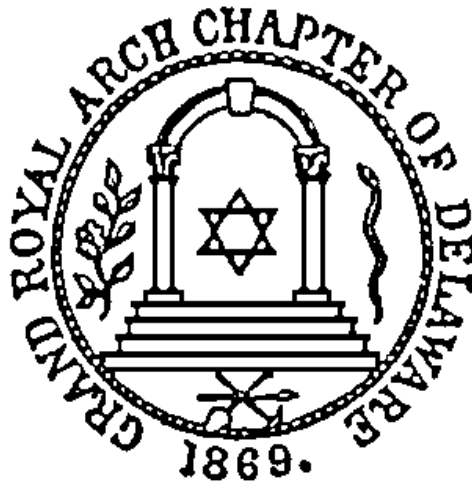


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MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2000**

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CARL V. DREISBACH, JR.**

Most Excellent Companion Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr. was born on May 26, 1922 in York, Pennsylvania, the eldest of four children of Carl and Ethel Trout Dreisbach. He graduated from William Penn Senior High School in 1941. He served with the 83rd and 106th Infantry Divisions during the Second World War. After leaving the service he attended Millersville State Teacher's College, Graduating with a degree in Industrial Arts. He attended the University of Maryland, graduating with a Master's Degree in Industrial Education.

On March 8, 1946, Most Excellent Companion Dreisbach married Frances E. Fink. They have three children: Michael is married to Glinda Galloway and lives in Garner, NC, Barbara is married to Charles T. Rodgers, III and lives in Washington, WV with their two daughters, Amy and Kimberly, and Cheryl is married to Kevin C. Harris and lives in Clayton, DE with their two children, Jennifer and Ryan. Carl and Frances belong to The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Frances served as Parish Secretary and Carl has served on Church Council and is an Assistant Minister.

Masonic Record

Symbolic Masonry

Zeredatha Lodge No. 451. F.&A.M., York, Pennsylvania

Entered April 5, 1951

Passed May 15, 1951

Raised June 20, 1951

Committee on Instruction 1951-1954

Masonic Education Committee 1958-1964

Capitular Masonry

Brandywine Chapter No. 9, Wilmington, Delaware

Mark Master February 24, 1983

Past Master March 14, 1983

Most Ex. Master March 24, 1983

Exalted April 6, 1983

High Priest 1987

Secretary 1991-1999

Grand Chapter of Delaware

Grand Principal Sojourner	1988
Grand Representative - New Brunswick	
Distinguished Service Medal	1990
Grand Marshal	1994
Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	1996
Grand Captain of the Host	1997
Grand High Priest	2000

Cryptic Masonry

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware
 Super Excellent Master July 22, 1993

Chivalric Masonry

St. John's Commandery No.1, Wilmington, Delaware
 Order of Red Cross September 1987
 Order of Malta November 1987
 Order of Temple November 20, 1987
 Commander 1997-1998
 Grand Representative to Illinois
 Grand Standard Bearer 1999-2000

Scottish Rite

Valley of Harrisburg, PA	1962-1987
Valley of Wilmington, DE	1987-
Lodge of Perfection	1998
Orator	1999-2000

Appendant Organizations

York Forest No. 30, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, York, PA
 Philalethes Society, West Chester Chapter, West Chester, PA
 President 1995
 Joshua Association, Philadelphia Chapter, Philadelphia, PA
 President 1993
 Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons
 First State York Rite College No. 45
 York Rite Gold Honor Award
 Keystone Council No. 113, Allied Masonic Degrees
 Two-by-Two Lodge No. 15, Royal Ark Mariners
 Delaware Conclave – Red Cross of Constantine

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE

The One Hundred Thirty - Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 10, A.D. 2001, A.I. 2531. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 1:00 P.M. by the Right Excellent Grand King, R. Nelson Biggs, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., was then received into the Grand Convocation and afforded Grand Honors. M.E. Companion Dreisbach extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance.

The following members of Grand Chapter were present:

GRAND OFFICERS

M.E. Grand High Priest	Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr
R. E. Grand King	R. Nelson Biggs
R. E. Grand Scribe	Archie W. Bethard
M.E. Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, PGHP
M.E. Grand Secretary	Mark E. Irwin
E. Grand Captain of the Host	Robert E. Wasson
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	Donald E. Rosenberry
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	Vernon E. Lee
E. Grand Marshal	Albert H. Westerside
E. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil	
E. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil	Howard L. Robertson
E. Grand Master of the 1st Veil	Charles Hart
E. Rev. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington
E. Grand Sentinel	James B. Walsh
E. Grand Lecturer	Wayne M. Schutz

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Chester C. Coffin	1969	Wayne M. Schutz	1992
Donald D. Thomas	1978	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1993
James A. Pletz	1983	William J. Littel	1994
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	1986	C. William Tulloch	1995
C. Granville McVey	1987	Albert J. Miller	1996
Richard A. Scarlott	1988	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1997
John B. Dorsey	1989	Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	1998
Richard W. Garland	1990	Richard L. Weaver	1999

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS
WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NO. 1

E. Robert A. Benson High Priest

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4

E. Lionel Hunter Past High Priest

DELTA CHAPTER NO. 6

E. Herbert J. Atkinson, PHP Secretary

HOPE CHAPTER NO. 7

E. John W. Merkley High Priest

KENT CHAPTER NO. 8

E. Jon B. Cottrell High Priest

BRANDYWINE CHAPTER NO. 9

Wayne T. Slack	King
E. David Laucius, PHP	Secretary
E. Charles J. Conley	Past High Priest

DAYLIGHT CHAPTER NO. 10

M. E. Richard W. Garland, PGHP Secretary

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

(Not otherwise Mentioned)

E. Howard L. Robertson, III	Washington & Lafayette #1
E. Scott Dalton	Washington & Lafayette #1
E. G. Thomas Taylor	St. John's #4
E. Charles J. Conley	Brandywine #9

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Dreisbach declared the Grand Chapter empowered to undertake all the work that might be regularly placed before it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 132nd Annual Convocation was dispensed with and the Minutes were approved as printed in the 2000 Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

ADMISSION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, as listed in the Register of the Grand Chapter, were admitted by courtesy.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Grand Secretary was empowered to present all reports in brief at the will and pleasure of the Grand High Priest and the consent of the members present. Except as may be noted, all Reports herein contained were regularly received, approved and ordered printed in these Proceedings.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Grand Secretary has been advised, by the respective Secretaries of the Constituent Chapters, that the Companions, as noted in the RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS, have been duly elected and installed in their respective Chapters. As such, in addition to the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Past Grand High Priests, and the Past High Priests of the Constituent Chapters of Delaware, these so named Companions are thus entitled to seats in Grand Chapter as representatives of their Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles W. Barkins, PGHP

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Distinguished Visitors from the neighboring jurisdictions and the several Masonic Bodies in the State of Delaware were presented at the Altar, as follows:

CONNECTICUT

M.E. Matthew W. Griffin	Grand High Priest
M.E. Richard L. Smail	Past Grand High Priest
R.E. Richard E. Larcom	Chairman of Grand Custodians
M.P. Thurman P. Sharples, Jr.	Past M.P. Grand Master
M.P. Richard A. Eppler	Past M.P. Grand Master

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

M.E. John Vergalla	Grand High Priest
M.E. Solomon Zeidman	Past Grand High Priest
M.E. Robert B. Bussler	Past Grand High Priest
M.E. W. Frederick Gore	Past Grand High Priest
M.I. F. William Hershiser	Most Illustrious Grand Master
R.I. Ayres Domingues	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

MAINE

M.E. John O. Bond	Grand High Priest
R.E. Gordon L. Kimball	Past Grand King
M.I. Thomas A. Emery	Most Illustrious Grand Master

MARYLAND

M.E. John O. Quillen	Grand High Priest
M.E. Robert B. Malwitz	Grand Secretary, PGHP
M.I. Edward A. Foreman, Jr.	Most Illustrious Grand Master
E. Caulder Morris	Past High Priest
E. Donald Adams	Past High Priest

NEW JERSEY

M.E. Frederick I. Waldron	Grand High Priest
M.E. Warren L. Pangborne	Past Grand High Priest
R.E. Robert Hassell	P.D. Deputy Grand High Priest
M.I. Saul M. Tischler	Most Illustrious Grand Master

NEW YORK

M.E. E. Donald Lounsberry	Grand High Priest
M.E. John A. Sainz	Past Grand High Priest
E. Hovey L. Newton	Grand Sentinel
R.E. Charles Hendell	P.D. Deputy Grand High Priest
R.E. Walter H. Drummond	P.D. Deputy Grand High Priest

PENNSYLVANIA

M.E. Ronald L. Pennell	Grand High Priest
M.P. Freeman Z. Frey, III	Most Puissant Grand Master
P. Douglas D. Crum	Puissant Grand Marshal

RHODE ISLAND

M.E. Charles L. Niles	Grand High Priest
M.E. Joseph B. Brearley	Past Grand High Priest
M.E. Raymond E. Hassell	Past Grand High Priest
E. John K. Chin	Grand Captain of the Host

VERMONT

M.E. Belford A. Belles	Grand High Priest
M.E. Palmer E. Martin	Past Grand High Priest
M.E. Donald W. Gerrish	Past Grand High Priest
M.E. Russell A. Goslant	Past Grand High Priest
R.E. Daniel Ebbighausen	Grand King

VIRGINIA

M.E. Jeffrey G. Burcham	Grand High Priest
M.E. George D. Stevens	Past Grand High Priest
R.E. Aubry A. Dellinger, Jr.	Associate Grand Marshal
R.E. Richard Rudi	District Deputy Grand High Priest

Each of the Distinguished Visitors was greeted and received by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Dreisbach with fond words of remembrances of their sojourns together and sincere thanks for joining with us this weekend.

RECEPTION OF GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then welcomed at the Altar, the following Past Grand Masters and current officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

M. W. Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr., P. G. M., Grand Secretary
M.W. Herbert J. Atkinson, P.G.M.
M.W. Warren F. Schueler, Sr., PGM
M. W. Herbert P. Fulmer, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer
M. W. William J. Littel, P. G. M
M. W. James A. Pletz, P. G. M.
M. W. Albert H. Westerside, P. G. M.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Most Excellent Richard L. Weaver, General Grand Chapter Ambassador for Delaware, presented at the altar Right Excellent Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Region, and General Grand Master of the First Veil.

GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Most Excellent Companion Dreisbach then called up the Convocation while Past Grand High Priest Richard L. Weaver, General Grand Chapter Ambassador in Delaware presented to the altar Most Excellent General Grand High Priest William Schoene, Jr. Most Excellent Companion Dreisbach welcomed the General Grand High to this Grand Convocation and had him escorted to the East where he was afforded Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Chapter. M.E. Companion Schoene thanked the Most Excellent for the honor but returned the gavel to Most Excellent Companion Dreisbach so he could preside over his Grand Session.

RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE

Most Worshipful Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was escorted into the Grand Chapter by MEPGHP James A. Pletz and presented to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was invited to the East, afforded Symbolic Grand Honors and presented the gavel to preside over Grand Chapter. The Grand Master extended a warm hand of welcome to the visitors and all present and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in this Grand Jurisdiction. Most Worshipful Lengel then returned the gavel of authority to Most Excellent Companion Dreisbach so he could preside over his Grand Session.

RECOGNITION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

On direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Past Grand High Priests in attendance, as noted above, assembled west of the Altar. They then introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. M.E. Companion Dreisbach thanked them for all their past endeavors and for their advice, assistance and labors during the year. They were then afforded Capitular Grand Honors.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Grand Representatives arose, and were greeted by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, who reminded them to continue their good work of cementing the bond of brotherly love between the sister jurisdictions.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Secretary noted that he had received regrets from the Grand High Priests of New Hampshire and Ontario who were unable to attend and join in our festivities.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Good afternoon! It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of you to this One Hundred and Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware. I trust that your stay with us has been as enjoyable and rewarding as ours was in your respective jurisdiction. Your companionship and friendship will always be cherished by the Dreisbach Family.

To Most Worshipful Charles Henry Lengel, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, I thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to honor us with your presence here today.

To Most Excellent General Grand High Priest William Schoene, Jr., we welcome you to Delaware. We trust your stay with us has been a pleasant one. It is a personal honor for me that you are present at the Grand Convocation in which I am the presiding officer.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Archie W. Bethard, as you begin your stint in your Masonic travels, we wish you a most successful and productive journey.

And to the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., although you are a short time in Grand Commandery, your work in the other York Rite Bodies is known far and wide and we in Delaware are most fortunate and honored to call you one of us.

At my installation last year I stated that the fourteen most important people in York Rite Masonry were and are the High Priest and Secretary of their respective chapters. I asked them to look beyond the tip of their nose and to use the resources that were available – Some did, some didn't. May I still remind them that our Family in all Masonic Bodies in Delaware is over six thousand strong and some may just need a nudge to start moving.

NECROLOGY

During the past Capitular year the Supreme Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth has seen fit to call 12 Royal Arch Masons to lay down their working tools, fold their aprons and enter the house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens, there to await our time to meet them on the Level, Plumb Line and Square.

DISPENSATIONS

March 12, 2000 – To all Constituent Chapters to waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigation and balloting on petitions received during the period from March 12, 2000 to March 10, 2001. For the same period to waive the waiting period between the several degrees and to allow balloting upon petitions at special Convocations if proper notice given.

August 31, 2000 – To all Constituent Chapters to take Delaware Candidates to the Multi-Jurisdictional Festival at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial located in Alexandria, VA. The dispensation is also granted to permit the conferral of Chapter Degrees on Delaware Candidates by Degree Teams from the Jurisdictions involved. This dispensation was granted only for October 7, 2000, only for the purpose stated, and is only valid providing the Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia shall have issued a similar dispensation for said purpose and under said conditions.

September 24, 2000 – To Brandywine Chapter No. 9 to change their time of meeting on October 5, 2000 from 7:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. This change from that called by the By-Laws was necessitated by a conflict with the Installation of Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Delaware, provided proper notice has been given to all members.

October 6, 2000 – To Kent Chapter No. 8 to change their time of meeting on October 13, from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. This was requested to permit Adoniram Council #2 R.&S.M. to open at 7:30 P.M. in order to receive the Most Illustrious Grand Master and his Staff, provided that all Companion Members shall have due and timely notice of change of the Convocation time to 8:30 P.M.

October 16, 2000 – To Daylight Chapter #10 to change the location of their stated meeting to the Masonic Home of Delaware.

October 17, 2000 – To St. John’s Chapter No.4 to change their time of meeting from 7:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. This change was necessitated by a conflict with the caterer for a dinner at the Chapter’s Grand Visitation.

December 26, 2000 – To Daylight Chapter No. 10 to change their date of meeting from January 22, 2001 to January 8, 2001. This was necessitated to allow the incoming officers to be installed prior to the announced date.

December 26, 2000 – To Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1 to change their date of meeting from January 1, 2001 to January 8, 2001. The change was necessitated by the stated meeting falling on New Year’s Day Holiday.

WAIVERS OF JURISDCITION

At the request of Brandywine Chapter No.9, a Waiver of Jurisdiction was requested from The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland on Brother Alan Larry Sexton. This was granted.

At the request of Washington And Lafayette Chapter No.1, a Waiver of Jurisdiction was requested from The Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania on Brother Dino David Marthena. This was granted.

At the request of Daylight Chapter No.10, a Waiver of Jurisdiction was requested from The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania on Brother Edward G. Roth. This was granted.

At the request of the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania on behalf of University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a Waiver of Jurisdiction was granted for Brother Ralph Francis Reilly who resides in Middletown.

At the request of The Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania on behalf of Temple-Meilta Chapter No. 183, a Waiver of Jurisdiction was granted for Brother Donald H. McFarland.

OFFICAL VISITS TO SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

March 24-25, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia held in Washington, hosted by Most Excellent Robert Matsudaira, Grand High Priest.

April 14-15, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation held in Warwick, Rhode Island and hosted by Most Excellent Earl S. Palmer, Grand High Priest.

May 5-6, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey held in Somerset, New Jersey and hosted by Most Excellent George P. Stallone, Grand High Priest.

May 8-9, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland held in Ocean City, Maryland, hosted by Most Excellent Robert B. Malwitz, Grand High Priest.

May 12-13, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Hampshire held in Merrimack, New Hampshire, hosted by Most Excellent Paul E. Fay, Grand High Priest.

June 2-3, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut held in Cromwell, Connecticut, hosted by Most Excellent Andrew G. Weimann, Grand High Priest.

June 12-12, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont held in Ludlow, Vermont hosted by Most Excellent Herbert H. Harford, Grand High Priest.

November 17-18, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia held in Williamsburg, Virginia, hosted by Most Excellent Eugene Field Moorefield, Jr., Grand High Priest.

December 6-7, 2000 – Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, hosted by Most Excellent William H. Gearhart, Grand High Priest. Due to a death in our family, R.E. Grand Scribe, Archie W. Bethard represented our Grand Chapter. Thank you, Archie.

December 11-12, 2000 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts held in Westborough, Massachusetts, hosted by Most Excellent Carman D. Borgia, Grand High Priest. Due to the uncertainty of the timing for the treatment of our son's throat cancer, we had to cancel our plans to attend this Convocation.

March 2-3, 2001 – Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York held in Albany, New York, hosted by Most Excellent Dale A. Tynan, Grand High Priest.

As we traveled through this North East Region, I was honored to be made an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapters of Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Providence Plantation as well as an Honorary Member of The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Jersey.

There are only two words that can express those honors – “Thank You”.

REGRETS

We received nine invitations that due to conflicting dates or previous commitments we could not accept.

March 12-13, 2000 – Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, hosted by Most Excellent Carl R. Truesdale, Grand High Priest.

April 7-8, 2000 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Kansas held in Salina, Kansas.

April 14-15 , 2000 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico held in Gallup, New Mexico.

April 28-29 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maine held in Bangor, Maine, hosted by Most Excellent Davis Couture, Grand High Priest.

May 26-27, 2000 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Newfoundland held in Gander, Newfoundland, hosted by Most Excellent Colin A. Forward, Grand High Priest.

May 30-31, 2000 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec held in Montreal, hosted by Most Excellent Companion James A. McKnight, Grand First Principal.

September 12-13, 2000 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky held in Danville, Kentucky, hosted by Most Excellent James Miller, Grand High Priest.

October 5-7, 2000 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan held in Lansing, Michigan, hosted by Most Excellent Leonard W. Campbell, Grand High Priest.

March 1-3, 2001 - Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska held in Anchorage, Alaska, hosted by Most Excellent Stan Foulke, Grand High Priest.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

April 5, 2000 – Kent Chapter No. 8, Dover. Received by Excellent Companion Jon B. Cottrell. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Speakers were R. Nelson Biggs and Vernon E. Lee.

April 10, 2000 – Delta Chapter No. 6, Newport. Received by Excellent High Priest Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr. PGM. A dinner preceded the meeting. Speakers were James R. Herrington and Howard Robertson.

May 1, 2000 – Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1, Wilmington. Received by Excellent Scott A. Dalton. A dinner preceded the meeting. Speakers were Charles A. Hart and James B. Walsh.

May 4, 2000 – Brandywine Chapter No. 9, Wilmington. Received by Excellent High Priest David H. Laucius. A dinner preceded the meeting. Speakers were Jay C. Bergstrom and Robert E. Wasson.

June 26, 2000 – Daylight Chapter No. 10, Newport. Received by Excellent High Priest Vernon E. Lee. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Speakers were Mark Irwin and Archie W. Bethard.

September 5, 2000 – Hope Chapter No. 7, Georgetown. Received by Excellent High Priest James B. Walsh. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Speakers were C. Granville McVey, PGHP and Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP.

October 17, 2000 – St. John's Chapter No. 6, Wilmington. Received by Excellent High Priest Lionel Hunter. A dinner preceded the meeting. The speakers were Albert Westerside, PGM and Donald E. Rosenberry.

I would note that at each Chapter visitation our Grand King spoke briefly about our Charity, Royal Arch Research Assistance, which is directed toward the Center for Central Auditory Research. Those proceeds from the Companions will be turned over to Most Excellent Companion Richard W. Garland, Past Grand High Priest, who will forward them along with the several Chapter donations. Thank you, Richard, for your continuing support and Chair of the most worthy charity within this, our Grand Chapter.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Absolutely! In fact we had three! On July 21, 2000 we came from all over Delaware and converged on Companion Robert A. Benson's home in Felton and had a family style picnic. The food was excellent. The fellowship was just – well, our kids would say “neat.” The kids both large and small thought the pool was super, splashes included. Games – horseshoes, kibitzing and other games, as well. Attendance was fifty-seven and we hope to have another one in 2001.

On Wednesday, November 1, 2000 we traveled to Dover for a chicken and dumpling dinner as only the Ladies of the Eastern Star can do. Then on to the Lodge Room where the Order of the Rose was conferred on some twenty ladies. PGHP C. William Tulloch portrayed the part of King Solomon, assisted by Companion from all seven Chapters. That's unity in action! The proceeds allowed Kent Chapter to present Grand Chapter seventy-five dollars to R.A.R.A. and seventy-five dollars to the Grand Chapter Permanent Fund. Thank you Jon Cottrell, High Priest of Kent Chapter, for all your work in making that evening one of good Masonic fellowship. From what I heard the ladies enjoyed it as well.

On Saturday, December 8, 2000, some thirty-six of us, including our Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles Henry Lengel, Jr. and his Lady Jackie as our guests, traveled to the Three Little Baker's Dinner Theatre and enjoyed a delicious dinner and an excellent Christmas play. Thank you Past Grand High Priest Sheldon Edwards for coordinating this event.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following Companions were approved to act as the Grand Representative of The Grand Chapter of Delaware near their Grand Jurisdiction:

Pennsylvania	Charles R. Nebel, PGHP
Vermont	Herbert R. Harford, PGHP
Nova Scotia	Bruce E. Crawford

It was a great pleasure for me to be able to appoint as a Grand Representative of our Grand Jurisdiction the following:

District of Columbia	Ronald Jamison
Rhode Island	Archie W. Bethard

CONDITION OF THE RITE

Although my travels throughout the state have not been as extensive as I had hoped for, I feel that the Companions of all the Chapters have made an honest effort to encourage their Companions to attend their meetings, to participate in their programs and in general to improve the opening and closing rituals. Good quality degree work is being done within the seven Chapters. Is there room for improvements? Absolutely! We need to encourage the younger Companions to actively participate in their respective Chapters and open dialogue between the Symbolic Blue Lodge and the Chapter, by having presenters who are knowledgeable and enthusiastic in their presentation. No! Capitular Masonry is not dead or dying in Delaware. It just needs a good healthy nudge!

RECOMMENDATIONS

I only have one. However, I feel that it's very important, and it is this – COMMUNICATION. Believe me, it is very important! Communication within the several Chapters is vital to the Grand Chapter as a whole. Keep Each other informed of what you are doing. Invite them to attend. You may just be surprised!

CONCLUSION

How quickly the year passes. The yesterdays come and are gone. I have wondered aloud what I would say when my year was over. How does one say thank you to so many of you who offered advice, bits and pieces of words of wisdom, a staff that supported me on our visitations within this jurisdiction and other jurisdictions as well. 100% of the staff made that effort five out of seven visitations. Can one ask for more? I think not! To the finest staff I say “thank you from the bottom of my heart”.

To those of you from other jurisdictions, Frances and I can only say “thank you for your warm hospitality and your cheerful and sincere hellos”. They will never be forgotten. They are memories of our lives that we will hold onto forever.

Now may the Lord guide you and give you safe passage to your homes and loved ones. Till we meet again.

So mote it be.

Sincerely and fraternally,
 Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr.
 Grand High Priest

On Motion, regularly moved, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The report of this year's finances look and will sound worse than they really are. Due to some one time expenses, such as the Grand Chapter's portion of the new copier purchased for the Grand Secretary/Recorders use and the purchase of some new aprons to replace worn ones plus the transfer of \$1,500.00 to the transferring Certificate of Deposit, the Money Market or general funds, show a significant reduction. At first sight, this is alarming, however considering that these are one time expenses and that the Transfer will result in a higher interest income, I feel that this year's finances will improve.

Your Grand Treasurer submits this report with mixed emotions. As you may recall last year I stated that I would not stand for re-election at this Annual Assembly. Though I will miss the challenge of keeping these records, I stand by my statement and know that my replacement (whoever it is) will be able to see our finances grow.

The accounting which is below shows our actions this past year.

		IMMA SAVINGS	CHECK ACCT.	RARA	INVEST CD'S	PERM. FUND
BALANCE	2/15/00	8049.48	125.82	106.69	14958.13	11444.92
DEPOSITS						
Receipts		2077.51		62.00		358.80
Interest		158.68		3.25	643.68	508.66
Transfers						
CD		511.73				
IMMA			2958.35			
Permanent Fund			523.97			
RARA			66.00			
SUB TOTAL		2747.92	3548.32	65.25	2143.68	358.80

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Your Grand Secretary is pleased to make his first report to this Grand Chapter. I thank all who have helped make the year easier especially our former Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Donald D. Thomas. I have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

The Grand Treasurer has noted that our assets have again increased which can be attributed to his conscientious work and frugal means of managing our treasury. We owe Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest McVey indeed a great deal of thanks for his efforts. He has been also most especially helpful to me by steering me on the right path when I became confused. Granny, I will miss working with you but you can count on future questions and I am sure you will be ever willing to help.

Income:		Expenses:	
Annual per capita	2023.05	Gen. Gd. Chapter Per Capita	270.90
Rituals	15.00	Grand High Priest Expense (1)	523.97
Red Book	10.00	Grand Secretary Honorarium	125.00
Snowflakes	66.00	Grand Secretary Office Expenses	93.98
Permanent Fund Donations	358.80	Copier/copies	133.33
RARA Donations	62.00	Insurance Share	
Total Income:	2534.85	Postage	33.00
		Engraving	7.50
		GHP Apron and Case	284.12
		Annual Convocation	831.27
		Printing/mailing proceedings	894.00
		Education Committee	8.52
		RARA	66.00
		Aprons	425.00
		Bible for DeMolay - shared cost	41.67
		Total Expenses	3,738.26

From a membership perspective, I must sadly report a loss for the year.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

CHAPTER	START	EXALT	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUSP	DIED	END
WASH & LAFAY. NO. 1	79	2	0	0	0	1	0	80
ST. JOHN'S NO. 4	102	0	0	0	0	10	1	91
DELTA NO. 6	92	2	0	0	0	0	2	92
HOPE NO. 7	109	0	0	0	0	3	4	102
KENT NO. 8	78	0	0	1	1	3	4	71
BRANDYWINE NO. 9	95	5	0	1	1	0	1	99
DAYLIGHT NO. 10	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	48
TOTALS	602	10	0	2	2	17	12	583

NET LOSS 19

I was extremely disappointed to note that 3 Chapters had no exaltations this year. If this trend were to continue, we would indeed be in serious trouble.

In reviewing the last several reports, it is noted that deaths are continuing to run around 12 per year. This number cannot be helped, but we must redouble our efforts in the Demits and suspensions, which amounted to the largest part of our membership decline. Every effort should be made by a personal visit to maintain these members. My Companions, there are many Master Masons who have not received the additional light that could benefit from our lessons.

I appreciate all the support I have received from the Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters. I do ask that all file timely monthly reports as this makes things easier for this office.

The Internet and email have been most helpful this year. I encourage all who need to contact this office to take advantage of it. Monthly reports may be filed in this manner and I encourage all Secretaries to provide me with their email address.

To our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., I know this has been a personally challenging year for you and Frances, but I deeply appreciate all that you have done to make my life easier. I trust you will get a chance to rest and recover from your whirlwind year. Congratulations on your term of office and thank you.

Lastly, thanks to all the Companions for the honor you have bestowed on me, it has been trying at times, but also very educational. I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Chapter. With your help, we will be stronger.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
 Mark E. Irwin
 Grand Secretary

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the report of the Grand Secretary was received and appropriate portions referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth, in His infinite compassion, has received those companions who have laid down their working tools during the past year. These were companions of varying abilities and talents, who used them in varying degrees to serve their Master and their fellow men. Some served as unique role models to those of us who remain; others served quietly, and were less obvious workers in the “quarries”.

Their passing again confronts us with our mortality. We will also walk where they have sojourned. We will also appear before the Throne of Grace. May we profit by their several examples—learning from their wisdom, and avoid repeating their mistakes. And may we look forward to glad heavenly reunion.

At this time we bring tokens of commemoration and esteem as we remember them, and as we offer tribute:

- A carnation in memory of our departed Most Excellent Grand High Priests;
- A carnation in memory of our departed Excellent High Priests;
- A carnation in memory of our departed Companions from our Constituent Chapters; and
- A carnation in memory of those departed Companions from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions,
 wherever dispersed.

Let us pray:

Thou, O Lord, knowest our down sitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. We affirm that we only live because you called us into being to love and serve you. We again remember those of your sons who have gone before us. In faith, we affirm your justice and mercy as those Companions come before you. Give us good hope, so that we may bravely walk our earthly way, and look forward to glad heavenly reunion. Open our hearts to your love and mercy each day of our lives. May your grace bless and keep us all. Amen.

So mote it

be,

The Rev. James R. Herrington, PHP
Grand Chaplain

At the request of the Grand High Priest, the previous recipients of the F. Irving Crow Award of Honor were asked to stand in place while the following report was read.

F. IRVING CROW AWARD OF HONOR

The Committee's choice this year for this prestigious award, we believe, is well thought out, and with much input from the presiding officers of various Masonic leaders of Delaware.

Our choice of William J. Littel, M.I.G.M. of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware, is one we believe to be an excellent one owing to the fact that Companion Littel has an exemplary record in the service of Freemasonry.

To mention but a few of his highlights in our fraternity's service are, Past Grand Master of Mason in Delaware (1979), Past Grand High Priest (1994), Most Illustrious Grand Master (2000), Scottish Rite 33° (1977), and in the humble opinion of this writer it would take less space to list the Masonic Honors he has not received!

Our hats are off to Companion Littel and fully believe he fulfills the spirit of this award.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP (2000), Chairman
Haywood I. Buck, Jr., PGHP (2001)
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP (2002)

The F. Irving Crow Award was presented to our esteemed Companion at the Friday Night Banquet in the presence of his devoted wife Mary.

MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Dreisbach, then called PGHP John Dorsey to the altar and presented to him on behalf of Brandywine Chapter #9, the Membership Plaque for the Capitular year of 2000. Brandywine Chapter had the largest number of exaltations of any chapter with 5. M.E. Companion Dorsey thanked the Grand High Priest and said that they would try and make it difficult for other chapters to win it back.

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT, PLANNING AND EDUCATION

We had the opportunity to conduct only one training seminar this past year. It was held at 818 North Market Street on Saturday, August 19, and was very well attended. The topics covered a myriad of areas. The problem-solving segment of the program, run by Donald D. Thomas, was extremely well received.

Fraternally submitted,
Franklin R. Townsend
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

Regardless of how many times you learn a lesson, oft times you cannot win. The Annual Proceedings of this Grand Body were prepared and available to the printer in early Fall - just when the local and national elections were at their peak. Lesson learned -don't even try and compete with the fall politics- you cannot win.

Even with the competition of election material, the Proceedings have been printed and are in the process of being distributed to all sister jurisdictions, constituent bodies, Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priests, Scottish Rite, Lombardy Hall and other interested parties. The distribution is, as noted in last year's Proceedings. This being the year in which the names of all members are published, the total costs are higher. The publishing and mailing of the Proceedings is one of the more significant annual costs of the Grand Chapter.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who submitted their reports in a timely manner and particularly those who did so in an electronic format. For those who were unable to do so, your reports were still deeply appreciated, are easily handled and we thank you for all your labors on behalf of this Grand Body. The work you have done is important not only to this Grand Body but also to those of our Sister Jurisdictions with whom we share these Proceedings.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
 Donald D. Thomas
 C. Granville McVey

REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

I have observed that the opening and closing of some of the Chapters in Delaware needs to be improved. Some are performing extremely well but others are struggling to perform properly the opening and closing ritualistic work.

Some of the Chapters are not filling all of their chairs and therefore it is difficult for them to be proficient in their rituals.

The degree work in each Chapter has been conferred in a most proficient manner. This is a result of selecting the better qualified ritualists for the degree team

Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP
 Grand Lecturer

INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Grand Recorder regularly moved, and it was duly seconded, that this Grand Chapter, in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies meeting this weekend, continue with the Liability Insurance coverage program. The costs will be the same as last year. **APPROVED.**

REPORT OF THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

On 7 October 2000, the Multi-Jurisdictional festival was held at the George Washington National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Five Companions with six candidates accompanied Most Excellent Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware to the festival. Chapter was opened in form by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia, John Vergalla in the North Room of the Memorial.

After all dispensations were read the Grand High Priest announced that any chapters having petitions to be balloted on could do so at that time. Two chapters from Virginia and Delta, No. 6 from Delaware proceeded to ballot on their petitions. Following these ballots, the chapter was called from labor to refreshment and a Lodge on Mark Master was open for work and instruction. A degree team from the District conferred the degree. This was "Good work, true work," such work as we usually see at the festival. Following the Mark Degree, members from Maryland conferred the Past Masters Degree. Next a degree team from the District of Columbia conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree with Most Excellent Wayne M. Schutz, Past Grand High Priest of Delaware giving the lecture and charge. As usual, this was done in an efficient manner. Following lunch, companions from Virginia conferred the Royal Arch Degree in a manner worthy of the Most Excellent George "Kingfish" Stephens and Most Excellent Howard Coleman, Past Grand High Priests of Virginia. There were a total of sixty-three candidates in the class. At the conclusion of the Royal Arch Degree, Most Excellent Eugene F. Moorefield, Jr., Grand High Priest of Virginia thanked Most Excellent John Vergalla, Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia for hosting a most successful Multi-Jurisdiction Festival. The Grand High Priest of Maryland and Delaware were recognized along with Most Excellent Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP of Delaware and Most Excellent Robert Bussler of the District of Columbia. Bob was the festival coordinator and was Right Worshipful Master in the Mark Master Degree. The chapter was closed using the Virginia closing at 3:55 P.M. peace and harmony prevailing. This was very impressive and was appreciated by all as it gave everyone a part in the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted,

C. William Tulloch, PGHP
Chairman

For the record, the Grand Secretary noted the following planned schedule of events for the multi-jurisdictional festival.:

MULTI JURISDICTIONAL SCHEDULE

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Host	DE	PA	NJ	VA	MD	DC	DE
MARK	MD	DE	VA	DC	PA	NJ	MD
PAST	DE	MD	DC	NJ	VA	MD	DE
M.E.M.	VA	NJ	PA	MD	DC	PA	VA
ROYAL.	PA	DC	MD	DE	NJ	VA	PA

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING

The responsibility of the committee included the banquet, ladies' luncheon, men's luncheon, buffet luncheon at the Ramada Inn in the hospitality rooms on Friday, March 9, and the facilities that provided the lodging of our distinguished guests.

Transportation was provided from the Ramada Inn to the Grand Lodge located at 818 Market Street and return at the specified time.

This year the men's' luncheon was catered by Joe Schwartz and food service personnel from his place of business in Salisbury, MD. We thank M.E. Carl V. Dreisbach Jr., Grand High Priest, for making these arrangements.

The committee would like to thank P.H.P. Franklin R. Townsend, his lady Joyce, and P.H.P. Howard Robertson, III for stepping in and printing the banquet programs. It was greatly appreciated. We also would like to thank the three Grand Presiding Officers, whose ladies and friends supplied the hospitality rooms in fine fashion.

The committee recommends that the incoming chairmen of the York Rite Annual Meeting Committee begin their planning as soon as possible, thereby avoiding any unexpected changes.

Some highlights that may be of interest: the banquet served a total of 201, the men's luncheon over 100 and the ladies luncheon 45.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank all who willingly gave of their time and talent to make the festivities of the weekend a success.

Fraternally submitted,
The Committee

REPORT OF THE PORTRAIT AND JEWEL COMMITTEE

The Portrait and Jewel Committee continues to function the same way it has for the past fifteen plus years. The only major difference is that P.G.H.P. C. Granville McVey is now fabricating the frames for the portraits.

Fraternally submitted,
Franklin R. Townsend, P.H.P.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Both of our youth organizations, namely the Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters, have continued to serve in an exemplary manner in their involvement in numerous fraternal as well as public functions. Ritual work has greatly improved in each body.

As mentioned in last year's report, the DeMolay Executive Director's leadership efforts and devotion have paid big dividends to this body. When he started this assignment in 1996, he had 5 boys to work with. It is noteworthy to point out that in only 5 years, this number has increased to over 70 boys at this time. In the DeMolay Grand Master's initiation held on March 3, 2001, all 3 DeMolay Chapters participated in outstanding ritual work, in initiating 2 new candidates and 5 members who received the DeMolay degree. In addition, there was a large turnout of boys from 3 other jurisdictions including one DeMolay body from out of state.

The Job's Daughters Bethels seem to be collectively progressing nicely. One Bethel is scheduled to serve breakfast for our Grand Lodge meeting on March 24, 2001 in Dover.

With the tragedy of recent school shootings across our country, it seems that we need more members in these youth organizations to learn the leadership and moral skills to prevent further repetition of this kind of behavior. However, this cannot be accomplished without a much greater presence of competent adult advisors. This need is particularly strong in the DeMolay body. Therefore, this committee recommends that we strive to support our young people in this effort. If you are able to help, and can spare a little time to this worthwhile cause, please let us know. The returns from this effort will be amazing, and I can't stress enough the importance of this activity, and the satisfaction you will receive from helping out.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Wasson, P.H.P.

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

St. John's Chapter No. 4, R.A.M. submitted the following request to revise Chapter by-laws:

Article V, Section 3;

Now reads: The Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of (\$300) per annum.

To read: The Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) per annum.

Article V, Section 5;

Now reads: The Treasurer shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) per annum.

To read: The Treasurer shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of One Hundred-fifty (\$150) per annum.

Article VI, Section 2; Membership – How acquired

Now reads: Any Royal Arch Mason may become a member by affiliation, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1 of this article, upon producing a Demit from his former Chapter.

To read: Any Royal Arch Masons may become a member by affiliation, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1 of this Article, upon producing a letter of good standing or Demit from his Chapter or former Chapter.

Article VII, Section 1; Fees and Dues

Now reads: The fee for conferring the Degrees in this Chapter shall be \$25.00, \$10 to accompany the petition, and the balance to be paid before conferring the Mark Master Degree.

To read: The fee for conferring the Degrees in this Chapter shall be \$35.00, \$10 to accompany the petition, and the balance to be paid before conferring the Mark Master Degree.

Article VII, Section 2;

Now reads: The annual dues shall be six dollars, payable semi-annually.

To read: The annual dues shall be ten (\$10) plus Grand Chapter Assessments payable annually.

Article VII, Section 6;

Now reads: The fees for Life membership in this Chapter shall be as follows: Between the ages of 21 to 35 years, \$75.00; 35 and 50, \$60.00, and over 50 years \$45.00.

To read: Between the ages of 21 and 50 years \$150.00 and over 50 years, \$100.00

Article X, Charity

Now reads: The Excellent High Priest shall have power to expend a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars on any case between Stated Convocations to be bestowed upon a distressed worthy Companion, his widow and/or orphans.

To read: The Excellent High Priest shall have power to expend a sum not exceeding fifty dollars on any case between Stated Convocations to be bestowed upon a distressed worthy Companion, his widow and/or orphans.

The committee having studied the above revisions has found no conflicts with Chapter or Grand Chapter by-laws and recommends that the above revisions be approved.

Vernon E. Lee

*Upon motion duly made and seconded the recommendation was passed. **APPROVED***

GOVERNOR TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST REPORT

The YMCA of Northern Delaware continues to serve the less fortunate children of Delaware through a long-term lease of the approximately 90 acres of land in northern Delaware. Due to this long-term lease little change occurs in the Trust from year to year. The monetary funds generated within the Trust are used yearly to assist the Trust in its fulfilling the obligation of the trust of supporting the children previously mentioned.

Fraternally submitted,

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP
Chairman

REPORT OF THE R.A.R.A. COMMITTEE

During 2000, Delaware Royal Arch Masons supported Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) individually and by Chapter. As is tradition in Delaware, each Chapter continued to encourage and collect donations to this worthy cause in ways unique to the Chapter. As examples, a Chapter may pass the hat at each convocation, another may include part of the cost of refreshments, another may assess its members, another may make special donations on behalf of a deceased Companion, or another might donate an amount from its general fund. Whatever the method, each Chapter continues to place importance on the research supported by RARA to assist those who have a learning disability due to a Central Auditory Processing Disorder.

According to the year-end report from the General Grand Chapter RARA Headquarters, since its inception Royal Arch Masons have donated \$4,494,292.60, of which, Delaware Companions have contributed \$14,335.04. During 2000, Companions in Delaware donated \$2,035.28 to RARA.

This past year, at every official visit to subordinate Chapters by M.E. Grand High Priest Carl V. Dreisbach, Grand King Nelson Biggs gave a brief talk about what RARA is all about and commended the Delaware Companions for their support.

RARA also benefited from a generous donation of \$500.00 from the Grand Eastern Star Chapter of Delaware. This amount was raised at the Annual Summer Benefit held by the Eastern Star. Mrs. Janet Womach, widow of PGHP Eugene Womach, is a Past Worthy Grand Matron of Delaware Eastern Star and is aware of the good work that RARA does for children with Central Auditory Disability.

Also, at the June, 2000 official visit of Grand High Priest Carl V. Dreisbach and staff to Daylight Chapter No. 10, a total of \$70.00 was raised for RARA and donated in the name of Worshipful Brother Thomas David Bell of Toukley, New South Wales, Australia, who expired suddenly on May 28, 2000. Worshipful Brother Bell was the nephew of PHP Vernon E. Lee who was High Priest of Daylight Chapter at that time.

At the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation held on March 10, 2001, the following Chapters presented donations to RARA in the total amount of \$804.62:

St. John's Chapter No. 4	\$138.00
Delta Chapter No. 6	\$140.00
Kent Chapter No. 8	\$155.37
Brandywine Chapter No. 9	\$296.25
Daylight Chapter No. 10	\$ 75.00

We expect that Delaware Companions will continue to contribute generously to RARA during 2001.

Fraternally Submitted,

Richard W. Garland, PGHP, Chairman

During the presentation of this Report representatives from several Chapters made donations.

REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The Companion chosen by the Committee, Maurice C. Barnes is a Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 9, that meets in Milford, Delaware, Masonic Temple.

In 1994 he served as Excellent High Priest of Hope Chapter No. 7, located in Georgetown, Delaware, 1995-97 as Illustrious Master of Joppa Council, No. 3 of Georgetown, Delaware, and is a Past Commander of St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, stationed in Dover, Delaware.

He presently serves as Grand Representative to Nevada for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, North Dakota for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware, and the state of Washington for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware. Maurice is one of the so-called spark plugs that keeps Masonry in southern Delaware on an active and even keel. His full accomplishments are far to numerous to put to a few pages of writings.

Maurice is blessed with a loving and understanding mate, his wife, Kathryn, who gives moral support to his many endeavors.

For these previously mentioned reasons, to name but a few, we strongly recommend to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International to award the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze to Maurice C. Barnes, a most distinguished and deserving Companion.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP Chairman
Haywood I. Buck, Jr., PGHP
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP

The Distinguished Service Medal was presented at the official visit to Hope Chapter No. 7.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Finance reports that we have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter and find them in order. It is recommended that the Grand Secretary issue a voucher to the Grand Treasurer for each disbursement. The portion of the Grand Secretary's Report that deals with finances has presented the revenues and expenses on an itemized basis. This has been a recommendation in the past and it is reassuring to see this being adopted. The Grand Proceedings are the official record of the activities of this Grand Chapter and the revenues and expenses should be listed for everyone's edification. The Grand Treasurer's Report is more inclusive since it includes all earnings or fees by the bank as well.

The books of the Permanent Fund have been reviewed and we find the disbursements to be in conformance with purpose of this fund. We do note that there is no program to raise funds for this account on a continuing basis. Most of the income is due to the efforts of a very few companions, especially those who recycle aluminum cans and deliver phone books and donate the earnings to the Grand Chapter.

The committee recommends acceptance of their reports for the year ended. The proposed operating budget for next year is essentially the same as last year and its adoption is recommended as well.

It is recommended that the accounts of this Grand Chapter remain with the same financial institution for the next year. If changes are necessary, they should be brought before the Finance Committee for action until they can be brought before Grand Chapter. With a new Grand Treasurer about to be elected for the coming year and a new Grand Secretary being elected last year, this committee recommends the Grand Chapter proceed with caution before it decides to move any bank account or CD.

Every organized group of people needs different leaders and committee people from year to year. It benefits every organization to change committee people on a regular basis to present a fresh approach and to prevent a small group from assuming authority. I have served as Chair of the Finance Committee for several years and gladly turn the reins over to a new Chair.

The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are to be commended for their diligence, for all of their efforts and for their wisdom in guiding the finances of this Grand Chapter. The financial soundness continues to improve. This Grand Chapter owes the Grand Treasurer,

Most Excellent C. Granville McVey, Past Grand High Priest a deep debt of gratitude for his many years as Grand Treasurer, as the originator of the Permanent Fund and for his tireless efforts to make the Permanent Fund financially sound. This committee recommends that he be named Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Fraternally submitted,
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.,
PGHP

Proposed Grand Chapter 2001 Budget

Description	1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Proposed
Income:	3,472.25	3,111.42	3,500.00	3,500.00
Expenses:				
Gen. Gd. Chapter Per Capita	268.20	273.60	270.90	280.00
Grand High Priest Expense (1)	269.00	294.00	523.97	300.00
Grand Secretary Honorarium	125.00	125.00		125.00
Grand Secretary Office Expenses	25.19	240.91	260.31	150.00
Copier/copies	54.74	17.83		25.00
Insurance Share	23.67	28.00		28.00
Postage	38.95	78.84		80.00
Engraving	5.00	5.00		5.00
GHP Apron and Case	233.45	273.45	236.95	245.00
Annual Convocation	200.88		831.27	450.00
Printing/mailling proceedings	871.71	780.05	894.00	900.00
Miscellaneous	35.98			
Education Committee			8.52	25.00
RARA		100.00	66.00	100.00
Aprons			425.00	
GHP Jewels (10)			54.67	
Grand Lodge for GWMNM		100.00		
DeMolay add	200.00	30.00		30.00
Refund of Annual Report fees				
Bible for DeMolay - shared cost			41.67	
Accounts Payable			203.40	
Total Expenses	2,351.77	2,346.68	3,816.66	2,743.00
Adjust expenses to proper year	101.25	187.24	187.24	187.24
Adjusted Annual Expense	2,453.02	2,533.92	4,003.90	2,930.24
Reimbursable Expenses:				
Dues Cards				
Rituals	150.00			
GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	2,603.02	2,533.92	4,003.90	2,930.24
	1998	1999	2000	2001

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved by a standing acclamation, M.E. C. Granville McVey was made Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

*On motion regularly made, seconded and approved the Report of the Finance Committee and the above Budget was **APPROVED**.*

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Permanent Fund Committee is pleased to report the following as an activity of the Capitular Year just passed:

At the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, the Order of the Rose was held in Dover on November 1, 2000.

Kent Chapter sponsored and hosted the dinner, which was well received. The Degree was conferred by members of all seven Chapters.

The proceeds were divided between the R.A.R.A. and the Permanent Fund.

We thank P.H.P. Jon Cottrell, the members of the Degree Team, and the Eastern Star that provided the meal. Above all we thank the Companions who believe in and continue to support the Permanent Fund.

Fraternally submitted,
John B. Dorsey, PGHP, Chairman

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to be able to review the Report of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., that has been presented to you today.

We find the dispensations and waivers of jurisdiction granted by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest well within the prerogatives of his office and amply covered in our Constitution and Code. We thus, without reservation, recommend their approval.

We express our gratitude to our Most Excellent for accepting two of our Companions from sister jurisdictions to be our Grand Representatives near their Grand Chapter. We are confident that these worthy Companions will attend to the duties now incumbent on them with great fidelity.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest represented Delaware and this

Grand Chapter at the deliberations of nine of our sister jurisdictions. Because of unforeseen family situations, Right Excellent Grand Scribe Archie W. Bethard, substituted for him at the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and he had to cancel plans to attend the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. We thank all these jurisdictions for their understanding and for the hospitality and courtesies they have extended to us through our Grand High Priest. We are confident that he and this Grand Chapter will benefit for many more years, from the knowledge and friendships he has acquired in these visitations. Your out of state behavior must have been exemplary, for you have been received as an Honorary Member of several Grand Chapters and one Grand Council.

Your attention to the details of the required Official Visitations was good. The use of your staff as speakers and your inclusion of the charities in the visitation programs can only result in interest and improvement. The attendance and involvement of your staff is a result of your leadership.

The special events that you instigated this year were good for Royal Arch Masonry. They involved the families, food and fun. They were well attended and good fellowship prevailed.

Our Grand High Priests report contained one recommendation, that is an important recommendation, but it requires no action by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Most Excellent, at the start of the year you challenged the High Priests and Secretaries, to use the resources available to them. Apparently, some of them did, which resulted in better attendance, openings and closings and degree work.

The committee congratulates the Grand High Priest for meeting the time schedule imposed by this chairman, so that ample time would be available to review this address and report.

We acknowledge with pleasure the encouragement and support that has been forthcoming from his wife Frances to our Grand High Priest for this past year.

Please think about these verses by an unknown author, as we finish this report.

A horse can't pull while kicking,
 This fact I merely mention.
 And he can't kick while pulling,
 Which is my chief contention.
 Let's imitate the good old horse
 And lead a life that's fitting;
 Just pull an honest load, and then
 There'll be no time for kicking.

Sincerely and fraternally,
 Richard A. Scarlott, PGHP, Chairman

Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the Report of the Grand High Priest was ordered printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Session.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE Administrative Matters

Old Business

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the proposed constitutional changes that were give the first reading at the Annual Convocation last year and will move for their adoption.

Article I Grand Chapter

Section 5 Officers and Titles

B. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of this Grand Chapter shall be:

Excellent Grand Captain of the Host

Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner

Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain

Excellent Grand Marshal

Three Excellent Grand Masters of the Veils

Most Reverend Grand Chaplain

Excellent Grand Sentinel

The appointed officers shall be selected by the incoming Grand High Priest and hold office at his pleasure; and all officers of this Grand Chapter must be contributing members of a subordinate Chapter within this jurisdiction.

“Excellent Grand Lecturer” to be inserted between the Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain and Excellent Grand Marshal.

Article I Grand Chapter

Section 7 Votes and Voters

Each officer *and permanent member* of this Grand Chapter is entitled to one vote and the acting Grand High Priest to an additional

vote in case of an equal division.

“permanent” to be deleted

Article I Grand Chapter

Section 8 Proxies

Each warranted Chapter within this jurisdiction is entitled to be represented in this Grand Chapter by its first three officers: but in case *either* of them cannot attend, the Chapter (or in case of its failure to do so, its High Priest, or acting High Priest) may appoint *either* of its other officers or members to act as their Proxy, and shall furnish said Proxy a certificate of appointment over the signature of the High Priest or acting High Priest, attested by the Secretary and under Seal of the Chapter.

In both the second and third lines change “either” to “any”

Article I Grand Chapter

Section 9 Duties of Grand Officers

A. Grand High Priest

The Grand High Priest shall exercise all the executive functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess and shall, at each Annual Convocation, report in writing, a statement of official acts during the recess and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

Insert as paragraph two:

The Grand High Priest at his installation should present a brief statement of his plan/goals for the year. These plans should be reduced to writing and distributed to the Constituent Chapters for their guidance by the end of the Annual Convocation.

The Grand High Priest at each regular Annual Convocation shall appoint standing Committees on Masonic Jurisprudence and Credentials.

Article I Grand Chapter

Section 9 Duties of Grand Officers

B. Grand Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all funds, property, securities and vouchers of this Grand Chapter, to pay all orders duly drawn by direction of the Grand Chapter, to report annually to the Grand Chapter his receipts and disbursements, by item, and the amount of moneys and securities in his hands, as at **February 15**, each year.

(Revised 1979)

Change to February 1

An amendment was made and seconded that the date be changed to January 31 to reflect changes being made in the other bodies.

APPROVED

All moneys for current expenses belonging to this Grand Chapter shall be deposited in a bank selected by the Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, in the name of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware, to be *drawn* subject to the signature of the **Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary.**(S.R. No. 8, 1893 as amended 1973).

Insert after *drawn* “against warrants/vouchers issued by the Grand Secretary and signed by the Grand High Priest”.

Delete Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary.

Article I Grand Chapter

Section 9 Duties of Grand Officers

C. Grand Secretary – Paragraph 3

The Grand Secretary’s Statistical Summary of Membership shall be prepared from the Annual returns of the several Chapters showing figures as of December 31st, while his Financial Report shall show Receipts and Disbursements to **February 15**, each year.

(revised 1979)

Change to February 1

An amendment was made and seconded that the date be changed to January 31 to reflect changes being made in the other bodies.

APPROVED

Article II Section 2. DISPENSATIONS AND PETITIONERS, HOW QUALIFIED

No dispensation to form a new Chapter can be issued without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such; and no warrant shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation, and furnished a certificate from **the nearest Chapter or** the Grand Lecturer, of its ability to confer the degrees, nor shall a dispensation be issued to form a new Chapter within two months next preceding the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Proposed Revision:

Delete "the nearest Chapter or"

Article II Section 17 ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO GRAND CHAPTER

Every Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall make Annual Returns to this Grand Chapter as of December 31st each year, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, listing its Officers and Members and giving the financial information required.

Each Chapter shall pay into the treasury of this Grand Chapter *the sum of Three Dollars seventy-five cents (\$3.75)* for each Exaltation and *the sum of Three Dollars seventy-five cents (\$3.75)* plus General Grand Chapter assessments as Annual Dues for each Member on Companions whose dues have been remitted by their Chapter, and, further, in accordance with Section 12-A as to Dual Members--together with any Assessments levied by this Grand Chapter.

Proposed Revision:

Delete in both cases "the sum of Three Dollars seventy-five cents (\$3.75)"

and insert " an amount to be set by the Grand Chapter from time to time while in session by a majority of the members present and voting".

Said sums shall be due and payable with the Annual Returns, which shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary not later than January 31st in each year.

Proposed Revision:

Add a new sentence reading " Any Chapters whose returns are not so made shall forfeit and pay and pay to the Grand Chapter Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) for such neglect".

(Proceedings 1972, page 11, Proceedings 1973, Revised 1979, Adopted 1985 and effective 1986. Revised 1992 Proceedings, page 27. Revised 1993 Proceedings, page 31.)

Article II Section 18 **REMOVAL OF CHAPTER**

A Chapter may not **remove** its place of meeting from the city, town, or village named in its warrant, nor from one place to another in the same city, town or village, except by concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members present at a summoned Convocation, the object of the Convocation being stated in the summons, which must be served at least ten (10) days previous to such Convocation, and such removal from the city, town or village must receive the sanction of the Grand Chapter previous thereto.

Delete "REMOVAL OF" insert "MOVING A"
Delete "remove" insert "move"

Article III Section 4. GRAND LECTURER

The Grand High Priest *may* annually appoint a discreet and well-informed Royal Arch Mason as Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be, when required by any Chapter, to visit and instruct them in the work and lectures of the several degrees. It shall also be his duty to attend the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Delete "may" and insert "shall "

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

8. DEPOSITING OF FUNDS (1893)

All moneys for current expenses belonging to this Most Excellent Grand Chapter shall be deposited in the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Co., in the name of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware, to be drawn subject to the signature of the M.E. Grand High Priest, R. E. Grand Treasurer and R. E. Grand Secretary. (Constitution, Article I, Section 9B, as amended 1972)

To be rescinded

36. LAPSE OF TIME BETWEEN CONFERRING DEGREES AND INSTRUCTION OF CANDIDATES (1920)

Except by dispensation, a period of one lunar month shall elapse between the conferring of each Capitular degree upon each candidate, with the exception of the Past Master's degree, which may be conferred in conjunction with either the Mark Master or Most Excellent Master's degree.

And that the resolution of 1897 be strictly enforced. That is, all candidates shall be instructed in the essentials, viz: the signs, word, steps and obligations of each degree, before being advanced to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

To be rescinded

45. ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES TO GRAND CHAPTER (1969)

BE IT RESOLVED by this Grand Chapter to continue the Special Assessment of \$0.25 Annually on each Royal Arch Mason of the Subordinate Chapters of Delaware to defray the expense of our Annual Grand Convocations. (To effect the recommendation of M.E. Chester G Dahlstrom, made in 1967) (Constitution, Article II, Section 17, 1972)

To be rescinded

46. F. IRVING CROW YORK RITE AWARD OF HONOR (1979)

Criteria for Award: ***Paragraph 3 of 4***

The "F. Irving Crow York Rite Award of Honor" has been established in memory of a devoted beloved Companion. This award is to be given no more often than annually, and not necessarily that often, by this Grand Chapter to that Companion who has, through years of long service to the York Rite, best exemplified the teachings of the lessons of York Rite Masonry. The award, although made to an individual, is to remain the property of this Grand Chapter and is to be displayed in the York Rite Body designated by the current recipient. The selection of a nominee for this award shall be by unanimous consent of a Committee composed of the three immediate living Past Grand High Priests, based upon deliberations with previous recipients, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, *the Commanders of the subordinate Commanderies (or Grand Commander should one prevail)* and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The presiding Grand High Priest may accept, or decline, to make the award. In no instance may he make a recommendation for the award. *Delete "the Commanders of the subordinate Commanderies (or Grand Commander should one prevail)*
Insert "the Right Eminent Grand Commander"

51. PUBLICATION OF "STILL FURTHER LIGHT" (1983)

That this Grand Chapter proceed with and continue to publish the newsletter "Still Further Light" in conjunction with the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware. The number of issues is to be determined by agreement of the Grand High Priest, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the Editor; and that the Grand Chapter of Delaware is to pay two-thirds of the cost of publishing and distributing the same, to the limit of \$100.00 per annum. Additional expenditures above that limit are to be approved by the Grand Chapter Finance Committee.

To be rescinded

NEW STANDING RESOLUTION TO BE ADDED

58 OPENING CHAPTER ON THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

Amend the ritual on the Royal Arch Degree so that at the option of the presiding officer, the sentence in the opening (page 91 of the Forty First Edition of the General Grand Chapter Ritual, dated 1976) which states "*Kneel on right knee.*" may be omitted.

Upon recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, the above changes were moved and seconded for approval. APPROVED

New Business

Jurisprudence has received a request from the Supreme Grand

Chapter of South Africa for recognition and the exchange of representatives.

Jurisprudence recommends and so moves, that we recognize the Supreme Grand Chapter of South Africa, but do not exchange representatives or proceedings at this time.

*Motion was seconded and passed. **APPROVED***

Sincerely and fraternally

James A. Pletz, PGHP
Donald D. Thomas, PGHP
Richard A. Scarlott, PGHP, Chairman

Upon motion, duly made and seconded, this Report of the Jurisprudence Committee on Administrative Matters was accepted.

M.E. Donald D. Thomas, PGHP rose and made the following amendment:

Standing Resolution No. 55 establishes and sets forth the regulations regards the Permanent Fund of this Grand Chapter. It also defines the manner in which these funds will be dispersed including that money set apart for the annual triennial. The regulation does not however cover the possibility that the Grand Chapter would not have a representative attend the General Grand Chapter Triennial. To clarify any confusion that might exist on the use of those monies so allocated, the following amendment is proposed.

“Should the monies so designated not be distributed as noted, the allocated monies will be returned as uncommitted funds to the Permanent Fund and invested accordingly.”

Jurisprudence reported that they had reviewed the proposed amendment to Standing Resolution #55 and recommended its adoption.

*The motion was seconded and passed. **APPROVED***

The Grand Secretary rose and offered the following resolution on behalf of M.E. Chester C. Coffin, PGHP:

Resolved:

That before November 30 each year the Grand Secretary give the Secretary of each constituent Chapter and to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee written notice of all proposed amendments

to the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations or Rituals of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, that are to be acted upon at its next succeeding Annual Convocation.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that this be considered a first reading and that it be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to be acted on at the next Annual Convocation.

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then recognized Most Excellent Companion Ronald Pennell, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania who rose and gave fraternal greetings for the visitors. He thanked the Companions for the hospitality of the weekend and congratulated the Grand High Priest on the completion of a successful year.

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then recognized, Most Excellent Companion, William Schoene, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, who brought warm fraternal greetings to the assembled Companions. Most Excellent Schoene shared information on the Royal Arch Research Assistance program and the progress being made at Colorado State University. He also thanked the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the hospitality and friendship shown to him.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of all members of the Grand Chapter for all their efforts during the past year.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Excellent Companion Dreisbach announced the time had arrived for the Election of Officers for the ensuing Capitular year. The results of the Election by unanimous ballot of the Grand Treasurer were:

M.E. Grand High Priest	R. Nelson Biggs
R. E. Grand King	Archie W. Bethard
R. E. Grand Scribe	Robert E. Wasson
M.E. Grand Treasurer	G. Thomas Taylor
M.E. Grand Secretary	Mark E. Irwin

Each of those named accepted his respective office and was declared duly elected.

The Grand Secretary then noted that St. John's Chapter No. 1 had proposed the name of Excellent Companion Franklin R. Townsend for the station of Grand Captain of the Host. Such proposal being in accordance with the Code of this Grand Jurisdiction, Right Excellent Companion Biggs then announced the following appointments for the ensuing Capitular year:

E. Grand Captain of the Host	Franklin R. Townsend
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	Arthur Loveless
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	Scott Dalton
E. Grand Lecturer	Dean Lowe
E. Grand Marshal	Herbert J. Atkinson
E. Grand Master of Third Veil	Lionel Hunter
E. Grand Master of Second Veil	Jon Cottrell
E. Grand Master of First Veil	Charles Starkey
E. Grand Chaplain	Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP
E. Grand Sentinel	Robert Benson

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Donald D. Thomas, assisted by Excellent Eugene R. Small as Grand Marshal.

APRON & JEWEL PRESENTATIONS

Grand High Priest Biggs was presented with his Grand High Priest Apron, and the traveling Grand High Priest Jewel, while Past Grand High Priest Dreisbach was presented his Past Grand High Priest jewel from Most Excellent Companion Donald D. Thomas.

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

My fellow Companions:

As I stand before you at this moment, I feel a great sense of humility, as I look around this room at the many distinguished Companions, who served this Grand Chapter before me.

I suppose my mind goes back to February, 1970, when for the first time I stood in a preparation room at St. John's Lodge #2 in New Castle. Little did I realize at that moment the journey I would make in my Masonic career.

So today, as I begin my final journey in this Grand Chapter, I truly feel a great sense of satisfaction and gratitude to the many Brothers and Companions who have stood by me and guided me in the past 31 years.

One thing that I would like to relay to you is that I sincerely feel that there must be better communications between our three bodies, and I pledge myself to you at this moment to make every effort to achieve that goal.

On February 9th of this year, I had the opportunity to work a funeral service for a Delaware State police person who gave her life in the line of duty. With approximately 800 police persons from all over this great nation, I was greatly impressed with the brotherhood and fraternal love and concern shown at that service. It made me stop and think how wonderful it would be if we in our fraternity could gather together as one on our daily lives and share such brotherhood to each other.

In conclusion, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve under the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Carl. I feel we have grown together and both of us share the same concerns and difficulties within our Grand Chapter. So I offer to you my determination to carry out the duties of this office with my entire being. Thank you.

R. Nelson Biggs
Grand High Priest

SCHEDULED VISITATIONS

The Grand High Priest directed the Grand Secretary to read the following schedule of visitations to the Constituent Chapters.

Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1	October 1, 2001
St. John's Chapter No. 4	October 16, 2001
Delta Chapter No. 6	March 12, 2001
Hope Chapter No. 7	April 3, 2001
Kent Chapter No. 8	May 2, 2001
Brandywine Chapter No. 9	September 6, 2001
Daylight Chapter No. 10	September 24, 2001

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

On motion, the date and place of the 134th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware was set at 1:00 P.M., or earlier as necessity may require, on Saturday, March 9, 2002, in Wilmington, Delaware.

APPOINTMENTS

The Grand High Priest directed the Grand Secretary to read the list of Committee Appointments for the year. First named is the Chairman.

JURISPRUDENCE

Donald D. Thomas, PGHP
James A. Pletz, PGHP
Haywood I. Buck, Jr, PGHP

FINANCE

Charles J. Conley
Harold T.J. Littleton
Arthur A. Loveless

GRAND HISTORIANS

Herbert J. Atkinson
Maynard H. Mires
Franklin R. Townsend

PERMANENT FUND

C. Granville McVey, PGHP
John B. Dorsey
Ronald C. Jamison

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., PGHP (2003)
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP (2002)
Haywood I. Buck, Jr., PGHP (2001)

YOUTH

F. R. Townsend, (2000 - Council)
G. T. Taylor, (2001- Comm.)
R. E. Wasson, (2002 - Chapter)

F. IRVING CROW AWARD

Haywood I. Buck, Jr, PGHP, (2000)
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP, (2001)
Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., PGHP, (2002)

CREDENTIALS

Charles W. Barkins, PGHP
James M. Brittingham
Arthur A. Loveless

MEMORIALS

Rev. James R. Herrington
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP

PORTRAIT AND JEWEL

Franklin R. Townsend

ROYAL ARCH RES. ASSISTANCE

Richard W. Garland, PGHP
Kings of all Chapters

PRINTING

Donald D. Thomas, PGHP
C. Granville McVey, PGHP

FESTIVALS

C. William Tulloch, PGHP
Herbert J. Atkinson
High Priests of all Chapters

BY-LAWS

Eugene R. Small, Chairman
Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Archie W. Bethard
Charles Starkey
Jon B. Cottrell

RITUAL

Wayne M. Schutz ,PGHP
Eugene R. Small
Wayne T. Slack

YORK RITE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION

Franklin R. Townsend (2000 - Council)
Donald D. Thomas, PGHP (2001 - Commandery)
Mark E. Irwin (2002 - Chapter)

GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING

Archie W. Bethard (2001 – Council)
G. Thomas Taylor (2002 - Commandery)
Robert E. Wasson (2003 - Chapter)
Charles J. Conley

ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP, Governor

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Dreisbach wished for all safe travels home and closed Grand Chapter in Ample Form at 4:20 P.M.

Attest:



Mark E. Irwin
Grand Secretary

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

* 1952 Alfred E. Pool	* 1977 Samuel B. Rash, Jr.
* 1953 James A. Lewis	p 1978 James A. Pletz
* 1954 Harold A. Shaub	* 1979 Wilfred T. Mason
* 1955 Joseph R. Pittard	* 1980 James L. Crouse
* 1956 Jesse E. Farlow	* 1981 Robert E. Stewart
* 1957 Thomas R. Saunders	p 1982 Wayne M. Schutz
+ 1958 Martin C. Rauh	p 1983 C. William Tulloch
* 1959 Clarence W. Thompson	1984 Ray A. Schell
* 1960 Ernest M. Rogers	1985 Samuel L. Mellin
1961 Joseph P. Miller	* 1986 Lambert E. Argo
* 1962 Thomas L. Sheldon	* 1987 J. Norman Nicklas
* 1963 James R. Hanna	p 1988 Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
* 1964 Harry H. Conner	p 1989 Franklin R. Townsend
* 1965 G. Willard Millman	p 1990 Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr.
* 1966 Willard S. Dickerson	1991 Harry D. Newell
# 1967 Lawrence B. Jones	* 1992 John F. McBride
* 1968 Charles J. Brodie	p 1993 Archie W. Bethard, III
+ 1969 George S. Flumerfelt	1994 William H. Athan
* 1970 E. Paul Wootten	1995 John N. Phillos
* 1971 Clifton A. Lutz	1996 James A. Johnson
* 1972 Ralph Cassel	1997 David F. Coady
* 1973 Paul E. Hurter	1998 Frank M. Keiser
* 1974 George S. Buhl	p 1999 Charles J. Conley
* 1975 Harry E. McBride	2000 Maurice C. Barnes
* 1976 George Kuba	

* - Deceased e - Excused p - Present

F. IRVING CROW AWARD OF HONOR

* 1978 Raymond A. Howard	p 1991 Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.
p 1979 Chester C. Coffin	p 1992 C. Granville McVey
* 1980 Charles E. Green	p 1994 James A. Pletz
* 1981 William H. Cantwell	p 1995 Franklin R. Townsend
* 1984 C. Ray Scarborough	p 1996 Richard A. Scarlott
1985 James H. Hutchins	p 1997 Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
p 1986 Donald D. Thomas	1998 Maynard H. Mires
1987 Henry G. Law	p 1999 Warren F. Schueler, Sr.
* 1989 Richard H. Thomas	p 2000 William J. Littel
1990 John J. Goodier	

* - Deceased e - Excused p - Present

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE

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| *Daniel C. Godwin, 1869-70 | *J. Wallace Woodford, 1927 |
| *Allen V. Lesley, 1871 | *Frank L. Long, 1928 |
| *John R. McFee, 1872 | *Obadiah Clark, 1929 |
| *George W. Stone, 1873-74 | *William O. Wingate, 1930 |
| *Willis Holden, 1875-76 | *Harold W.T. Purnell, 1931 |
| *Jacob F. Mynich, 1877 | *John P. LeFevre, 1933 |
| *Alfred G. Coe, 1878-79 | *Henry S. Young, 1934 |
| *John W. Lawson, 1880-81 | *Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1935 |
| *Thomas Davidson, 1882-83 | *Herman H. Hanson, 1936 |
| *John Otto, Jr., 1884-85 | *Cornelius E. Beatty, 1937 |
| *William C. Baggerly, 1886-87 | *Frank L. Harrar, 1938 |
| *Joseph A. Bond, 1888-89 | *Joseph T. Maxwell, 1939 |
| *John L. Clark, 1890-91 | *Charles R. Cannon, 1940 |
| *Francis L. Carpenter, 1892 | *George E. Vandegrift, 1941 |
| *George W. Andrews, 1893-94 | *Stephen E. Hamilton, 1942 |
| *Eugene Massey, 1895 | *Andrew J. Bock, Jr., 1943 |
| *Virginius V. Harrison, 1896-97 | *Charles S. Cahoon, 1944 |
| *Lewis W. Flinn, 1898 | *Joseph O. Willis, 1945 |
| *Harry Galbraith, 1899-1900 | *Harvey W. Bentley, 1946 |
| *Joseph Row, 1901 | *William H. Cantwell, 1947 |
| *J. Paul Lukens, 1902-03 | *F. Irving Crow, 1948 |
| *J. Harmer Rile, 1904 | *J. Ralph Carey, 1949 |
| *John Oliver, 1905 | *R. Earle Dickey, 1950 |
| *Harry W. Lowe, 1906 | *Harry R. Craig, 1951 |
| *Thomas J. Jacobs, 1907 | *James Carswell, 1952 |
| *Alfred M. Clower, 1908 | *Harry W. Loose, 1953 |
| *A. Henry Berlin, 1909 | Irwin R. Murray, 1954 |
| *Stuart J. Horn, 1910 | *J. Henry McDonnell, 1955 |
| *Albert F. Polk, 1911 | *Alfred E. Pool, 1956 |
| *Samuel H. Benson, Jr., 1912 | *Charles E. Green, 1957 |
| *Walter W. Bacon, 1913 | *Claude P. Davidson, 1958 |
| *Alexander J. Taylor, 1914 | *A. Warren Wheatley, 1959 |
| *Asa Bennett, 1915 | *Rhey H. Smith, 1960 |
| *John W. Macklem, 1916 | *Raymond A. Howard, 1961 |
| *George S. Scott, 1917 | *Powell E. Craig, 1962 |
| *Leon Walker, 1918 | *Ernest H. Martyn, 1963 |
| *W. Frank Sharp, 1919 | *Warren W. Edinger, Jr., 1964 |
| *George L. Dickerson, 1920 | *Samuel A. Wise, 1965 |
| *W. Harry Lewis, 1921 | Chester G. Dahlstrom, 1966 |
| *George A. Salmon, 1922 | *John S. Proud, 1967 |
| *Charles A. Willin, 1923 | *Richard H. Thomas, 1968 |
| +John E. Krauss, 1924 | Chester C. Coffin, 1969 |
| *West A. Trotter, 1925 | #Lawrence B. Jones, 1970 |
| *George O. Fearon, 1926 | *John J. McClearnen, 1971 |

*Bruce C. Ward, 1972
 John J. Goodier, 1973
 *C. Ray Scarborough, 1974
 Charles W. Barkins, 1975
 *Clifton A. Lutz, 1976
 *James E. Peo, 1977
 Donald D. Thomas, 1978
 *George Kuba, 1979
 James H. Hutchins, 1980
 *Raymond M. Savage, 1981
 Henry G. Law, 1982
 James A. Pletz, 1983
 *George K. Harris, Jr., 1984
 Lewis J. Blackwell, 1985
 Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1986

C. Granville McVey, 1987
 Richard A. Scarlott, 1988
 John B. Dorsey, 1989
 Richard W. Garland, 1990
 *T. Eugene Womach, 1991
 Wayne M. Schutz, 1992
 Charles H. Lengel, Jr., 1993
 William J. Littel, 1994
 C. William Tulloch, 1995
 Albert J. Miller, 1996
 Sheldon L. Edwards, 1997
 Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1998
 Richard L. Weaver, 1999
 Carl V. Dresibach, 2000

GRAND TREASURERS

*Stilman A. Hodgemen, 1869-74
 *James H. Cameron, 1875
 *James Ponder, 1876
 *James M. Jones, 1877
 *William W. Lobdell, 1878
 *Alfred D. Warner, 1879
 *Joseph W.H. Watson, 1880
 *James H. Price, 1881
 *Winfield S. Quigley, 1882
 *Joseph A. Bond, 1883
 *Wilmer Palmer, 1884
 *John B. Book, 1885
 *James S. Dobb, 1886
 *Francis W. Carswell, 1887
 *Benjamin F. Bartram, 1888
 *Mark L. Garrett, 1889
 *J. Parke Postles, 1890
 *Thomas O. Cooper, 1891
 *Lewis B. Jervis, 1892
 *George H. McCall, 1893
 *William L. Crossan, 1894

*Harry W. Lowe, 1895
 *Harrie H. Campbell, 1896
 *J. Jackson Pierce, 1897
 *J. Harmer Rile, 1898
 *Thomas G. Pennington, 1899
 *George M. Fisher, 1900
 *William M. Eaton, Jr., 1901
 *John B. Martin, 1902-06
 *Thomas Reardon, 1907-18
 *George S. Scott, 1919-40
 *James McMillan, 1941-52
 *James Carswell, 1953-66
 *Ernest H. Martyn, 1967-70
 *Raymond A. Howard, 1971-79
 *C. Ray Scarborough, 1980
 Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86
 Henry G. Law, 1987-91
 C. Granville McVey, 1992 - 94
 Donald D. Thomas, 1995
 C. Granville McVey, 1996 - 00
 G. Thomas Taylor, 2001 -

GRAND SECRETARIES

*Alfred T.A. Torbert, 1869
 *William F. Godwin, 1870-71
 *John P. Allmond, 1872-79
 *Henry B. McIntire, 1880-85
 *William Marshall, 1886
 *James H. Price, 1887-1914

*Stuart J. Horn, 1915-23
 *John W. Macklem, 1924-43
 *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1944-56
 *Alfred E. Coe, 1957-61
 *Raymond A. Howard, 1962-70
 #Lawrence B. Jones, 1971-72

2001

Donald D. Thomas, 1973-74
Henry G. Law, 1975-80
*C. Ray Scarborough, 1981-91
Henry G. Law, 1992-1994

2001

C. Granville McVey, 1995
Donald D. Thomas, 1996- 99
Mark E. Irwin, 2000 -

* - Deceased + - Withdrawn # - Suspended

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

**WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NO. 1
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869
 Stated Convocations: First Monday of each Month
 Except September, Second Monday
 Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Robert A. Benson	High Priest
Wayne D. Mower	King
Peter Tyrell	Scribe
Joseph L. Kaufman	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PHP	Secretary
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Timothy D. Spence	Principal Sojourner
Howard L. Robertson, III	Royal Arch Captain
Henry George, IV	Master of the 3rd Veil
Francis E. Kates	Master of the 2nd Veil
William H. Athan, PHP	Master of the 1st Veil
Scott Dalton	Chaplain
C. Norwood Hudson	Sentinel

EXALTED

Timothy D. Spence	Francis E. Kates
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REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

William Simpson, III

DIED

None

**ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869

Stated Convocations: Third Tuesday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Charles Hart, PHP	High Priest
Lionel D. Hunter, PHP	King
Robert A. Wasson, PHP	Scribe
C. Granville McVey, PGHP	Treasurer
Cesar Aniceto	Secretary
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Raymond C. Childress, PHP	Principal Sojourner
Albert J. Hart	Royal Arch Captain
Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP	Master of the 3rd Veil
David Majors, PHP	Master of the 2nd Veil
James A. Johnson, PHP	Master of the 1st Veil
Ben Shoop	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Arthur Archer	David Bach
David Baker	Larry Bennett
Earl L. Emerson, Jr.	Kevin E. Dill
Charles L. Roberts, Jr.	Dallas E. Salter
Carson L. Stoneman	A. Ray Wilkerson

DIED

Matthew R. Loose

**DELTA CHAPTER NO. 6
NEWPORT**

Date of Charter: January 21, 1874
Stated Convocations: Second Monday of each Month
Closed: July and August

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John S. Hanna, Jr.	Scribe
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Herbert J. Atkinson, PHP	Secretary
Ray A. Schell, PHP	Secretary, Emeritus
	Captain of the Host
	Principal Sojourner
A. Tony Maxwell	Royal Arch Captain
Charles F. Starkey	Master of the 3rd Veil
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.	Master of the 2nd Veil
	Master of the 1st Veil
William J. Littel, PGHP	Sentinel

EXALTED

Anatol Tony Maxwell	James Gary Taylor
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DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Albert J. McCrery, Jr. Jr.	Arthur W. Lister,
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**HOPE CHAPTER NO. 7
GEORGETOWN**

Date of Charter: January 23, 1893
Stated Convocations: First Tuesday of each Month
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

John W. Merkley	High Priest
James B. Walsh, PHP	King
Lucien T. Lenhart	Scribe
Chester C. Coffin, PGHP	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes, PHP	Secretary
Samuel L. Mellin, PHP	Captain of the Host
	Principal Sojourner
	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3rd Veil
	Master of the 2nd Veil
	Master of the 1st Veil
	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Richard H. Anthony		Harold Valerious
	Albert C. Vopalecki	

DIED

Edward J. Fields		Richard H. Lecates
W. Bruce Davis		Kenneth A. Sloan

**KENT CHAPTER NO. 8
DOVER**

Date of Charter: January 19, 1921
Stated Convocations: First Wednesday of each Month
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

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Archie W. Bethard, III, PHP	Scribe
C. William Tulloch, PGHP	Treasurer
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP	Secretary
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP	Captain of the Host
James L. Ferguson, PHP	Principal Sojourner
Kenneth P. Brown	Royal Arch Captain
Richard L. Shehorn	Master of the 3rd Veil
S. Curtis Cole	Master of the 2nd Veil
John D. Hiott	Master of the 1st Veil
Robert P. Newnam	Chaplain
Charles W. Barkins, PGHP	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

Richard L. Weaver

DEMITTED

Joseph P. Miller, Sr.

SUSPENDED

Jesse E. Collier

Gordon S. Pink

A. Lewis Friday

DIED

John R. Secord, Jr.
Freeman R. Smith, PHP

Wilbur J. Bulkley
Harry McDaniel, PHP

**BRANDYWINE CHAPTER NO. 9
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: January 15, 1966
Stated Convocations: First Thursday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

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Wayne T. Slack	King
Herber R. Hoffman	Scribe
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David H. Laucius	Secretary
John C. Rayias	Captain of the Host
	Principal Sojourner
John W. Peronti	Royal Arch Captain
Neal J. Sobocipski	Master of the 3rd Veil
	Master of the 2nd Veil
Melvin E. Gregg	Master of the 1st Veil
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Chaplain
Edwin L. Stein, Jr.	Sentinel

EXALTED

Frederick Coenen	William A.
Sembert	
Ralph E. Snyder	James S. Russell
Ronald Dawson	

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

John Losten

DEMITTED

William H. Athan

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Calvin M. Ritterson, Jr.

**DAYLIGHT CHAPTER NO. 10
NEWPORT**

Date of Charter: March 12, 1994

Stated Convocations: 11:00 A.M. Fourth Monday of each Month

Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

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Charles F. Mitchell, Jr.	Scribe
William J. Littel, PGHP	Treasurer
Richard W. Garland, PGHP	Secretary
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Loren W. Kunkle	Principal Sojourner
Harry A. Diehl	Royal Arch Captain
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Edward G. Roth, III	Master of the 2nd Veil
Benjamin A. Thomasson	Master of the 1st Veil
Harold T. J. Littleton, PHP	Chaplain
Andrew J. Johnson, Jr.	Sentinel

EXALTED

Edward G. Roth, III

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

None

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* Maurice C. Barnes	WYOMING	Vern R. Gersmehl, Jr.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

The Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests of the State of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Wednesday evening, December 27, 2000, A.B. 3913. The Convention was opened in Due Form at 8:10 P.M. with the following Officers in their respective stations:

Most Excellent President	Donald D. Thomas, PGHP
Excellent Vice-President	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP
Excellent Chaplain	James A. Pletz, PGHP
Excellent Treasurer	Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP
Excellent Recorder	Richard W. Garland, PGHP
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Richard L. Weaver,pt, PGHP
Excellent Conductor	John B. Dorsey, PGHP
Excellent Herald	Charles J. Conley, PHP
Excellent Steward	Charles W. Barkins, PGHP
Excellent Sentinel	C. William Tulloch, PHP

together with members and visiting Excellent Companions whose names are recorded in the Register.

Regrets were sent by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Carl V. Dreisbach whose son is seriously ill and by Most Worshipful Charles H. Lengel, Jr. who is traveling on Grand Lodge of Delaware business.

On motion, the Minutes of the Annual Convention of December 29, 1999, was approved as printed and the reading thereof dispensed with. The Recorder presented the following bill for payment, which was approved: Refreshments - \$18.00 (Paid from receipts of evening). On motion the Treasurer's Report was accepted without reading and directed to be printed in the Proceedings. The suggested donation for dues was \$1.00.

The Constituent Chapters reported that the following had been elected to preside over their respective Chapters for the ensuing year:

Robert A. Benson	Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1
Charles T. Hart, PHP	St. Johns Chapter No. 4
Dean E. Lowe	Delta Chapter No. 6
John W. Merkley	Hope Chapter No. 7
Jon B. Cottrell, PHP	Kent Chapter No. 8
Robert H. Hiddeman	Brandywine Chapter No. 9
Winfield W. Lane	Daylight Chapter No. 10

four of whom, being in waiting and having the requisite fee, were duly introduced, Anointed, Consecrated, and Set Apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in due and ancient form. The Order was conferred in a most commendable manner by Most Excellent President Donald D. Thomas, assisted by the other Officers as listed above. Most Excellent President Thomas announced that Companion Merkley was unable to attend the Convention and would be Anointed on February 6, 2001, in Georgetown.

On motion, all incumbent Officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The appointed Officers were re-appointed to their respective stations. The Most Excellent President recognized the Past Grand High Priests and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Delaware in attendance.

The Most Excellent President then called upon representatives from the various Chapters to introduce the newly Anointed High Priests-Elect, each of whom then favored the Convention with remarks.

The Most Excellent President announced the next Order of High Priesthood Convention would be held on Thursday, December 27, 2001, at 818 Market St., Wilmington, Delaware.

M.E. President Thomas recognized PGHP Sheldon L. Edwards, Deputy District GHP, Northeast Region, and Grand Master 3rd Veil, General Grand Chapter International. Others introduced were MIGM William J. Littel, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, REGC Robert V. McDowell, III, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Delaware and Deputy for Delaware for Delaware Scottish Rite. PGHP John B. Dorsey, Puissant Sovereign of Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. PGM and PHP Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and PHP Eugene R. Small, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. Also, PGHP James A. Pletz, Prior of Jesse Green Priory No. 70, KYCH.

Three visitors from Pennsylvania were introduced and thanked for attending. They were PGHP of Pennsylvania Charles Nebel, Companions Michael Peters and William Hubbard. PGHP Nebel also sent greetings from Richard Zecker, PHP, and long time attendee at this function, who was traveling and unable to attend.

Also introduced was Past Grand First Principal Cecil B. Decker of Nova Scotia who offered his greetings and invited the Companions to Nova Scotia on May 4&5, 2001, for their Annual Grand Convocation. It is planned for the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia to

confer the Order of High Priesthood degree, The Traveling Redcoats will also travel to Nova Scotia to attend.

Grand Scribe Archie Bethard, representing the Grand Chapter of Delaware, congratulated the candidates and offered brief remarks.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Most Excellent President, the Convention was closed in Ample Form at 9:20 P.M., by Most Excellent President Thomas. After which the Excellent Companions repaired to the Bedford Club for refreshments and fellowship.

Attest:

Richard W. Garland, PGHP
Excellent Recorder

Receipts: Fees -	\$100.00
Dues -	27.00

Disbursements: Refreshments - \$18.00

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL CONVENTION OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

On Tuesday, February 6, 2001, a Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Delaware was convened at 6:45 P.M. in the Masonic Temple, Georgetown, Delaware, to anoint, consecrate and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, Companion John W. Merkley who had been duly elected to preside over Hope Chapter No.7. Assisted by PHP Charles J., Conley and PGHP C. Granville McVey, Most Excellent President Donald D. Thomas, PGHP, opened the Convention in short form. The ceremony was also conducted in short form with the provision the Companion Merkley attend the Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood so that he might witness the conferral in full form. After the obligation, High Priest J.B. Walsh presented Companion Merkley with his Bible and membership card. PHP Samuel L. Mellin made appropriate and moving remarks while introducing Companion Merkley to those in attendance. Companion Merkley responded in kind. No further business claiming the attention of the Order it was closed at 7:15 P.M.

Receipts: Fees - \$25.00

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF DELAWARE
DECEMBER 29, 1999**

Checking Account		
Beginning Balance - December 29, 1999		\$146.98
Transfer to Savings Account 12/15/00		146.98
Ending balance - December 27, 2000		0
Savings Account #400-267213		
Beginning Balance - December 29, 1999		\$570.90
Receipts - Fees 12/29/99	125.00	
- Donations/Dues 12/29/99	26.25	
Interest - December 31, 1999	10.77	
Transfer from Checking Account	<u>146.98</u>	
Total to Account For	\$879.90	
Expenditures		
Cash - Refreshments	14.25	
Ending balance - December 27,2000		\$865.65
Certificate of Deposit #496260647		
Beginning Balance - December 29, 1999		\$2,107.46
Interest to date 2000		164.45
Ending Balance – December 27, 2000		\$2,271.91

BALANCE SHEET

	12/29/99	12/27/00	Diff.
Assets			
Checking Account	\$ 146.98	0	(\$146.98)
Savings Account	\$ 570.90	\$ 865.65	\$294.75
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 2,107.46	\$ 2,271.91	\$164.45
Bibles (21)	<u>\$ 467.00</u>	(16) <u>\$ 356.00</u>	<u>(\$111.00)</u>
Total	\$ 3,292.34	\$ 3,493.56	\$201.22
Liabilities			
	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Worth	\$ 3,292.34	\$ 3,493.56	\$201.22

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP,
Excellent Treasurer

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light." Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus 2001 plus 4000 = 6001.

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world." Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus 2001 plus 3760 = 5761. After September add another year.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.), "in the year of discovery." Add 530 years to the common era. Thus 2001 plus 530 = 2531.

Cryptic Rite (Royal and Select Masters) dates from the year in which the temple was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit." Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus 2001 plus 1000 = 3001.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.), "in the year of the order." From the Christian era take 1118. Thus 1118 from 2001 = 881.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACITOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 2001 plus 1913 = 3914

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