEW JERSEY: Fellowcraft Degree - Kilites Degree Team (Kilts regalia)  
DELAWARE: Master Mason Degree - Colonial Degree Team (colonial regalia)  
PENNSYLVANIA: Open Installation of Officers and the Entered Apprentice/Fellowcraft Degrees combined  
Breakfast, lunch and a commemorative gift included.



Purchase tickets by scanning the QR code or by visiting [PaGrandLodge.org](https://PaGrandLodge.org).  
Tickets will go on sale Aug. 1.  
Limit: 600 attendees

## From Our New York Brothers

Harmony Lodge No. 13  
11 N. Main Street / PO Box 64  
Smyrna, De. 19977

Dear Harmony Lodge Brothers,

My name is Alan Schneider. I am the Secretary of Harmony Lodge No. 241, located in Whitestone, NY. I bring you fraternal greetings from our Master W. Brian Budhrum and the brothers of my lodge.

Harmony Lodge 241 is part of a World-Wide Association of Harmony Lodges. This Association was formed by W.: Stephen R. Scull, Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 156 in Plymouth, England and a Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officer of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire under the Grand Lodge of England. The association has had past meetings in Plymouth, UK (2005), Cardiff, Wales (2010), Southampton, UK (2015) and French Guadeloupe (2019). We have been selected to host it next year. The dates are **Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st**. The 20th will be an informal welcoming of our brothers and their guests Friday evening, and followed by the conferral of our Fellow Craft Degree Saturday morning, followed by a festive luncheon / dinner.


We would love to have your lodge join us on this special occasion next year. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can call me on my cell phone or if you email me, we can set up a time to talk.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please extend our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday season to the brothers and their families of your lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
V.: W.: Alan Schneider


Harmony Lodge No.241  
Free and Accepted Masons  
Whitestone Masonic Temple  
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Whitestone, New York 11357  
Meets first and third Fridays  
except July and August

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## Harmony Lodge BBQ/ Pool party at Brother David E. Lewis's home 7/20/24





Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

- Brother Benjamin Franklin

