On January 15, 2016 the Maryland/Delaware Chapter of the FBI National Academy Association held its annual Past Presidents luncheon at The Brick Hotel, in historic Georgetown, Delaware. This year, thirteen members of this prestigious group were in attendance and welcomed the immediate past president, Melissa Zebley, to the alumni. This group of leaders, continue to work diligently for the chapter to make all events a success during the year.



Pictured here are the past presidents:

(back row) Dave Deputy, Ralph Holm, Aaron Chaffinch, Allen Webster, Sr., Bob Mays, Marlyn Dietz, Joe Jordan, Monroe Hudson and Bobby Cummings.

(front row) R.L. Hughes, Nancy Dietz, Melissa Zebley and Doug Verzi

During the event, current President Greg Guiton presented Immediate Past President Melissa Zebley with her past president pin.



Special Agent in Charge for the Baltimore Field Office, (Kevin Perkins- standing) joined us for the event and addressed the members about current issues facing the Md/De Chapter. (Seated Greg Guiton, Melissa Zebley)





A great turnout for the luncheon with a very focused and hungry group of members who appear to be studying the menu.



Doug, pensive in his thoughts regarding his selection.

THE BRICK HOTEL

This locally famous landmark was constructed in 1836 by Joshua S. Layton and Caleb B. Sipple, builders of the Sussex County Courthouse across the Square. It replaced a frame Public House that had stood on the site. County courts were held here during construction of the Courthouse 1837-39. The accommodations and hospitality of the house made this a popular stopping place for both residents and visitors to the County Seat.

Known for a time as the Union Hotel, this was a well-known gathering-place for northern sympathizers during the Civil War. After the war, business flourished with the coming of the railroad. With the advent of the automobile, the number of lodgers began to decline, and the hotel was closed in the mid-1950s. The building was later renovated and used as a bank until 1998. The Brick Hotel was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

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After the luncheon, some members took the opportunity to visit a local favorite, 16 mile Brewing Company.

The 16 Mile brand name dates all the way back to the early 1700's when Georgetown was still known as Pettijohn's Old Field, a small town located in central Sussex County. The brewery was 16 miles from anywhere, which is how the brewery obtained the name "16 Mile Brewery." 16 Mile Brewery became the best place for farmers, merchants, and politicians to meet up with each other to conversate and talk official business.









Good beer , good conversation and good friends!

