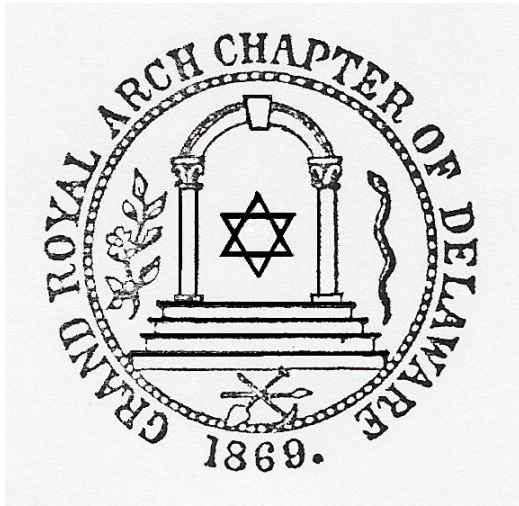


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF
DELAWARE**



**AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD AT THE
MASONIC TEMPLE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 8, 2008, A.D. 2538**



MARK E. IRWIN
GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2007-2008

MARK E. IRWIN

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Right Eminent Irwin was born October 2, 1959 in Salisbury, Maryland, the middle son of Rev. John A. and the late Edith H. (Vogel) Irwin. He has 2 brothers John and Andrew. He attended public schools in Newark and was a 1977 graduate of Indian River High School in Frankford. He began his college education at the University of Delaware Parallel Program in Georgetown and transferred his junior year to Salisbury State College where he graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. When he started college in 1977, he also began an 18 year career with United Parcel Service, working as a loader, driver and the last 12 years there as an Accounting and Information Services Supervisor. In 1995 he participated in an early retirement program from UPS and began work as a Computer Systems Engineer doing various contracting work. In August of 1997, he became a federal employee at the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Maryland, where he is the Chief of the IT Contract Management Branch.

On May 26, 1990, he married Melanie Susan Millman of Highland, MD. The Irwins are members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Sykesville, where Mark serves as the chairman of the Finance Committee. They currently reside along with their daughter, Jessica, in Sykesville, Maryland.

He was a member of Berlin Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Berlin, Maryland and received the Legion of Honor in 1998.

Right Eminent Irwin began his Masonic journey in Doric Lodge where he was raised on April 20, 1981 and served as worshipful master in 1984. PGM Henry G. Law then appointed him as Senior Grand Steward in 1985. He also served as President of the District 3 Officer's Association in 1984.

His York Rite career began with his exaltation in Hope Chapter #7 on October 3, 1981, where he served as High Priest in 1985. He is also a member and Past High Priest in 1989 and 1990 of Zeradatha Chapter #35 in Laurel, MD. He was elected and served as Grand High Priest in 2007-2008.

He was greeted into Joppa Council #3 on November 14, 1981, where he served as Illustrious Master in 1984. He is also a member and Past Illustrious Master in 1989 and 1990 of Laurel Council #22 of Laurel, MD. He was first appointed to the Grand Council staff, as Grand Conductor of Council by P.M.I.G.M. Donald D. Thomas. He served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1997-98. He served as the Right Puissant General Grand Captain

of the Guard of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International from 1999-2002.

He was knighted in St. Andrew's Commandery #2 on February 27, 1982, where he served as Eminent Commander in 1989. He was installed Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Delaware in 1999.

His other memberships include:

- Past Prior of Jesse Green Priory #70, Knights of the York Grand Cross of Honor.

- Past Governor and currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer of First State York Rite College #45 and Grand Governor for Delaware.

- Past Excellent Chief and currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer of Delaware Council #18, Knight Masons as well as a member of Maryland Council #9.

- Past Sovereign Master and is currently Secretary-Treasurer of Keystone Council #113 and Blue Hen Council #388 Allied Masonic Degrees as well as a member of Freestate Council #308 of Maryland.

- Past Commander Noah and Secretary-Treasurer of Two by Two Lodge #15, Royal Ark Mariners.

- Currently serving as Celebrant and Chief Adept of Delaware College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis.

- Currently serving as Viceroy of Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders.

- Received his 32 degree in April 1999 as a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Wilmington.

- Received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College in 1998.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CONVOCATION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE

The One Hundred Fortieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, A. Dep. 2538. The Grand Chapter was opened at 1:00PM by the Right Excellent Grand King, H. Richard Hoffman, with prayer by the Grand Captain of the Host, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. MEGHP Irwin was escorted to the east, afforded Grand Honors, and proceeded to preside.

The following Grand Officers were in their respective stations:

GRAND OFFICERS

M.E. Grand High Priest	Mark E. Irwin
R.E. Grand King	H. Richard Hoffman
R.E. Grand Scribe	James R. Herrington
M.E. Grand Treasurer	ABSENT
M.E. Grand Secretary	Franklin R. Townsend
E. Grand Captain of the Host	Robert A. Benson
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	James R. Hanby
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	Lionel D. Hunter
E. Grand Marshal	Wayne T. Slack
E. Grand Master of the Third Veil	Charles T. Hart
E. Grand Master of the Second Veil	Arthur A. Loveless
E. Master of the First Veil	ABSENT
E. Grand Chaplain	ABSENT
E. Grand Sentinel	Eugene R. Small

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Donald D. Thomas, 1978	James A. Pletz, 1983
John B. Dorsey, 1989	Wayne M. Schutz, 1992
Sheldon L. Edwards, 1997	Richard L. Weaver, 1999
Franklin R. Townsend, 2004	

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NO. 1

Terrance A. VanGorder	King
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ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4

E. James R. Herrington, PHP	King
M.E. Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP	Scribe

DELTA CHAPTER NO. 6

E. Lionel D. Hunter, PHP	High Priest
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HOPE CHAPTER NO. 7

E. Michael P. Pizzola	High Priest
E. Christian L. Dull, PHP	King

KENT CHAPTER NO. 8

E. Robert A. Benson, PHP	King
M.E. Richard L. Weaver, PGHP	Scribe

BRANDYWINE CHAPTER NO. 9

E. Wayne T. Slack, PHP

Scribe

DAYLIGHT CHAPTER NO. 10

E. Harry W. Hanevitz

High Priest

The Grand Secretary declared that a Constitutional number of Chapters were represented, that a quorum had been established, and this Grand Chapter could rightfully proceed with its labors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 139th Annual Convocation was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

ADMISSION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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

RECEPTION OF REPORTS

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

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

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.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

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

CONNECTICUT

William Barr MEGHP

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Robert Bussler MEGHP
Aires Dominguez PGHP

FLORIDA

Charles L. Hollinger PDDGHP

MARYLAND

Bryan Cunningham MEGHP
Patrick Curtis Grand Lecturer
Robert Malwitz PHP

MASSACHUSETTS

Nelson Pratt MEGHP
Alexander Marusa G Captain of the Host

RHODE ISLAND

Ray Hassell PGHP
Marc Paul MPIGM

VERMONT

Palmer Martin PGHP

REGRETS FROM

James Smith, GHP, Rhode Island

Each of the distinguished Visitors was greeted and received by M. E. Grand High Priest Irwin, who thanked them for joining us this weekend and sincerely hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware enjoyable.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Most Excellent Companion Irwin then called up the Convocation while the Representative of the General Grand High Priest, David Billings, was presented to the altar. M.E. Companion Irwin welcomed him 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. R.E. Companion Billings thanked M.E. Irwin for the honor, but returned the gavel to him so he could preside over his Grand Session.

RECEPTION OF MASONIC LEADERS OF DELAWARE

Arthur A. Loveless, MIGM
Jay C. Bergstrom, REGC
Albert R. Marshall, Deputy for Delaware AASR
James T. Elliott, Active Member AASR
James A. Pletz, Intendant General RCC
Mark E. Irwin, G Gov. YRC, MWCA MSRCIF

RECEPTION OF THE GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

Right Worshipful John W. Peronti, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, was escorted into the Grand Chapter and presented at the altar to M.E. Grand High Priest Irwin. The Right Worshipful was invited to the East, afforded Symbolic Grand Honors. The Senior Grand Warden extended a warm welcome to the visitors and all present, and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in this Grand Jurisdiction.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

On direction of the M.E. Grand High Priest, the Past Grand High Priests in attendance assembled at the altar. They introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. M.E. Companion Irwin thanked them for their past endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past years. The assembled Past Grand High Priests were then afforded Capitular Grand Honors.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On direction of the M.E. Grand High Priest, the Grand Representatives arose and were greeted by the M.E. Grand High Priest, who reminded them to continue their good work of

cementing the bond of brotherly love between the sister jurisdictions.

VISITOR RESPONSE

MEGHP Barr responded for the out-of-state visitors and guests.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden John Peronti, Most Excellent Deputy General Grand High Priest, David Billings, officers and members of this Grand Chapter, distinguished and honored guests to this Grand Session, Companions all, I would like to extend to you a hearty welcome to our Annual Convocation and thank each and everyone for their attendance this afternoon.

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, you honor us by taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us this afternoon.

Most Excellent Deputy General Grand High Priest, David Billings, it has been a pleasure indeed to travel with you throughout the Northeast this year.

My esteemed and distinguished Companions from our sister jurisdictions, we are most pleased that you could take the time to visit us in Delaware. We really enjoyed our visits in your states and hope that we can continue to visit in the future. We trust that the hospitality in our state equals that which you generously extended to us.

To the Companions of this Grand Chapter and others of the York Rite family, I extend my deepest thanks for your wise advice, counsel and support during the past year. I most especially want to thank Most Illustrious Richard Weaver and Right Eminent G. Thomas Taylor for their support and companionship this year. I truly enjoyed serving with you.

A year ago, you entrusted me with the stewardship of this Grand Chapter. It has been a most trying period in my life which has curtailed my ability to follow through with all of my plans. In the past 2 years, I have lost my mother and had to help my father who is declining rapidly. In addition, my lady Melanie, underwent cancer surgery and major facial reconstruction surgery in the last few months. Although I was unable to fulfill all that I wanted, my pledge is to assist this Grand Chapter in the future and to our

incoming Grand High Priest, I will assist you in whatever way I can.

NECROLOGY

The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest knoweth not when. The Supreme Architect has in his infinite wisdom, taken 12 Companions from our midst. Although we know that these Companions have gone to their heavenly home, we still miss the joy of their company and friendship. The Grand Scribe has prepared a ceremony for our departed Companions that will be presented later in the Session.

DISPENSATIONS

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| March 10, 2007 | All Constituent Chapters to waive the waiting period, move Charters and ballot at Special Convocations and Festivals, providing proper notice is given |
| March 16, 2007 | Brandywine Chapter #9 to change meeting time on May 3 in order to visit Potter Lodge |
| March 16, 2007 | Brandywine Chapter #9 to move charter to 818 Market St. for the special convocations of April 16 and April 19 for the purpose of conferring degrees |
| September 20, 2007 | Brandywine Chapter #9 to move their charter to 818 Market St, in order to confer the Mark Master Degree |
| October 1, 2007 | Dispensation to a degree team to confer the Virtual Past Master degree and Delaware candidates to receive all capitular degrees at the Multi-state jurisdictional festival at the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia |
| October 11, 2007 | Washington & Lafayette Chapter #1 to forego their stated convocation of October 25 to not conflict with the Scottish Rite degrees |

- February 13, 2008 Washington & Lafayette Chapter #1 to
move their charter on February 28 to
Newark for the conferral of the Royal Arch
Degree
- February 27, 2008 Brandywine Chapter #9 to move their
charter to 818 Market St. and open early
on March 6 so that companions may
participate in the Templar Feast.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

It was a distinct honor to welcome, on your behalf, the following as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Delaware:

James Maskiell New York

To continue the Grand Chapter's participation in fraternal correspondence, I nominated the following Companions as Grand Representative of the noted Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand Chapter of Delaware:

Wayne T. Slack	Argentina
Wayne T. Slack	Brazil
Gordon Kyle	Florida
Mark E. Irwin	Ohio
H. Richard Hoffman	Manitoba

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS TO CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

One of the more pleasant duties of serving as Grand High Priest, is to be received in each of the constituent Chapters. Accompanied by members of the Grand Staff, I was received and extended a warm and hospitable welcome by the Companions. I thank all the Chapters for their courtesies.

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| March 22, 2007 | Washington & Lafayette Chapter #1,
Wilmington |
| April 3, 2007 | Hope Chapter #7 - Georgetown |
| April 4, 2007 | Kent Chapter #8 – Dover |
| April 17, 2007 | St. John's Chapter #4, Newark |
| April 23, 2007 | Daylight Chapter #10, Newport |
| May 14, 2007 | Delta Chapter #6, Newport |
| September 6, 2007 | Brandywine Chapter #9 - Wilmington |

At each of these visits, my talks were based on sections of the various degrees and emphasizing the important lessons that are conveyed. In addition, members of the staff spoke at each of the sessions. Also at these visits, I asked for donations to help build the Permanent Fund. The Companions donated \$342 to support the ongoing operation of this Grand Chapter. My deepest appreciation to all for their support.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO SISTER JURISDICTIONS

Always a special part of the Grand High Priest's year is the high privilege to represent our Grand Chapter in our sister jurisdictions. It was a distinct honor and privilege to participate in 6 of our sister jurisdictions annual convocations.

March 16-17	Grand Chapter of DC, Washington
April 13-14	Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Newport
April 27-29	Grand Chapter of Maine, Bangor
May 12	Grand Chapter of Maryland, Ocean City
June 1-2	Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Rocky Hill
June 3 – 4	Grand Chapter of Vermont, Colchester

Due to conflicting dates and family commitments, I was unable to attend the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. Right Excellent James R. Herrington represented me in Virginia and New Jersey. My deepest appreciation to him, for representing me on those occasions.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE

The Northeast Regional York Rite Conference was held in Mystic, Connecticut on Saturday, September 8, 2007. Several Companions from Delaware were also in attendance. Informative sessions were conducted and sharing of issues and solutions from the various states was extremely helpful.

MULTI-STATE JURISDICTIONAL FESTIVAL

The Multi-state jurisdictional festival was held on October 6, 2007 at the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Accompanying me and enlisted at the last minute into service were Most Illustrious Richard L. Weaver and Excellent Lionel Hunter, who assisted me in conferring the Past master's Degree on a large class of candidates from Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia and Delaware. Delaware had two young men as

candidates, who show great spirit and could be a valuable asset for the future. Delaware has been asked to be the host for this year's festival and I have conveyed that to our incoming Grand High Priest for his attention. This festival is an excellent opportunity to see how the work is conferred in the various jurisdictions.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The Council of Anointed High Priest was held on December 27, 2007 at 818 Market St. where the newly elected High Priests were anointed. The degree work was excellent as always and I know our Grand King is anxious to work with these new High Priests.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

It was my honor to represent this Grand Chapter in numerous other functions. Below are some of the highlights:

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| March 24 | Semi- Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, Newport |
| May 5 | York Rite Appendant Bodies, Talleyville |
| July 26-27 | York Rite Sovereign College, Grand Rapids, MI |
| October 2-3 | Grand Master's Banquet and Grand Lodge of DE |
| October 9 | Multi State Chapter Festival, Alexandria, Virginia |
| November 3 | York Rite Appendant Bodies, Talleyville |
| November 10 | Eastern Region of Red Cross of Constantine, Grantville, PA |
| February 7 | High Council Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Alexandria, VA |

CONDITION OF THE RITE

We were fortunate this year to have 20 exaltations in our jurisdiction. Much can be attributed to the hard work of all the Companions in finding new members. Unfortunately, we had a net loss of 8 members. In addition to the 12 who died, we had 17 suspensions. We need to find out why these Companions have lost interest in their Chapters and correct the problems so that these losses can be eliminated. Congratulations to Delta Chapter who exalted 9 this year and showed an increase of membership of 5. Excellent High Priest, Lionel Hunter and his staff are to be commended for this achievement.

Now that we have new members, we need to retain our membership by motivating them with interesting and informative

programs. We must also look for more ways to involve the whole family. Only by involving and exciting our members, can we hope to continue to grow and be vibrant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- No. 1 Recommend that recent Past Grand High Priests work with the Annual Sessions Committee to help clearly define their responsibilities. In addition, the term “revenue neutral” needs to be defined. There are those who assume that the Grand York Rite Body should defray all of the costs of the weekend. I do not believe that this is their charter or responsibility. Each Grand Body makes invitations to other jurisdictions and as right should be responsible for those meals. The responsibility of the Committee in a revenue neutral position is to ensure that the meals are not subsidized by the Grand Bodies.

- No. 2 Recommend that the Past Grand High Priests work with the Leadership Committee to develop a program to train the progressive line officers. This training session should be a mandatory session for all progressive line officers and be a prerequisite to advancing. There is an educational void in our York Rite Bodies that needs to be filled in order to better prepare our officers for the leadership positions that they are assuming.

- No. 3 Recommend that \$50 be donated to the Grand York Rite picnic each year. For the last several years, Excellent Companion Robert Benson has hosted a York Rite and Scottish Rite picnic. A budgeted item to help defray some of the costs should be implemented.

CONCLUSION

It has been a challenging couple of years in my family’s life. It is extremely difficult for me to not have our Grand Chaplain present today. Over the years he has supported me in all my endeavors and now the roles have reversed and I have had to assume the role of handling all of my father’s affairs following the death of my mother. Anyone who has gone through it knows the challenges which are even more difficult because of the distance. I ask all to keep my father in your prayers. Behind every successful man is a great woman. In my case it is the love of my life, Melanie. I owe her much.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my staff for their support this year. I was indeed blessed to have informative and interesting talks by members of the staff at each of my visitations this year and to have wise counsel whispered into my ear. Thank you all.

Even with all of my personal challenges, I hope I have represented our Grand Chapter well and I look forward to serving and supporting it in the future.

Thanks and God bless.
 Fraternally Submitted,
 Mark E. Irwin, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

This report will consist of a few figures and some comments. The detailed figures and account numbers are available and will be printed in the proceedings of this Grand Convocation. The financial net worth of this Grand Chapter, including all of the 6 accounts, as of 1/31/2008, is \$47,978.46 compared to \$46,965.98 last year. These amounts reveal a gain of \$1,014.48 from the previous year. This is not a true comparison figure, because one of last year's Annual Returns was late and that payment, along with this year's payment, are included in these figures. All of the normal expenses are included in these figures.

All of the CD accounts made moderate gains during the year and some of the interest rates improved.

As I worked on this report, I discovered that WSFS had made a change on the Accruing CD. Instead of accruing the interest and crediting to that account they transferred that interest into the Permanent Fund Savings Account. A request will be made to correct that change. As of 1/31/08 that amount was \$249.85. That amount and any additional amount that is transferred to that account by WFGS will be moved back into the Accruing CD account.

I thank the members of this Grand Chapter for allowing me to serve as Treasurer for the last six years.

GRAND CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
2007	372745010	206110371	495749053
	CHECKING	IMMA SVGS	FLEX CD
BALANCE			
1/31/2007	\$1,902.81	\$9,366.11	\$6,976.39
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OPEN CK.	\$1,117.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEPOSIT	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
RECEIPTS	\$2,589.18	\$0.00	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$0.00	\$32.37	\$0.00
TRANSFER	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00
BANQUET	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$7,109.44	\$8,534.03	\$6,976.39

DISBURS.

BANQUET	\$388.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OP.EXP.	\$4,160.68	\$0.00	\$0.00
R.A.R.A.	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRANS. TO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PERM.FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
C.D.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OPEN CK.	\$12.60	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$4,711.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/31/2008	\$2,398.16	\$8,534.03	\$6,976.39

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BALANCE	P.F. SVGS	P.F. CD	ACCRU CD
1/31/2007	\$2,218.67	\$13,500.00	\$13,000.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OPEN CK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEPOSIT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RECEIPTS	\$463.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$7.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRANSFER	\$630.74	\$0.00	\$0.00
BANQUET	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$249.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$3,569.88	\$13,500.00	\$13,000.00

DISBURS.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BANQUET	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OP.EXP.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
R.A.R.A.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRANS. TO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PERM.FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
C.D.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OPEN CK.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/31/2008	\$3,569.88	\$13,500.00	\$13,000.00
2007		2008	
GRAND TOT.	\$46,965.98	GRAND TOT.	\$47,978.46
	YEAR END DIFF.		\$1,014.48

I move that this report be received, printed in the proceedings of this Grand Convocation and referred to the Finance Committee for their action.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Scarlott, PGHP, Grand Treasurer

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

It is unnecessary to reiterate the financial figures as that data is contained in the Grand Treasurer's report. Five of the seven chapters exalted candidates this past calendar year and two chapters actually had a gain in membership. Deaths and suspensions once again took their toll. We began with 475 companions and ended with 467 for a total loss of 8.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

CHAP	START	EXALT	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUSP	DIED	END
No. 1	66	2	1	0	0	2	0	67
No. 4	76	0	0	1	0	9	4	64
NO. 6	80	9	0	0	0	2	2	85
No. 7	92	2	0	0	2	0	3	89
No. 8	59	0	0	0	0	0	1	58
No. 9	67	2	0	1	0	4	0	69
No. 10	35	1	0	0	0	0	2	35
TOTAL	475	20	1	2	2	17	12	467
NET								
LOSS	8							

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP
Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has reviewed the records of the Grand Chapter and reports that the accounts are in good order and that the Treasurer's report accurately details the opening balances, the receipts and expenditures for the year, and the closing balance for the year.

The Grand Chapter appears to be in reasonably sound financial condition with an ending balance of \$47,978.46, which represents an increase of \$1,014.48 for the year. The Grand Treasurer is to be commended for his service to this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
David H. Laucius, Chairman
Arthur A. Loveless

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

During the past year I have observed that some of the Delaware Chapters have not been able to open and close Chapter in a proficient manner because they do not have a full line of officers who attend meetings regularly.

Most of the degree work has been conferred in a proficient manner and has left a lasting impression on the candidates. Selecting the better qualified Ritualists for a degree team resulted in an impressive presentation.

As chairman of the ritualistic committee I am available to assist any Chapter in ritualistic and floor work. I suggest that each Chapter appoint an officer or director of work. Remember that those sitting on the side lines remain attentive to those who present the ritual properly.

I recommend that when the King and Scribe are installed they should begin to look for their appointed officers for their coming year as High Priest.

As I have said before--remember that the rituals we perform leave a lasting impression on new members and visitors attending our Chapters. Dedication to being an active Royal Arch Mason is declining throughout the country and each one of us needs to examine our obligations and do more to fulfill these obligations.

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP, Grand Lecturer

CONTINUANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Grand Secretary 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 cost will be \$38.00 per body. *Motion carried.*

REPORT OF THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

M.E. Grand High Priest, all distinguished guests and Companions: The Hanby Trust Board of Governors met with the representatives of PNC Bank on Friday, October 26, 2007 in Wilmington.

We were thoroughly informed of the conditions of the Trust and the progress of the YMCA of Northern Delaware's leased property in northern New Castle County

All aspects of the Trust were showing improvement, especially the financial outlook, permitting the Board to approve an increase of \$10,000 above last year's donation of \$70,000 to a total of \$80,000.

A request was received from a law firm representing Walgreen Drugs to lease the portion of the Trust property located at the corner of Naamans and Marsh Roads, where the Claymont Fire Company is presently located, to move the Fire Company to another location and build a Walgreen Drug Store on that location. This would provide a substantial income to the Trust Fund. However tempting this proposal was, it was quickly determined by the Governors that it would violate the terms of the will establishing the Trust. As a result of this determination, the offer was rejected.

The YMCA held its first annual picnic on the Hanby Trust Property, July 20, 2007, as a thank-you to those contributors to the success of the extensive use of the facilities on the property. It was a great day enjoyed by all, with good food, entertainment and warm fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP, Chairman

REPORT OF THE RARA COMMITTEE

During 2007, 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, assess its members, or make special donations on behalf of a deceased Companion, or 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.

Special recognition and thanks go to the Grand Chapter of Delaware Order of Eastern Star for their generous contribution of \$2,000 to RARA from their 2007 Annual Festival. Many charities have benefited from their generosity and we are pleased RARA is one of them.

According to the year-end report from the General Grand Chapter RARA Headquarters, since its inception, Royal Arch Masons have donated \$6,446,117, of which Delaware Companions have contributed \$28,054.

All donations presented at the March 8, 2008, Annual Grand Convocation will be forwarded to RARA Headquarters.

The RARA Committee also plans to order a supply of "Ablekids Foundation" brochures from RARA Headquarters and distribute to each Delaware Chapter a sufficient number to provide for their members.

We expect that Delaware Companions will continue to contribute generously to RARA during 2008.

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 was Wayne D. Mower. He is a Past High Priest of Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1.

Fraternally,
Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP, Chairman
Robert E. Wasson, PGHP
William B. Neal, PGHP

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

The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to have been able to review the Report of Most Excellent GHP Mark E. Irwin that has been presented to you today and we commend him for his dignity and good demeanor he has brought to this office, despite a most challenging year in his personal life, including the loss of his mother within the past two years, the rapid decline of his father, Rev. John Irwin and the battle he and his beloved Lady Melanie have fought with the dreaded disease cancer.

The 2 dispensations he issued during this Capitular year were fully within the prerogatives of his office and legal bounds, and we therefore recommend their approval.

We likewise commend him on his welcoming an appointed Representative from the Grand Chapter of New York, James Maskiell. His choice of appointed Grand Representatives appears to have been well thought out. On both of these items we recommend the approval of his actions.

His visits to constituent chapters were well planned and executed, and the use of his staff in these visits was a good and proper use of available talent within the realm of the Grand Chapter.

Official Visits to sister Jurisdictions. The Committee is disappointed that some jurisdictions, with which we traditionally exchange visits are not among those visited. Perhaps through an oversight it should be noted that 9 visits were mentioned, but only 6 are listed. The Committee believes that maintaining strong fraternal relations with our sister Jurisdictions is a most important Masonic consideration and that that duty falls upon the Grand Presiding Officer. We recognize that it is not always possible for

the GHP to visit our Sister Jurisdictions, but most Jurisdictions graciously accept high ranking representatives in place of the Grand Presiding officer. We recommend to future Grand High Priests to endeavor to visit the jurisdictions within the northeast Masonic states, or to send a suitable representative, as was done in the instance of E. James Herrington, PHP as an appropriate alternate to visit the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of VA.

Concerning the Northeast Regional York Rite Conference and the Multi-State Jurisdictional Festival, this committee is pleased to note his attendance at these important events, as well as giving his time and attention to the Order of High Priesthood during a most congested season of the year, Christmas-New Year's.

Attendance at other activities: We commend the Grand High Priest for his presence at an additional 8 functions, but his absence from others, assuming invitations were received, are of grave concern. We do not believe that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was represented at the Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation, the Grand Lodge Masonic Home Day, and the OES Grand Chapter annual sessions, to name a few. This is a disservice to the Grand Chapter and a discourtesy to our sister organizations. Again, incoming Grand High Priests should take note that a representative should be sent in their place if they cannot attend. Masonic Unity is of utmost importance.

The Condition of the Rite: A net loss of 8 is not good news, and we must not only work together to initiate new members, we must stop the suspensions that outnumber the deaths.

The committee has comments on his recommendations:

Recommendation #1—In 1997 a Standing Resolution was enacted detailing the responsibilities of the Annual Convocation Committee, the Committee believes that the duties of the Grand York Rite Annual Meeting committee are clearly defined. It is the responsibility of the Grand Presiding office to oversee the work of the committee.

Recommendation #2—To have Past Grand High Priests to work with progressive Line Officers and that mandatory attendance be a prerequisite to advancement. We suggest that, henceforth, incoming Grand High Priests become more diligent in searching out the best talent to implement the best interests of our beloved fraternity. It should be noted impressive results have been made in a program instituted by now-PGM Wayne Mower, and currently under the direction of Glenn Davis, PGM, the Grand

Lodge workshops and retreats. The other Masonic bodies have been encouraged to participate in the Grand Lodge program.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP, Chairman
James A. Pletz, PGHP
Harry M. Sullivan, PGHP

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Two items of business were submitted to this committee for consideration at this Grand Convocation:

1. A request for recognition was received from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Brazil. This Grand Chapter is recognized and affiliated with the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International. If this recognition is approved, they nominate Companion Christian Farias Santos, MD, a very active Royal Arch Mason of Brazil, as their representative near the Grand Chapter of Delaware. The Committee believes the request is in order and recommends approval of the request.

Motion was made, seconded and passed.

2. A submission of an item to enact legislation to accomplish the following: As it has been a standing resolution and common practice since 1988, and whereas the stipulation has performed well in the Constituent Councils under the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Delaware, it is therefore proposed that the following standing resolution be adopted by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware:

No Officer may be installed in an office of a Constituent Chapter until he proves proficiency in the opening and closing ritual, to be determined by the Grand Lecturer or appointed representative.

The Committee considers the proposal to be in order and recommends its adoption as a Standing Resolution.

Motion was made, seconded and passed as S.R. 62.

3. The Grand High Priest recommended that \$50 be donated to support the Grand York Rite picnic each year. This Committee refers this recommendation to the Committee on Finance and Budget for their consideration and recommendation.

A resolution was presented:

No companion or committee can commit the Grand Chapter for expenditures beyond that allowed in the annual budget without prior approval of the Grand High Priest and the finance committee. *Motion was made, seconded and passed as S.R. 63.*

A proposal was presented:
It was agreed in principle to consider rotating the timing of the sessions of the 3 Grand York Rite bodies. Legislation will be introduced next year for consideration.

MEMORIALS

Let us begin with prayer:
O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life. By your Holy Spirit lead us in faithfulness all our days. When we have served you in our own generation, may we be gathered with those who have gone before us, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the confidence that we have attempted to serve You faithfully. Open our hearts to your love, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen

Today we bring white carnations to our altar to memorialize those who have gone before us to stand before the Throne of Grace. Some were “giants among their peers”, others more ordinary men. All had God’s plan in their lives, and fulfilled it to varying degrees. There are those whom we remember as having great impact upon our lives and our fraternity—others much less so. Let each of us pause and remember by name those men important to us. (pause) May they rest in peace.

We remember, and bring a carnation in tribute to: Our departed Past Grand High Priests, Walter Lokey and Haywood Buck, our departed Past High Priest, Harry Newell, our departed constituent Companions, 15, those departed Companions from our Sister Grand and Local Chapters, wheresoever dispersed.

Let us pray. Thou, O God, knowest our down-sitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. Consider and hear us as we remember those Companions who have gone before us to be with you. Give us faith, that we may see beyond touch and sight, and experience signs of Your kingdom. Give us good hope, so we may bravely walk our earthly way, and look forward to glad heavenly reunion. May You, O God, bless and keep us all. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The M.E. Grand High Priest recognized R.E. Companion, David Billings, representative of the Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, who brought warm fraternal greetings to the assembled Companions. He also thanked the R.E. Grand High Priest for the hospitality and friendship shown to him.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

The M.E. Grand High Priest discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of the Grand Chapter for all their efforts during the past year.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M.E. Companion Irwin announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Capitular year. The results of the Election, by unanimous ballot, were as follows:

M.E. Grand High Priest	H. Richard Hoffman
R.E. Grand King	James R. Herrington
R.E. Grand Scribe	Robert A. Benson
M.E. Grand Treasurer	David H. Laucius
M.E. Grand Secretary	Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP

The Grand High Priest-elect made the following appointments:

E. Grand Captain of the Host	Arthur A. Loveless
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	James B. Walsh
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	Lionel D. Hunter
E. Grand Marshal	John W. Peronti
E. Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	Charles T. Hart
E. Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Gilbert E. Greenfield
E. Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	James R. Hanby
E. Grand Chaplain	Goodwin K. Cobb III
E. Grand Sentinel	Wayne T. Slack

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in ample form by PGHP Franklin R. Townsend with PGHP James A. Pletz serving as Grand Marshal.

REMARKS OF INCOMING GRAND HIGH PRIEST

I would like to welcome and thank our visitors for joining us at this our 140th annual convocation. And I hope you are enjoying your visit. I would also like to thank the companions for the opportunity to serve as your Grand High Priest. It is both an honor and a privilege. Also, I look forward to the challenge that this position presents at this time.

My theme is Pride. My goal is to make a positive difference. I hope to achieve this goal by making improvements in several areas of our fraternity. These areas are communication, organization and presentation of our degrees, and the ritual work in our chapters.

I believe we need to strengthen the communication between the Grand Chapter and the Chapters. To address this, a committee is being formed to develop a database of our members, which will include new candidates so we may better control their progress through their degrees. This committee will also develop a newsletter or trestleboard that will be in e-mail form to inform the Chapters of events, meetings, and upcoming degree work.

In the area of organization and planning of our degrees, I am asking that the Dais Officers make a stronger commitment to attend the planning board meetings. Their attendance and participation in these meetings will ensure better organization and planning of our degrees.

Also, in the presentation of our degrees we need to qualify more companions to better schedule and present them.

To begin to strengthen our Chapters' ritual work, all officers will have to prove proficient before advancing. Examinations will be by the Grand Lecturer. To clarify this; any current High Priest or Officer not advancing will not have to be examined. To help prepare those Officers who are advancing, I am planning a Ritual Workshop. To the current High Priests, I am asking for your cooperation. Remember, companions, you are the leaders of your Chapters, and setting the example for the future. Our Chapters are the foundations of our fraternity.

There is a possibility that we will be hosting the multi-state festival. In anticipation of this possibility, I have named a committee to take the lead in organizing and planning of this festival.

To help with membership, I have enlisted the help of several companions to present a program describing the Royal Arch degrees. We will present this program in all blue lodges that will welcome us.

This year I am also planning a widow's degree.

In closing, my theme is Pride. My belief is that by strengthening our foundation we may rekindle the pride and commitment that our companions of the past had in being a member of the Royal Arch. My goal is to make a positive difference. To that goal, I am committed.

So mote it be. Thank you.
H. Richard Hoffman, Grand High Priest

APPOINTMENTS

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then directed the Grand Secretary to read the Committee appointments for the ensuing year, the first named to be the Chairman of each committee:

Jurisprudence

Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP
John B. Dorsey, PGHP
Donald D. Thomas, PGHP

Permanent Fund

John B. Dorsey, PGHP
Archie W. Bethard, PGHP
Maurice C. Barnes

Finance

Herbert J. Atkinson
Arthur A. Loveless

Printing

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP

Portrait and Jewel

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP

By-Laws

John B. Dorsey, PGHP

Grand York Rite Annual Mtg.

James R. Herrington

Memorials

Goodwin K. Cobb III
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP

Albert T. Hanby Trust

Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP

Distinguished Service Medal

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP
William B. Neal, PGHP
Mark E. Irwin, PGHP

F. Irving Crow York Rite

Award of Honor

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP
William B. Neal, PGHP
Mark E. Irwin, PGHP

Credentials

Lionel D. Hunter
Arthur A. Loveless

York Rite Leadership

Charles A. Depfer
Robert A. Benson
Archie W. Bethard

Grand York Rite Youth

Ronald G. Keller
Herbert P. Fulmer
G. Thomas Taylor

Ritual

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP
James B. Walsh

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Richard W. Garland, PGHP
Kings of all Chapters

VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

Washington and Lafayette No. 1	May 22, 2008
St. John's No. 4	May 20, 2008
Delta Chapter No. 6	September 8, 2008
Hope Chapter No. 7	May 6, 2008
Kent Chapter No. 8	September 5, 2008
Brandywine Chapter No. 9	April 3, 2008
Daylight Chapter No. 10	September 22, 2008

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the date and place of the 141st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was set at 1:00PM, Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Chapter, M.E. Grand High Priest Irwin wished for all safe travels home and closed in ample form at 2: 50PM.

ATTEST:

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP, Grand Secretary

MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

*Daniel C. Godwin, 1869-70

*Allen V. Lesley, 1871

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

#Lawrence B. Jones, 1970
 *Bruce C. Ward, 1972
 *C. Ray Scarborough, 1974
 *Clifton A. Lutz, 1976
 Donald D. Thomas, 1978
 *James H. Hutchins, 1980
 Henry G. Law, 1982
 *George K. Harris, Jr., 1984
 Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1986
 Richard A. Scarlott, 1988
 Richard W. Garland, 1990
 Wayne M. Schutz, 1992
 *William J. Littel, 1994
 *Albert J. Miller, 1996
 *Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1998
 Carl V. Dreisbach, 2000
 Archie W. Bethard, 2002
 Franklin R. Townsend, 2004
 William B. Neal, 2006

*John J. McClearnen, 1971
 John J. Goodier, 1973
 *Charles W. Barkins, 1975
 *James E. Peo, 1977
 *George Kuba, 1979
 *Raymond M. Savage, 1981
 James A. Pletz, 1983
 *Lewis J. Blackwell, 1985
 C. Granville McVey, 1987
 John B. Dorsey, 1989
 *T. Eugene Womach, 1991
 Charles H. Lengel, Jr., 1993
 C. William Tulloch, 1995
 Sheldon L. Edwards, 1997
 Richard L. Weaver, 1999
 R. Nelson Biggs, 2001
 Robert E. Wasson, 2003
 *Walter F. Lokey, 2005

PAST GRAND TREASURERS

*Stilman A. Hodgemen, 1869-74
 *James Ponder, 1876
 *William W. Lobdell, 1878
 *Joseph W.H. Watson, 1880
 *Winfield S. Quigley, 1882
 *Wilmer Palmer, 1884
 *James S. Dobb, 1886
 *Benjamin F. Bartram, 1888
 *J. Parke Postles, 1890
 *Lewis B. Jervis, 1892
 *William L. Crossan, 1894
 *Harrie H. Campbell, 1896
 *J. Harmer Rile, 1898
 *George M. Fisher, 1900
 *John B. Martin, 1902-06
 *George S. Scott, 1919-40
 *James Carswell, 1953-66
 *Raymond A. Howard, 1971-79
 Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86
 C. Granville McVey, 1992-94

*James H. Cameron, 1875
 *James M. Jones, 1877
 *Alfred D. Warner, 1879
 *James H. Price, 1881
 *Joseph A. Bond, 1883
 *John B. Book, 1885
 *Francis W. Carswell, 1887
 *Mark L. Garrett, 1889
 *Thomas O. Cooper, 1891
 *George H. McCall, 1893
 *Harry W. Lowe, 1895
 *J. Jackson Pierce, 1897
 *Thomas G. Pennington, 1899
 *William M. Eaton, Jr., 1901
 *Thomas Reardon, 1907-18
 *James McMillan, 1941-52
 *Ernest H. Martyn, 1967-70
 *C. Ray Scarborough, 1980
 Henry G. Law, 1987-91
 Donald D. Thomas, 1995

C. Granville McVey, 1996-00
Richard A. Scarlott, 2003-08

G. Thomas Taylor, 2001-03

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

*Albert 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
Donald D. Thomas, 1973-74	Henry G. Law, 1975-80
*C. Ray Scarborough, 1981-91	Henry G. Law, 1992-94
C. Granville McVey, 1995	Donald D. Thomas, 1996-99
Mark E. Irwin, 2000-02	James T. Ruby, 2003-04
Franklin R. Townsend, 2005-	

* Deceased & Withdrawn # Suspended

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

* 1952 Alfred E. Pool	* 1953 James A. Lewis
* 1954 Harold A. Shaub	* 1955 Joseph R. Pittard
* 1956 Jesse E. Farlow	* 1957 Thomas R. Saunders
& 1958 Martin C. Rauh	* 1959 Clarence W. Thompson
* 1960 Ernest M. Rogers	* 1961 Joseph P. Miller
* 1962 Thomas L. Sheldon	* 1963 James R. Hanna
* 1964 Harry H. Conner	* 1965 G. Willard Millman
* 1966 Willard S. Dickerson	# 1967 Lawrence B. Jones
* 1968 Charles J. Brodie	& 1969 George S. Flumerfelt
* 1970 E. Paul Wootten	* 1971 Clifton A. Lutz
* 1972 Ralph Cassel	* 1973 Paul E. Hurter
* 1974 George S. Buhl	* 1975 Harry E. McBride
* 1976 George Kuba	* 1977 Samuel B. Rash, Jr.
1978 James A. Pletz	* 1979 Wilfred T. Mason
* 1980 James L. Crouse	* 1981 Robert E. Stewart
1982 Wayne M. Schutz	1983 C. William Tulloch
* 1984 Ray A. Schell	1985 Samuel L. Mellin
* 1986 Lambert E. Argo	* 1987 J. Norman Nicklas
1988 Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1989 Franklin R. Townsend

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| 1990 Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr. | * 1991 Harry D. Newell |
| * 1992 John F. McBride | 1993 Archie W. Bethard, III |
| * 1994 William H. Athan | 1995 John N. Phillos |
| * 1996 James A. Johnson | 1997 David F. Coady |
| 1998 Frank M. Keiser | * 1999 Charles J. Conley |
| 2000 Maurice C. Barnes | 2001 Vernon E. Lee |
| 2002 None | 2003 Robert A. Benson |
| 2004 Maurice C. Barnes | 2005 Lionel D. Hunter |
| 2006 David H. Laucius | 2007 Wayne D. Mower |

F. IRVING CROW AWARD OF HONOR

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| * 1978 Raymond A. Howard | 1979 Chester C. Coffin |
| * 1980 Charles E. Green | * 1981 William H. Cantwell |
| * 1984 C. Ray Scarborough | * 1985 James H. Hutchins |
| 1986 Donald D. Thomas | 1987 Henry G. Law |
| * 1989 Richard H. Thomas | 1990 John G. Goodier |
| 1991 Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. | 1992 C. Granville McVey |
| 1994 James A. Pletz | 1995 Franklin R. Townsend |
| 1996 Richard A. Scarlott | 1997 Charles H. Lengel, Jr. |
| 1998 Maynard H. Mires | 1999 Warren F. Schueler, Sr. |
| * 2000 William J. Little | 2001 None awarded |
| 2002 John B. Dorsey | 2003 None awarded |
| 2004 Wayne M. Schutz | 2005 None |
| 2006 None | 2007 None |

* Deceased & Withdrawn # Suspended

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER No. 1

Wilmington

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869

Stated Convocation: Fourth Thursday of each Month
Except November

Closed: June, July, August and December

OFFICERS

John E. Bednash
Terrance A. VanGorder

High Priest
King

Forrest A. Boettcher	Scribe
Joseph L. Kaufman	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP	Secretary
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Timothy D. Spence	Principal Sojourner
Kevin M. Baird	Royal Arch Captain
Leonard W. Stobaugh	Master of the 3 rd Veil
Ronald G. Keller	Master of the 2 nd Veil
J. David Lewis	Master of the 1 st Veil
Stanley F. Gadzinski	Chaplain
Lionel D. Hunter, PHP	Sentinel

EXALTED

Scott M. Lehman Stanley F. Gadzinski

REINSTATED

Maurice C. Barnes, Jr.

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Dino Mathena John P. Jones

DIED

None

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 4

Newark

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869

Stated Convocation: Third Tuesday of Each Month

Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

David L. Majors, PHP	High Priest
James R. Herrington, PHP	King
Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP	Scribe
C. Granville McVey, PGHP	Treasurer
Cesar E. Aniceto, PHP	Secretary
John B. Dorsey, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Charles T. Hart, PHP	Principal Sojourner
Gilbert E. Greenfield	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3 rd Veil

Master of the 2nd Veil
Master of the 1st Veil
Chaplain
Sentinel

EXALTED
None

REINSTATED
None

AFFILIATED
Gilbert E. Greenfield

DEMITTED
None

SUSPENDED
Stephen J. Barron Jr. Jay R. Brackin
Harold H. Brackin II J. Robert Brackin
Richard Chambers William B. Krauss
Garland S. Ozlanski Edward J. Rayner
Joseph C. Russell Jr.

DIED
Howard Magargal Sr. H. Walter Sarbaugh

DELTA CHAPTER No. 6
Newport

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

OFFICERS

Lionel D. Hunter, PHP	High Priest
Earl G. Swanson	King
David M. Parker	Scribe
Jay C. Bergstrom, PHP	Treasurer
Herbert J. Atkinson, PHP	Secretary
	Captain of the Host
Robert W. Noble	Principal Sojourner
Arthur A. Loveless, PHP	Royal Arch Captain
Gary R. Williamson	Master of the 3 rd Veil

John A. Loeb, PHP
Joseph J. O'Leary
R. Nelson Biggs, PGHP
Sean Croker

Master of the 2nd Veil
Master of the 1st Veil
Chaplain
Sentinel

EXALTED

David R. Clements III	Sean Croker
Sean G. V. Haley	Clayton W. Hewes IV
Jason T. Hewes	Jeffrey D. Hewes, Sr.
Joseph J. O'Leary	Andrew L. Parsons
Gary R. Williamson	Randall S. Woods Sr.

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Walter W. Candy	Clayton W. Hewes III
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DIED

Paul Alexander	Stephen D. Potter
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HOPE CHAPTER No. 7

Georgetown

Date of Charter: January 23, 1893

Stated Convocation: First Tuesday of each Month

Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Michael P. Pizzola	High Priest
Christian L. Dull, PHP	King
John W. Merkley, PHP	Scribe
James B. Walsh, PHP	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes, PHP	Secretary
Samuel L. Mellin, PHP	Captain of the Host
	Principal Sojourner
	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3 rd Veil

Robert Currie

Master of the 2nd Veil
Master of the 1st Veil
Chaplain
Sentinel

EXALTED

Parris S. Mancuso Walter F. Overington

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Roy T. Davis Vernon T. Smith

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Charles G. Davis Leroy Fooks
C. Parker Moore

KENT CHAPTER No. 8

Dover

Date of Charter: January 19, 1921

Stated Convocation: First Wednesday of Alternate Months

Closed: June, July and August

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