Grand Council

ROYAL
AND
SELECT MASTERS
OF
DELAWARE

1937 — 1938

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council

Royal and Select Masters

OF

Delaware

Twelfth and Thirteenth Assemblies held
in the City of Wilmington

October 6th, A. Dep. 2937, A. D. 1937

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CHAS. H. GRAY, PRINTER
WILMINGTON, DEL.
1938

OFFICERS
OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
1936—1939

General Grand Master

M.·. P.·. NELSON WILLIAMS, First National Bank Bldg., Hamilton, Ohio

Deputy General Grand Master

R.·. P.·. CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Masonic Hall - New York, N. Y.

General Grand Principal Conductor of Work

R.·. P.·. ROY G. WEBB - - - Spencer, Iowa

General Grand Treasurer

R.·. P.·. CHARLES N. FOWLER - - Salina, Kansas

General Grand Recorder

R.·. P.·. O. FRANK HART, Masonic Temple - Columbia, S. C.

General Grand Captain of the Guard

R.·. P.·. W. FRANK WELLS, Medical Arts Bldg. - Atlanta, Georgia

General Grand Conductor of Council

R.·. P.·. WALTER F. MEIER, Northern Life Tower - Seattle, Wash.

General Grand Marshal

R.·. P.·. CHARLES E. INBUSCH, 4863 N. Lake Drive
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

General Grand Steward

R.·. P.·. HANSON PETERSON - - Cynthia, Kentucky

THOMAS R. SAUNDERS
GRAND MASTER, 1937

BIOGRAPHICAL

Thomas R. Saunders was born in Yadkin Valley, North Carolina, October 6, 1890. He was educated in the Public Schools of North Carolina. At the age of 18 years he enlisted in the United States Army and served seven years, one year of which was in the Canal Zone Panama during the digging of the Canal. During the World War he was employed by the British Chemical Co., Trenton, Ontario, Canada, DuPont Co. and Bethlehem Ship Building Co., the latter two companies of Wilmington, Delaware. Since the war he has been employed by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Police, Wilmington, Delaware, and now has the rank of Sergeant in charge of Traffic.

His Masonic record is as follows:

Symbolic Degrees

*Oriental Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M. of Delaware

Entered.....December 23, 1920
Passed.....December 27, 1920
Raised.....December 30, 1920
*Became a member of Hibriten Lodge No. 262, of Lenoir, North Carolina, joining Oriental Lodge on demit, September 16, 1931.

Capitular Degrees

St. John's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. of Delaware

Mark Master.....December 1, 1922
Past Master.....January 19, 1923
Most Excellent Master.....January 19, 1923
Royal Arch.....March 16, 1923
Anointed in the Holy Order of High Priesthood, December 28, 1929
High Priest.....1930

Cryptic Degrees

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, R. & S. M. of Delaware

Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master May 26, 1926
Illustrious Master.....1929

Served the Grand Council

Grand Principal Conductor of Work.....1934
Deputy Grand Master.....1935
Grand Master.....1936
Grand Representative of Texas since ...1927

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware

1937

TWELFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The TWELFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple in Wilmington, at seven-thirty P. M. on Wednesday, October 6th, A. D. 1937, A. Dep. 2937.

The Grand Council was opened in AMPLE FORM by Most Illustrious Companion Thomas R. Saunders, Grand Master, assisted by his associate Grand Officers. Invocation was offered by Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Frank L. Harrar.

PRESENT

M.·.I.·.Thomas R. Saunders	Grand Master
R.·. I.·.John P. LeFevre	Deputy Grand Master
M.·.I.·.Clarence B. Hess,P.G.M. as	Grand Prin.Con. of Work
M.·.I.·.John McMillan,P.G.M.	Grand Treasurer
R.·. I.·.Marshall M. Carpenter	Grand Recorder
I.·.Frank L. Harrar	Grand Chaplain
I.·.Harry W. Kennedy	Grand Capt. of the Guard
M.·.I.·.George O. Fearon,P.G.M. as	Grand Cond. of Council
I.·.George S. Buhl	Grand Marshal
I.·.Andrew J. Bock, Jr.	Grand Steward
I.·.Robert W. Horn	Grand Sentinel

PERMANENT MEMBERS

Past Illustrious Grand Masters

Harvey W. Bentley	Roydon L. Hammond
George O. Fearon	John McMillan
Herman H. Hanson	Clarence B. Hess
J. Wallace Woodford	Calvin E. Afflerbach

Past Illustrious Masters

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1

Harvey W. Bentley
John McMillan
Harry W. Kennedy
Frank L. Harrar
Andrew J. Bock, Jr.
Edward H. Naylor, Jr.
Marshall M. Carpenter
Clarence B. Hess
Thomas R. Saunders
Howard G. Barlow
William H. Cantwell

ADONIRAM No. 2:

Roydon L. Hammond
J. Wallace Woodford
Robert W. Horn
Herman H. Hanson
John P. LeFevre

JOPPA No. 3:

George O. Fearon
Walter L. Conoway
James P. Pierce
Calvin E. Afflerbach
George S. Buhl
M. Haswell Pierce

Council Representatives

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1:
George E. Vandegrift, Illustrious Master
James Carswell, Deputy Master
Paul H. Horsey, Principal Conductor of Work

ADONIRAM No. 2:
Charles W. Machamer, Illustrious Master
R. Earl Dickey, Principal Conductor of Work

Companions Admitted by Courtesy

GUNNING BEDFORD No 1:

John W. Macklem
Harry W. Lowe
Nathaniel D. Rand
William O. Wingate
William E. Snyder
George S. Scott
Frank L. Howard
Frank J. Flanagan
Alfred E. Pool
J. Perkins Groome

As the minutes of the Eleventh Annual Assembly has been printed, their reading was dispensed with on motion of Deputy Grand Master, John P. LeFevre.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

Your Committee on Credentials zealously report that in addition to the Grand Officers and Permanent Members of the Grand Council present at this Annual Assembly, the following officers are entitled to seats and to vote in this Grand Council:

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1:
George E. Vandegrift, Illustrious Master
James Carswell, Deputy Master
Paul H. Horsey, Principal Conductor of Work

ADONIRAM No. 2:
Charles W. Machamer, Illustrious Master
Hughlett A. Golt, Deputy Master
R. Earle Dickey, Principal Conductor of Work

JOPPA No. 3:
K. James Hocker, Illustrious Master
George S. Grier, Deputy Master
Frank J. Elton, Principal Conductor of Work

Zealously submitted,
GEORGE O. FEARON
GEORGE S. BUHL
FRANK L. HARRAR,
Committee

On motion duly seconded the above report was received and recorded.

Distinguished Visitors from New Jersey

M.·.I.·.J. Theodore Blomquist, Grand Master.
M.·.I.·.Frank C. Sayrs, Past Grand Master and Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Council,
of the Grand Council of New Jersey were admitted and introduced by Past Grand Master Harvey W. Bentley.

Distinguished Visitors from District of Columbia

M.·.I.·.Richard A. Roseberry, Past Grand Master and Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Council,
M.·.I.·.Otto B. Roepke, Past Grand Master
of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia were admitted and introduced by Past Grand Master Herman H. Hanson.

Distinguished Visitors from Pennsylvania

M.·.I.·.Charles Higgins, Past Grand Master,
I.·.Irwin Brandeis, Past Grand Instructor,
of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania were admitted and introduced by Grand Marshal George S. Buhl.

Distinguished Visitor from Grand Lodge

M.·.W.·.Harry W. Lowe, Grand Master of Masons of Delaware was admitted and introduced by Past Grand Master J. Wallace Woodford.

All of the above distinguished guests were extended a cordial welcome by Grand Master Saunders, after which they were saluted with the Grand Honors and escorted to the GRAND EAST.

During the evening Grand Master Saunders called upon our guests and we had the pleasure of hearing several exceptionally interesting and instructive addresses from the visiting Companions.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

To the Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Delaware.:

The year has passed in many instances far too quickly and I am called upon as your Most Illustrious Grand Master to transact with you the business of the Grand Council as we assemble together once again. First of all let me extend to you all a very hearty welcome to this the Twelfth Annual Assembly and hope we will all gain in knowledge and helpfulness as to our future lives by being here tonight.

To the Delegations of distinguished Companions from other Grand Jurisdictions, we of the Grand Council of Delaware are very honored and happy to have you with us tonight and trust the visit will express to you in every way our extreme appreciation of the courtesies and kindness that has been extended to us in the past. I bid you welcome to the First City of the First State. This coming year is a very important one, to us in Delaware, probably not from a Masonic standpoint as from a very historical one, and yet if we as Cryptic Rite Masons will band ourselves together we can so fully strenghten the beliefs and inspirations of Masons, that has been carried down through the ages, that to others we show our strength in Free Masonry to be as firm as the rocks on which the Swedes landed in Wilmington nearly three hundred years ago.

As we have not made great progress in the past year, let us all here and now pledge ourselves to stand by the incoming Officers and make the coming year an outstanding one in Cryptic Rite Masonry.

Necrology

As our Companions leave us and walk into the sunset to the great beyond, of a fairer tomorrow, we meet each year with a keen sense of loss and we will ever revere their memory.

There must be thorns amid life's flowers you know and you and I wherever we may go can find no bliss that is not mixed with pain, no path without a cloud.

From Sister Jurisdictions the following Distinguished Companions have been called home during the year:

ARKANSAS:

John M. Kinser, Past Grand Master, died January 10, 1937.

John C. Bone, Past Grand Master, died June 23, 1937.

CALIFORNIA:

Thompson Wilson Drullard, Past Grand Master, died January 30, 1937.

WESTERN JURISDICTION OF CANADA:

Herman Humphrey Henry Lang, Past Grand Master, died July 10, 1937.

CONNECTICUT:

John Prentice Weir, Past Grand Master, died September 23, 1936.

Albert Seymour Comstock, Past Grand Master, died August 25, 1936.

GEORGIA:

Frank O. Miller, Past Grand Master, died March 17, 1937.

ILLINOIS:

William A. Hoover, Past Grand Master, died April 2, 1937.

INDIANA:

Charles Detrick Knoefel, Past Grand Master, died April 29, 1937.

IOWA:

Frederick W. Craig, Past Grand Master, died April 24, 1937.

KENTUCKY:

John Thomas Kincaid, Past Grand Master, died October 6, 1936.

George Allison Holland, Grand Recorder, died July 12, 1937.

LOUISIANA:

Will Moss, Past Grand Master, died January 16, 1937.

MAINE:

Samuel Benson Furbish, Past Grand Master, died October 24, 1936.

Elvert Everett Parker, Past Grand Master, died December 2, 1936.

MICHIGAN:

Charles Edgar Converse, Past Grand Master, died October 12, 1936.

Lou Barney Winsor, Past Grand Master, died November 8, 1936.

MINNESOTA:

John Fishel, Grand Recorder, died October 25, 1936.

James Gilbert Houghton, Past Grand Master, died January 8, 1937.

Albert Ihm, Past Grand Master, died August 1, 1937.

MONTANA:

Charles Sidney Bell, Past Grand Master, died January 14, 1937.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Harry Morrison Cheney, Grand Recorder, died January 1, 1937.

NEW YORK:

Frank Monroe Adee, Past Grand Master, died October 21, 1936.

Eugene Eunson Hinman, Past Grand Master, died January 20, 1937.

OKLAHOMA:

Frank Smith, Deputy Grand Master, died October 28, 1936.

PENNSYLVANIA:

William A. Brinkman, Past Grand Master, died November 5, 1936.

Harvey A. McKillip, Past Grand Master, died June 5, 1937.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

William Andrew Giles, Past Grand Master, died March 14, 1937.

SOUTH DAKOTA:

Ernest W. Feige, Past Grand Master, died September 25, 1936.

George W. Hill, Grand Treasurer, died October 9, 1936.

Clarence B. Wilt, Past Grand Master, died March 6, 1937.

TENNESSEE:

Samuel Bruce Larue, Past Grand Master, died September 19, 1936.

William Henry O'Keefe, Past Grand Master, died March 5, 1937.

James Washington Gaines, Deputy Grand Master, died June 13, 1937.

The following Companions in Councils in this Jurisdiction have passed beyond the veils:

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1:

A. Victor Hughes, died July 22, 1936.
Wilkin O. Scott, died January 26, 1937.
George F. Terrell, died May 15, 1937.

JOPPA No. 3:

Harry T. Hickey, died September 2, 1936.
Sidney B. Dolby, died February 26, 1937.
John F. Kaiser, died June 17, 1937.
Joseph L. Cahall, died June 28, 1937.

Invitations

Invitations to attend the Annual Grand Assemblies have been received from the Grand Councils of New Jersey, District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. It was with much regret that I was unable to attend any of these Grand Assemblies as your Grand Master.

We were however represented at the Grand Council of the District of Columbia by Past Grand Masters Harvey W. Bentley, Roydon L. Hammond and John McMillan and Past Illustrious Master Howard G. Barlow of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1. We were also represented at the Grand Council of New Jersey by Past Grand Master Cornelius E. Beatty.

Official Visitations

In accordance with our custom, I visited our subordinate Councils on the following dates:

Gunning Bedford No. 1, Wilmington; May 19, 1937.
Adoniram No. 2, Dover; May 27, 1937.
Joppa No. 3, Georgetown; September 21, 1937.

On each of these visits I was accompanied by a good representation of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, who are so loyal and faithful to the Councils. I was warmly welcomed and given an opportunity to speak to the Companions.

The outstanding event of the year in Cryptic Rite Masonry was the conferring of the Super Excellent Master Degree in Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 on Wednesday evening, May 19th, 1937. The Degree Team was composed of representatives from the several Councils of the State and I hope this event will continue to be a yearly one. I congratulate the Officers for their fine exemplification of the Degree.

Official Routine

No questions demanding official decision have been submitted to the Grand Master during the year, so it is evident that harmony has prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction.

Grand Representatives

During the year commisions were issued to the following Illustrious Companions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of Delaware near other Grand Councils:

Illinois	Isaac N. Tomlinson
New Jersey	Harry Jonas

A commission was received appointing Illustrious Companion Charles W. Machamer as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Alabama near the Grand Council of Delaware.

Conclusion

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me and trust I have in some small way repaid the Grand Council for the confidence reposed in me. I thank the Officers of the Grand Council for their loyal support and the Grand Recorder for his cooperation and counsel.

Zealously submitted,
THOMAS R. SAUNDERS,
M.·.I.·.Grand Master

On motion duly seconded the Grand Master's Message was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report:

RECEIPTS

October 6, 1936 Balance		$283.98	
September 20, 1937	From Grand Recorder..	18.00	
September 22, 1937	From Grand Recorder..	19.50	
September 24, 1937	From Grand Recorder..	63.50	
Total			$384.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Checks 57, 58, 60, 61 and 62	182.06	
Balance October 6, 1937		$202.92

Zealously submitted,
JOHN MCMILLAN,
Grand Treasurer

On motion duly seconded the report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance and Returns Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

Your Grand Recorder submits the following report:

RECEIPTS

Bal. on hand October 7, 1936	$283.98	
Dues Gunning Bedford No. 1	63.50	
Dues Adoniram No. 2	19.50	
Dues Joppa No. 3	18.00	
Total		$384.98

DISBURSEMENTS

General Grand Council Dues	$3.88	
Printing Proceedings, Envelopes and Postage.	144.00	
Postage and Addressograph Plates	7.23	
Entertainment	26.95	
Total		$182.06

Balance in Farmers Bank October 6, 1937 ..... $202.92

The following is the membership as shown in returns as of June 30th, 1937:

	1936	Greeted	Died	Suspended	1937
Gunning Bedford No. 1	115	5	3	1	116
Adoniram No. 2	39	0	0	0	39
Joppa No. 3	40	0	4	0	36
Totals	194	5	7	1	191

Zealously submitted,
MARSHALL M. CARPENTER,
Grand Recorder

On motion duly seconded the report of the Grand Recorder was received and referred to the Finance and Returns Committee.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

The Committee on Jurisprudence to which has been referred the address of the M.·.I.·.Grand Master respectfully reports that this address has been carefully considered.

The duties of the Grand Master of a small and young Jurisdiction, such as ours, while not particularly strenuous, are nevertheless exacting and demand devotion and attention. From our observation, we know our Grand Master has measured up to the task. Cryptic Masonry has been a part of his life and in this final year of official service he has given the Grand Council the best of his talent and ability. We congratulate him upon the success which has attended his administration.

The fact that there was no occasion for official decisions during the year is evidence that harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction and that the officers of the subordinate Councils have experienced no serious difficulties.

We agree with our Grand Master that the exemplification of the Super-Excellent Masters Degree was the high-spot of the Cryptic year. This is not only an occasion when "Light is shed", but affords a yearly opportunity for the companions of the entire State to mingle together in close companionship. We emphasize the hope expressed that this exemplification may be continued annually.

Zealously submitted,
J. Wallace Woodford,
John McMillan,
Roydon L. Hammond,
Committee.

On motion duly seconded the report of the Jurisprudence Committee was received and ordered recorded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND RETURNS

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's Reports have examined same and find them correct in every detail.

Zealously submitted,
Clarence B. Hess,
Luther D. Shank,
Charles S. Calhoun,
Committee.

On motion duly seconded the report of the Finance and Returns Committee was received and ordered recorded.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

The Grievance and Appeals Committee reports that Peace and Harmony still prevails in the Grand Council and that nothing has been brought before us during the present year.

Zealously submitted,
Cornelius E. Beatty,
Thomas R. Brown,
Walter L. Conaway,
Committee.

On motion duly seconded the report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee was received and ordered recorded.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Most Illustrious Grand Master Saunders received the Grand Representatives of the following Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Delaware:

Alabama	Charles W. Machamer
Arizona	Frank L. Howard
Arkansas	Herman H. Hanson
Eastern Juris. Canada	George S. Buhl
Western Juris. Canada	John McMillan
Connecticut	Clarence B. Hess
England and Wales	James P. Pierce
Georgia	Harry W. Lowe
Illinois	William H. Cantwell
Indiana	Andrew J. Bock, Jr.
Kansas	John P. LeFevre
Louisiana	Frank L. Harrar
Maine	Roydon L. Hammond
Maryland	Calvin E. Afflerbach
Michigan	J. Wallace Woodford
Montana	Walter L. Conoway
Nevada	Marshall M. Carpenter
New Jersey	Harvey W. Bentley
North Carolina	Robert W. Horn
North Dakota	Howard G. Barlow
Rhode Island	George O. Fearon
South Dakota	Edward H. Naylor, Jr.
Texas	Thomas R. Saunders
Vermont	George S. Scott
Wisconsin	Harry W. Kennedy

The Grand Master extended a cordial greeting to each of the Grand Representatives and asked each Grand Representative to communicate with the Grand Council he represents and extend to them the felicitations of the Grand Council of Delaware.

The Grand Master stated that Grand Conductor of Council Thomas R. Brown, was sick at his home in Wyoming and directed the Grand Recorder to send him a bunch of flowers together with a letter stating that we missed him at this Grand Assembly and wished him a quick recovery. The Grand Master also asked the members of the Grand Council to send him a letter to cheer him in his affliction.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Grand Master announced that the next business would be the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Past Grand Master John McMillan moved that the Grand Recorder cast a ballot for the elective officers to advance one station. Motion passed.

The Grand Recorder reported the result of the election as follows:

John P. LeFevre	Grand Master
Harold W. T. Purnell	Deputy Grand Master
Harry W. Kennedy	Grand Prin. Con. of Work
John McMillan, P.G.M.	Grand Treasurer
Marshall M. Carpenter	Grand Recorder

The Grand Master-elect announced the following appointments:

Frank L. Harrar	Grand Chaplain
Thomas R. Brown	Grand Capt. of Guard
George S. Buhl	Grand Cond. of Council
Andrew J. Bock, Jr.	Grand Marshal
Robert W. Horn	Grand Steward
James P. Pierce	Grand Sentinel

The Grand Officers were installed by Most Illustrious Companion Frank C. Sayrs, Past Grand Master of New Jersey and Honorary Past Grand Master of Delaware, assisted by Most Illustrious Companion Herman H. Hanson, Past Grand Master, as Grand Marshal.

Grand Master John P. LeFevre stated that in reading the Proceedings of the last General Grand Council he noted that Delaware was the only Grand Jurisdiction that was not represented. This was caused on account of our small amount of finances but it was the concensus of opinion that we should be represented.

The following bills were ordered paid on motion properly seconded together with a check for $10.00 to the Grand Recorder as a peace offering to his wife.

O Frank Hart, General Grand Council Dues	$3.82
M. M. Carpenter, Postage	6.00
Harvey W. Bentley, Entertainment	21.70
G. C. Boyd, Flowers	8.00

During the evening several gifts were presented Grand Master Saunders in honor of his birthday.

M.·.I.·.Grand Master John P. LeFevre announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES 1937—1938

Credential Committee

George O. Fearon, P. G. M. Edward H. Naylor, Jr.
Charles W. Machamer

Finance and Returns Committee

Clarence B. Hess, P. G. M. Roydon L. Hammond, P.G.M.
M. Haswell Pierce

Grievance and Appeals Committee

Cornelius E. Beatty, P.G.M. Luther D. Shank
Kendall J. Hocker

Jurisprudence Committee

J. Wallace Woodford, P.G.M. John McMillan, P.G.M.
Calvin E. Afflerbach, P.G.M.

Memorial Committee

Herman H. Hanson, P.G.M. Howard G. Barlow
Charles S. Calhoun

Super-Excellent Committee

George E. Vandegrift George S. Buhl
Hughlett A. Golt

Entertainment and Reception Committee

Harvey W. Bentley, P. G. M. Thomas R. Saunders, P.G.M.
Walter L. Conaway

There being no further business to come before the Grand Council it was closed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Grand Master John P. LeFevre at 10:10 P. M.

John P. LeFevre.

M.·.I.·.Grand Master

GRAND COUNCIL R.&S.M. DELAWARE
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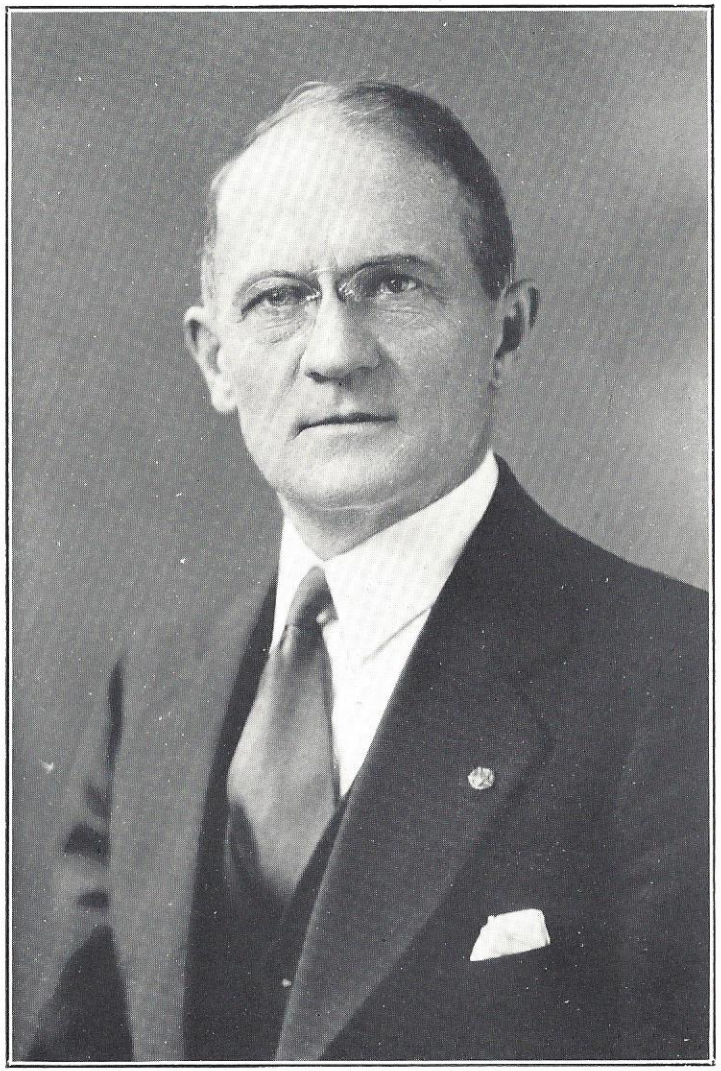
1926
FEB 20TH

ATTEST:

Marshall M Carpenter

Grand Recorder



JOHN PREVOST LEFEVRE
GRAND MASTER, 1938

BIOGRAPHICAL

John Prevost LeFevre was born in Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, on October 23, 1875, son of Rev. William D. and Sarah Prevost Howell LeFevre. His paternal ancestors were Huguenots who settled in the Hudson Valley in 1692, and his maternal progenitors were among the earliest settlers in Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania, Edgehill Institute and Mercersburg College, class of 1898.

In 1897 he located in Smyrna, Delaware, where he married Mary E. Anthony in 1904. In 1908 he moved to Dover for the study of Law and was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1913, and has continued in the practice of his profession in Dover, where he resides.

Companion LeFevre was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Delaware National Guard in 1909 and served continuously, through the intervening ranks, until 1931, when he retired with the rank of Colonel. As a Captain he twice led the local troops from Dover in National emergencies; in the Mexican Border Campaign in 1916, and in the World War in 1917. He was promoted to Major in 1918 and commanded the 3rd Battalion of the Delaware Regiment during its services in France. After the War he was in command of the Delaware National Guard until his retirement.

He is an active Legionaire and Past Commander of the American Legion Department of Delaware, and of the Legion Post of Dover.

He is a member of the Dover Presbyterian Church and President of its Board of Trustees. He is also a Trustee of the Kent General Hospital, and of the American Legion Holding Company of Dover. Since 1914, except during his absence in military service, he has been a member of the City Council of Dover.

His Masonic record is as follows:

Symbolic Degrees

UNION LODGE NO. 7, A. F. & A. M. OF DELAWARE

Entered.....June 6, 1918
Passed.....June 6, 1918
Raised.....June 6, 1918
Senior Warden.....1922
Worshipful Master.....1923

Served the Grand Lodge
Senior Grand Warden.....1929
Grand Representative of Illinois since.1929

Capitular Degrees

KENT CHAPTER No. 8, R. A. M. OF DELAWARE

Mark Master.....January 3, 1920
Past Master.....January 3, 1920
Most Excellent Master.....January 3, 1920
Royal Arch.....February 7, 1920
Anointed in the Holy Order of Priesthood ..... December 29, 1923
High Priest.....1924

He was a Charter Member of Kent Chapter, and served it as Scribe (named such in the Charter) and King before elected High Priest.

Served the Grand Chapter.
Grand Scribe.....1930
Grand King.....1931
Deputy Grand High Priest.....1932
Grand High Priest.....1933
Grand Representative of New Zealand since.....1926

Cryptic Degrees

*ADONIRAM COUNCIL No. 2, R. & S. M. OF DELAWARE

Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master.....January 27, 1922
Illustrious Master.....1929 and 1930

Served the Grand Council
Grand Principal Conductor of Work.....1935
Deputy Grand Master.....1936
Grand Master.....1937
Grand Representative of Kansas since.....1927

*Became a member of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 of Wilmington, joining Adoniram Council No. 2 on demit January 15, 1923.

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware

1938

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple in Wilmington, at eight P. M. on Wednesday, October 5th, A. D. 1938 A. Dep. 2938.

The Grand Council was opened in AMPLE FORM by Most Illustrious Companion John P. LeFevre, Grand Master, assisted by his associate Grand Officers. Invocation was offered by Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Frank L. Harrar.

PRESENT

M.·.I.·.JOHN P. LEFEVRE	Grand Master
M.·.I.·.GEORGE O. FEARON, P.G.M.	as Deputy Grand Master
R.·. I.·.HARRY W. KENNEDY	Grand Prin. Con. of Work
M.·.I.·.JOHN MCMILLAN, P.G.M.	Grand Treasurer
R.·. I.·.MARSHALL M. CARPENTER	Grand Recorder
I.·.FRANK L. HARRAR	Grand Chaplain
I.·.WILLIAM H. CANTWELL, as	Grand Capt. of the Guard
M.·.I.·.THOMAS R. SAUNDERS,P.G.M.	as Grand Con. of Council
I.·.ANDREW J. BOCK, JR.	Grand Marshal
I.·.JAMES CARSWELL, as	Grand Steward
I.·.ALFRED E. POOL, as	Grand Sentinel

PERMANENT MEMBERS

Past Illustrious Grand Masters

Harvey W. Bentley
George O. Fearon
Herman H. Hanson
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Past Illustrious Masters

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1:
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Harry W. Kennedy
Frank L. Harrar
Andrew J. Bock, Jr.
George E. Vandegrift

ADONIRAM No. 2:
Roydon L. Hammond
J. Wallace Woodford
Luther D. Shank
Herman H. Hanson
John P. LeFevre

JOPPA No. 3:
George O. Fearon
Walter L. Conoway

Council Representatives

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1:
James Carswell, Illustrious Master
Stephen E. Hamilton, Principal Conductor of Work.

ADONIRAM No. 2:
R. Earle Dickey, Deputy Master

Companions Admitted by Courtesy

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1:
John W. Macklem
Frank L. Howard
Clarence W. Thompson
Frank J. Flanagan
William O. Wingate
Alfred E. Pool
Garland H. Harper

As the minutes of the Twelfth Annual Assembly will be printed, their reading was dispensed with on motion of Past Grand Master, Harvey W. Bentley.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

Your Committee on Credentials zealously report that in addition to the Grand Officers and Permanent Members of

the Grand Council present at this Annual Assembly, the following officers are entitled to seats and to vote in this Grand Council:

GUNNING BEDFORD No. 1:
James Carswell, Illustrious Master
Paul H. Horsey, Deputy Master
Stephen E. Hamilton, Principal Conductor of Work.

ADONIRAM No. 2:
Hughlett A. Golt, Illustrious Master
R. Earle Dickey, Deputy Master
Harry V. Holloway, Principal Conductor of Work.

JOPPA No. 3:
George S. Grier, Illustrious Master
Frank J. Elton, Deputy Master
Alonzo H. Evans, Principal Conductor of Work.

Zealously submitted,
GEORGE O. FEARON,
CHARLES W. MACHAMER,
EDWARD H. NAYLOR, JR.,
Committee.

On motion duly seconded the above report was received and recorded.

Distinguished Visitors from New Jersey

M.·.I.·.William H. Pangburn, Jr., Grand Master
R.·.I.·.Joseph A. Nicholson, Deputy Grand Master
M.·.I.·.Harry Jonas, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative to this Grand Council
M.·.I.·.G. VanVoris Warner, Past Grand Master and Grand Instructor
of the Grand Council of New Jersey were admitted and introduced by Past Grand Master Harvey W. Bentley.

Distinguished Visitor from Connecticut

M.·.I.·.Harry F. Brown, Grand Master
of the Grand Council of Connecticut was admitted and introduced by Past Grand Master George O. Fearon.

Distinguished Visitors from Maryland

M.·.I.·.J. Edward Collins, Grand Master
I.·.Albert M. Coblentz, Grand Captain of the Guard
I.·.C. Elwood Smyrk, Grand Lecturer
I.·.J. Emory M. Carpenter, Grand Steward
of the Grand Council of Maryland were admitted and introduced by Past Grand Master Thomas R. Saunders.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Delaware:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

It is a great pleasure and privilege to welcome all of you to this 13th Annual Assembly of Grand Council. We are particularly happy to greet our distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. Your presence in itself is an inspiration to us and strengthens the fraternal ties that bind our respective jurisdictions together. We want you to feel at home with us and free to join in our deliberations. Our Grand Council is young in years and experience, but zealous to fulfill its mission in the Masonic world, and your more mature counsel and advice will be helpful.

To the Companions who are attending Grand Council for the first time I extend a special welcome. As time progresses the welfare of our fraternity will pass into your keeping. Do not let that thought dismay you, but rather let it be an incentive for devoted service. And to you Companions who have borne the burden and heat of the day I would say thrice welcome. Grand Council cannot thrive without your continued loyalty.

Necrology

In the midst of the joys of our reunion we are saddened because we are reminded of those of our Companions, in this and sister Jurisdictions, who having finished their work in the Secret Vault, have been called from labor to eternal rest.

Especially we are reminded of one who at our last Assembly was installed Grand Captain of the Guard, Illustrious Companion Thomas R. Brown. It was at our Annual Assembly five years ago that "Tom" first entered the line of Grand Officers as Grand Sentinel, and there is no doubt but that he would have continued through the several stations, and in due time have become our Most Illustrious Grand Master, had he not on May 16, 1938 been called higher. His work in the Symbolic Lodge, in Capitular as in Cryptic Masonry, in Templarism, and in the Scottish Rite, in all of which bodies he was accorded high honors, as well as his distinguished record of public services to his State and to the community in which he lived, testify to the love and esteem of his friends and associates and to his worth as a Mason and a good citizen.

From Sister Jurisdictions the following distinguished Companions have been called home during the year:

ARKANSAS:

Sidney Austin Pernot, Past Grand Master, died July 24, 1938.

GEORGIA:

Orlando C. Long, Past Grand Master, died October 26, 1937.
Charles L. Bass, Past Grand Master, died December 29, 1937.

INDIANA:

Charles Henry Warne, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder, died February 20, 1938.

IOWA:

Robert C. Campbell, Grand Master, died August 14, 1938.

KANSAS:

Owen Jason Wood, Past Grand Master, died October 18, 1937.
Thomas Geyer Fitch, Past Grand Master, died March 12, 1938.
Elrich Clayton Cole, Past Grand Master, died February 4, 1938.
Charles Gregg West, Past Grand Master, died July 1, 1938.
Thomas L. Bond, Past Grand Master, died July 29, 1938.

LOUISIANA:

Alexander L. Aaron, Past Grand Master, died March 10, 1938.

MARYLAND:

Gustav Adolph Eitel, Grand Recorder Emeritus, died March 10, 1938.

MINNESOTA:

Arthur O. E. Hawksett, Grand Chaplain, died March 14, 1938.

MISSISSIPPI:

Edward Lee Faucette, Grand Recorder, died March 14, 1938.

MISSOURI:

John Pickard, Past Grand Master, died November 25, 1937.

MONTANA:

Frank W. Haskins, Past Grand Master, died December 11, 1937.
William Ray Calvin, Grand Sentinel, died November 25, 1937.
H. Sol Hepner, Past Grand Master, died February 28, 1938.

NEBRASKA:

John F. Kutz, Past Grand Master, died October 13, 1937.
Seward E. Cogswell, Past Grand Master, died April 15, 1938.
Carroll D. Evans, Sr., Past Grand Master, died August 12, 1938.

OHIO:

Theodore Wangen, Past Grand Master, died January 11, 1938.
Frank Wallance Hendley, Past Grand Master, died September 12, 1938.

OKLAHOMA:

Thomas Jefferson Wells, Past Grand Master, died November 29, 1937.

PENNSYLVANIA:

Peter L. Leaman, Past Grand Master, died January 21, 1938.

TENNESSEE:

Michael French Flenniken, Past Grand Master, died March 3, 1938.

SOUTH DAKOTA:

George Atwood Pettigrew, Grand Recorder, died April 13, 1938.

VERMONT:

Truman James Allen, Past Grand Master, died December 29, 1937.

From our own Jurisdiction the following Companions have gone from us:

GUNNING BEDFORD COUNCIL NO. 1:

Joseph N. Knox, died July 16, 1937.
John Bayard Hearn, died September 22, 1937.
William K. Williamson, died October 12, 1937.
James Howell, died October 14, 1937.
Howard A. Turner, died November 23, 1937.
Hamilton L. Harris, died February 21, 1938.
James L. France, died March 14, 1938.
Leonard H. Peacock, died May 14, 1938.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2:

Thomas R. Brown, Past Illustrious Master and Grand Captain of the Guard, died May 16, 1938.

JOPPA NO. 3:

Louder N. Hearn, died December 13, 1937.

These Companions and Friends are not dead; they have but passed on before us, and when the final summons comes to us may we be worthy to be permitted to again sit with them in the Celestial Lodge where the Supreme Grand Master presides.

Courtesy Visits

On December 15, 1937, accompanied by M.·.Ill.·. Companion George O. Fearon, I visited the Grand Council of Maryland at Baltimore. We were cordially received by Most Illustrious Grand Master Harry C. Hitchins and thoroughly enjoyed their warm hospitality.

On March 5, 1938, accompanied by M.·.Ill.·.Companion John McMillan, Grand Treasurer, R.·.Ill.·.Companion Marshall M. Carpenter, Grand Recorder, Ill. Companion Frank L. Harrar, Grand Chaplain, and three Companions from Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Howard G. Barlow, Past Ill. Master, Frank L. Howard, Recorder, and Joseph S. Mackereth, I journeyed to Washington and attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, where we were most graciously greeted and entertained by Most Illustrious Grand Master Maurice L. Brewton.

On June 14, 1938, Past Grand Master Cornelius E. Beatty, representing the Grand Council of Delaware and conveying our fraternal greetings, visited the Grand Council of Vermont at their Annual Assembly.

M.·.I.·.Companion Beatty was again delegated as our Official Representative and on October 4, 1938 attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio.

Ill.·.Companion William H. Cantwell early this year also attended an Assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio and conveyed our fraternal greetings.

Cordial invitations to attend their Annual Assemblies were also received from the Grand Councils of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, which, much to my regret I was unable to accept. I was particularly disappointed, as I had anticipated attending, that a conflict of engagements prevented me from visiting the Annual Assembly of our next-door neighbors of New Jersey.

An invitation was also received to attend a Special Summer Assembly and Cryptic Outing of the Grand Council of North Carolina in July. While we were unable to accept the invitation we were happy, through the courtesy of Brother Edward W.

Cooch, Past Grand Master, A. F. & A. M. of Delaware, to comply with their request for a stone from Delaware of historic significance to be used as part of the Masonic Marker erected at Black Camp Gap entrance to The Great Smoky Mountain National Park, near Waynesville, and dedicated at this Special Assembly. This unique Marker is built from stones contributed from many Grand Jurisdictions as a symbol of the universal message of Masonry and marks the place where a Masonic Deposit was buried in 1937, there to remain undisturbed until reopened by Grand Council in the year 1972. I hope you can all be there to see it disinterred. The stone we forwarded is from the Cooch family estate in New Castle County, scene of the Revolutionary War engagement known as the Battle of Cooch's Bridge and famous as the conflict in which the American Flag, the Stars and Stripes, was for the first time carried in battle.

Official Visits

In accordance with custom official visits were made to each of our subordinate Councils as follows:

Joppa No. 3, Georgetown, April 19, 1938.
Adoniram No. 2, Dover, September 15, 1938.
Gunning Bedford No. 1, Wilmington, September 21, 1938.

Because of illness I was not able to visit Gunning Bedford and Adoniram Councils on the dates originally scheduled and I sincerely appreciate the consideration of the Companions of those Councils for their courtesies in changing their programs to suit my convenience.

On each of the official visits I was accompanied by a goodly delegation of Grand Council Officers and Past Grand Masters. I commend each one of them for their devotion and loyalty to Cryptic Masonry and am sure that the future of our Order is secure while they carry on. On each visit we were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained and enjoyed a delightful fraternal evening. I wish interchange of visits by subordinate Councils were more frequent. Better acquaintance would lead to stronger friendships and be of great value to us both as individuals and as organizations. I call this suggestion to the attention of the officers of our Councils.

I heartily commend the splendid leadership displayed in Gunning Bedford Council and urge it to bear in mind that Gunning Bedford is the foster parent of our younger Councils. They perhaps need and I am sure will welcome your fraternal co-operation. One of the outstanding occasions of the year was the visit of Philadelphia No. 11 to Gunning Bedford No. 1

on February 16th, when the Super Excellent Masters Degree in full ceremonial form was so beautifully and impressively exemplified by the Companions from Pennsylvania. I strongly urge a continuance of the yearly presentation of this degree.

Decisions

No questions for official decision have been submitted to the Grand Master.

Dispensations

A request was received from Adoniram Council No. 2 for a Special Dispensation to permit the election and installation on the same evening of the officers for the ensuing year, because of a combination of circumstances which had caused a prior postponement of the election. The Dispensation was granted.

Waiver of Jurisdiction

On request received from Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, on January 19, 1938 the Grand Council of Pennsylvania was asked for a Waiver of Jurisdiction over Companion Guy L. Hayman, member of Thomson Lodge No. 340 and Howell Chapter, No. 202, both of Pennsylvania. The Grand Council of Pennsylvania zealously granted this Waiver on February 26, 1938.

Grand Representatives

During the year commissions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of Delaware near other Grand Councils were issued to the following Illustrious Companions:

Ontario	G. T. E. Martin
Arkansas	John H. Belford
North Dakota	John W. Murphy
Vermont	Arthur Anderson

A commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ontario near the Grand Council of Delaware has been issued to our Most Ill. Companion John McMillan.

Conclusion

While the statistics you will hear this evening will reveal a small net loss of nine in membership, I am happy to report that the spiritual unity of our Craft remains unbroken; Peace and Harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction, and I am optomistic enough to believe that the Masonic recession in Delaware has struck bottom.

If we will lift our eyes, we will see that the field of our activity is ripe unto the harvest. It is for us to educate the Brother and Companion ascending the Masonic ladder, that further light may be had and that he needs it, and to assure him that there will be unfolded before his eyes in the Council new and further beauties in the history, philosophy and symbolism of Masonry, and that he will find that each forward step will widen his vision and that the symbolic panorama will become richer and fuller. Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons have advanced only over the threshold in their aspirations; they are still searching the foundations of the Craft and one portion of that great structure still remains in darkness. They have been invested with only a partial knowledge concerning the loss and recovery of those vital secrets of our Craft. As yet they are ignorant of those significant ceremonies with which those great secrets were put away, until time and circumstance should reveal them. This part of their Masonic education, which completes the Circle of Perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry, is the function of the Council degrees. It is our responsibility to impress this fact upon our Companion Royal Arch Masons and lead them to seek this additional light.

In conclusion, I express to you my great and sincere appreciation of the honor of having been chosen to serve as your Grand Master. I regret that illness prevented better leadership. I am especially grateful and indebted to our zealous Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Companion Marshall M. Carpenter for his loyal services. To my associate Grand Officers and our Past Grand Masters for their assistance and courtesies I extend warm thanks. To my successor and his staff I express the sincere wish that the Supreme Grand Master may inspire and guide you in leading this Grand Council in manner befitting its sublime principles.

Zealously submitted,

JOHN P. LEFEVRE,
M.·.I.·.Grand Master

On motion duly seconded the Grand Master's Message was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

In Annual Assembly we meet again to greet old friends and welcome new Companions, but we look in vain for many of the familiar faces we were wont to see. We miss the greetings

and the hearty hand clasps of the Companions who have gone on before us. Their work here is done but they still live with us in example and in memory.

"What an incentive is this to an industrious use of our time and our faculties that we may build industriously while our strength endures and labor to complete our work ere the week closes and the Sabbath of Eternity sets in."

"So shalt thou rest—and what if thou withdraw
Unheeded by the living—and no friend
Take note of thy departure? All that breathe
Will share thy destiny. The gay will laugh
When thou art gone, the solemn brood of care
Plod on, and each one as before will chase
His favorite phantom; yet all these shall leave
Their mirth and their employments, and shall come,
And make their bed with thee. As the long train
Of ages glide away, the sons of men,
The youth in life's green spring, and he who goes
In the full strength of years, matron, and maid,
And the sweet babe, and the gray-headed man,—
Shall one by one be gathered to thy side,
By those, who in their turn shall follow them."

Zealously submitted,
HERMAN H. HANSON,
HOWARD G. BARLOW,
WALTER L. CONOWAY,
Committee

On motion properly seconded the report of the Memorial Committee was received and ordered recorded, after the Grand Council had stood in silence for a minute in memory of the departed Companions, Grand Chaplain Harrar offered a short prayer.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

The Grievance and Appeals Committee reports that Peace and Harmony still prevails in the Grand Council and that nothing has been brought before us during the present year.

Zealously yours,
CORNELIUS E. BEATTY,
LUTHER D. SHANK,
KENDALL J. HOCKER,
Committee

On motion duly seconded the report of the Grievance and Appeals Committee was received and ordered recorded.

REPORT OF THE SUPER EXCELLENT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

Your Committee on the Super Excellent Masters Degree for this Jurisdiction submits the following as their report:

On the evening of February 16th, 1938 at the regular monthly assembly of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 the Super Excellent Masters degree was conferred on a class of six candidates by the Companions of Penna. The work was under the leadership of Companions of Philadelphia Council No. 11 assisted by other councils in that Jurisdiction. The work was conferred in a most unusual manner and very creditable to all who took part. The Delaware Companions who witnessed it had an opportunity to see wherein it differed from our exemplification, also our Companions received pointers in which we could make our work more impressive.

We were honored on that occasion by having the Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, John H. O'Neil, with us.

We were disappointed that our Companions in Delaware could not have their exemplification in May. Lack of candidates made it necessary that we forego our plans.

Zealously yours,
GEORGE E. VANDEGRIFT,
GEORGE S. BUHL,
HUGHLETT A. GOLT,
Committee

On motion duly seconded the report of the Super Excellent Committee was received and ordered recorded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND RETURNS

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's Reports have examined same and find them correct in every detail.

Zealously submitted,
CLARENCE B. HESS,
ROYDON L. HAMMOND,
M. HASWELL PIERCE,
Committee

On motion duly seconded the report of the Committee on Finance and Returns was received and ordered recorded.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Most Illustrious Grand Master LeFevre received the Grand Representatives of the following Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Delaware:

Arizona	Frank L. Howard
Arkansas	Herman H. Hanson
Ontario	John McMillan
Illinois	William H. Cantwell
Indiana	Andrew J. Bock, Jr.
Kansas	John P. LeFevre
Louisiana	Frank L. Harrar
Maine	Roydon L. Hammond
Michigan	J. Wallace Woodford
Missouri	Luther D. Shank
Montana	Walter L. Conoway
New Jersey	Harvey W. Bentley
North Dakota	Howard G. Barlow
Pennsylvania	Cornelius E. Beatty
Rhode Island	George O. Fearon
Nevada	Marshall M. Carpenter
South Dakota	Edward H. Naylor, Jr.
Texas	Thomas R. Saunders
Wisconsin	Harry W. Kennedy

The Grand Master extended a cordial greeting to each of the Grand Representatives and asked each Grand Representative to communicate with the Grand Council he represents and extend to them the felicitations of the Grand Council of Delaware.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the address of the M.·.Ill.·.Grand Master, reports that it has reviewed this address with much interest and appreciation.

Under the leadership of M.·.Ill.·. Companion LeFevre the Grand Council of Delaware has prospered and the high standards of the Cryptic Rite maintained.

Considering the dearth of candidates and economic conditions, the Committee feels that the small loss of membership reported is gratifying. We strongly approve, however, the remarks of the Grand Master urging the several Councils to redouble their efforts in bringing to the attention of Royal Arch Masons the desirability of joining the Cryptic Rite. Our aim should be to hold the interest of our membership, and, at the same time infuse the Rite with new blood.

We approve the Dispensation granted to Adoniram Council No. 2.

We sincerely congratulate the Grand Master upon the record he has made as our presiding officer during the past year. Through his efforts and influence the Cryptic Rite in Delaware has been strengthened and inspired to aim at greater achievement.

Respectfully submitted,
J. WALLACE WOODFORD,
JOHN MCMILLAN,
CALVIN E. AFFLERBACH,
Committee

On motion duly seconded the report of the Jurisprudence Committee was received and ordered recorded.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Grand Master announced that the next order of business would be the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Past Grand Master Herman H. Hanson moved that Past Grand Master George O. Fearon cast a ballot for the elective officers as listed below. Motion passed.

Past Grand Master Fearon reported the result of the election as follows:

MARSHALL M. CARPENTER	Grand Master
HARRY W. KENNEDY	Deputy Grand Master
GEORGE S. BUHL	Grand Prin. Con. of Work
JOHN MCMILLAN, P.G.M.	Grand Treasurer
HARVEY W. BENTLEY, P.G.M.	Grand Recorder

The Grand Master-elect announced the following appointments:

FRANK L. HARRAR	Grand Chaplain
ANDREW J. BOCK, JR.	Grand Capt. of Guard
ROBERT W. HORN	Grand Cond. of Council
JAMES P. PIERCE	Grand Marshal
WILLIAM H. CANTWELL	Grand Steward
CHARLES W. MACHAMER	Grand Sentinel

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Herman H. Hanson assisted by Past Grand Master George O. Fearon as Grand Marshal.

The following bills were ordered paid on motion properly seconded:

O. Frank Hart, General Grand Council Dues	$3.64
M. M. Carpenter, Postage	6.50
Chas. L. Story Co., 500 Envelopes	3.50
Harvey W. Bentley, Entertainment	28.75

On motion of Past Grand Master John McMillan the Retiring Grand Master, John P. LeFevre, was given a rising vote of thanks of the Grand Council.

M.·.I.·.Grand Master Marshall M. Carpenter announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES 1938—1939

Credential Committee

George O. Fearon, P.G.M. Charles W. Machamer
James Carswell

Finance and Returns Committee

Calvin E. Afflerbach, P.G.M. Roydon L. Hammond, P.G.M.
Andrew J. Bock, Jr.

Grievance and Appeals Committee

Cornelius E. Beatty, P. G.M. Luther D. Shank
M. Haswell Pierce

Jurisprudence Committee

J. Wallace Woodford, P.G.M. John McMillan, P.G.M.
James P. Pierce

Memorial Committee

Herman H. Hanson, P.G.M. Howard G. Barlow
Walter L. Conoway

Super Excellent Committee

William H. Cantwell George S. Buhl
Hughlett A. Golt

Entertainment and Reception Committee

Harvey W. Bentley, P.G.M. Thomas R. Saunders, P.G.M.
John P. LeFevre, P.G.M.

There being no further business to come before the Grand Council it was closed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Grand Master Marshall M. Carpenter, at 11:00 P. M.

Marshall M Carpenter

M.·.I.·.Grand Master

GRAND COUNCIL R.& S.M. DELAWARE
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1926
FEB 20TH

ATTEST:

Harvey W. Bentley

Grand Recorder

To The Memory

of the

Distinguished Dead

of

Other Jurisdictions

1937 - 1938

In Memoriam

To the Memory of the Companions of this Jurisdiction

GUNNING BEDFORD COUNCIL No. 1

A. Victor Hughes	Died July 22, 1936
Wilkin O. Scott	Died January 26, 1937
George F. Terrell	Died May 15, 1937
Joseph N. Knox	Died July 16, 1937
John Bayard Hearn	Died September 22, 1937
William K. Williamson	Died October 12, 1937
James Howell	Died October 14, 1937
Howard A. Turner	Died November 23, 1937
Hamilton L. Harris	Died February 21, 1938
James L. France	Died March 14, 1938
Leonard H. Peacock	Died May 14, 1938

ADONIRAM COUNCIL No. 2

Thomas R. Brown, P.I.M. and Grand Captain of the Guard, Died May 16, 1938

JOPPA COUNCIL No. 3

Harry T. Hickey	Died September 2, 1936
Sidney B. Dolby	Died February 26, 1937
John F. Kaiser, Recorder	Died June 17, 1937
Joseph L. Cahall	Died June 28, 1937
Louder N. Hearn	Died December 13, 1937

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Near the Grand Council of Delaware	Grand Council	From the Grand Council of Delaware
Charles W. Machamer	Alabama	J. Walter Webb
Frank L. Howard	Arizona	James Raymond Malott
Herman H. Hanson	Arkansas	James H. Belford
George S. Buhl	Canada (East)	R. C. McArthur
John McMillan	Canada (Ontario)	G. Thos. E. Martin
Harry C. McSherry	Colorado	August R. Gustafson
Clarence B. Hess	Connecticut	Frederick R. Coles
James P. Pierce	England and Wales	Cecil Clare Adams
Harry R. Craig	District of Columbia	Orie L. Beadsley
Harry W. Lowe	Georgia	J. F. Hatfield.
William H. Cantwell	Illinois	Isaac N. Tomlinson
Andrew J. Bock, Jr.	Indiana	Elwood Barnard
John B. Hutton	Iowa	Roy G. Webb
John P. LeFevre	Kansas	Newton C. Bracken
Charles S. Calhoun	Kentucky	John H. Bowman
Frank L. Harrar	Louisiana	W. C. Marshall
Roydon L. Hammond	Maine	John C. Arnold
Calvin E. Afflerbach	Maryland	William R. McDaniel
W. Frank Sharp	Massachusetts	Roy F. Allen
J. Wallace Woodford	Michigan	William A. Bilz
William B. Derrickson	Minnesota	Walter Gladson
Luther D. Shank	Missouri	Harry S. Hightower
Walter L. Conoway	Montana	Stewart W. North
John T. Carey	Nebraska	Lewis W. McDonald
Marshall M. Carpenter	Nevada	Albert L. McGinty
Harvey W. Bentley	New Jersey	Harry Jonas
Henry M. Laws	New York	John R. Nichols
Robert W. Horn	North Carolina	Frank C. Abernrthy
Howard G. Barlow	North Dakota	John W. Murphy
George E. Vandegrift	Ohio	Horace L. Stephens
Harold W. T. Purnell	Oklahoma	Zachary T. Farmer
Charles R. Cannon	Oregon	Carl G. Patterson
Cornelius E. Beatty	Pennsylvania	Clyde P. Love
George O. Fearon	Rhode Island	Frederick Whitaker
Edward H. Naylor, Jr.	South Dakota	Clement H. Bell
Gilbert T. Chadwich	Tennessee	Thomas Earl Doss
Thomas R. Saunders	Texas	John M. Weekly
Jesse H. Farlow	Utah	Adelbert D. Pinney
George S. Scott	Vermont	Arthur Anderson
Harry W. Kennedy	Wisconsin	Robert Blackwood

ROSTER OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware

PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE

Harvey W. Bentley	1926
Roydon L. Hammond	1927
George O. Fearon	1928
John McMillan	1929
Cornelius E. Beatty	1930
Herman H. Hanson	1931
*Harry L. Holson	1932
Clarence B. Hess	1933
J. Wallace Woodford	1934
Calvin E. Afflerbach	1935
Thomas R. Saunders	1936
John P. LeFevre	1937
Donald J. Sargent	Honorary
Frank C. Sayrs	Honorary
Richard A. Roseberry	Honorary
*Warren S. Seipp	Honorary

*Deceased

GUNNING BEDFORD COUNCIL No. 1

Wilmington, New Castle County

Stated Assemblies, Third Wednesday in each month, except June, July and August

OFFICERS

James Carswell	Illustrious Master
Paul H. Horsey	Deputy Master
Stephen E. Hamilton	Principal Conductor of Work
John McMillan, P.G.M.	Treasurer
Frank L. Howard	Recorder
John A. Baker	Captain of the Guard
Frank J. Flanagan	Conductor of the Council
William O. Wingate	Steward

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

*Harry J. Guthrie, 1918
†Frank B. Newell, 1919
*George L. Dickerson, 1920
Cornelius E. Beatty, 1921
Harvey W. Bentley, 1922
*David D. King, Jr., 1923
Marshall M. Carpenter, 1924
John McMillan, 1925
Clarence B. Hess, 1926
Henry M. Laws, 1927
Harry W. Kennedy, 1928
Thomas R. Saunders, 1929
Frank L. Harrar, 1930
Harry R. Craig, 1931
Howard G. Barlow, 1932
Andrew J. Bock, Jr., 1933
William H. Cantwell, 1934-5
Edward H. Naylor, Jr., 1936
George E. Vandegrift, 1937

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Hess, Clarence B.
Highfield, William J.
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Pool, Alfred E.
Proctor, Ernest W.
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Rand, Nathaniel D.
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Salmon, George A.
Samonisky, Harris
Saunders, Thomas R.
Schofield, Chas. T. O.
Scott, George S.
Scott, Paul T.
Sharpless, William T.
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Smyth, Earle
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Stern, Oscar N.
Stewart, John G.
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Thompson, Geo. L. R.
Vandegrift, George E.
Walker, Leon
Wenninger, Harry W.
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Wingate, Thomas V.
Witsil, Charles P.
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Yerger, Leonard K.

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Roydon L. Hammond, 1923-24-25
*Thomas R. Brown, 1926
Herman H. Hanson, 1927
J. Wallace Woodford, 1928
John P. LeFevre, 1929-30
Jesse H. Farlow, 1931
Gilbert T. Chadwick, 1932
Luther D. Shank, 1933
Robert W. Horn, 1934-35
Chas. W. Machamer, 1936-37

*Deceased

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Golt, Hughlett A.
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Holloway, Harry V.
Hopkins, Melvin
Horn, Robert W.
Hutton, John B.
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Scotton, J. Lester
Shank, Luther D.
Simmons, Robert D.
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Tarburton, John A.
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Woodford, J. Wallace

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George O. Fearon, 1925
*Harry L. Holson, 1926
W. Frank Sharp, 1927
Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1928
Charles S. Calhoun, 1929
Harold W. T. Purnell, 1930
John T. Carey, 1931
Walter L. Conoway, 1932
Charles R. Cannon, 1933
George S. Buhl, 1934
James P. Pierce, 1935
M. Haswell Pierce, 1936
Kendall J. Hocker, 1937
*Deceased

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Buhl, George S.
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Cannon, Charles R.
Carey, Alfred B.
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Croll, Albert P.
Derrickson, William B.
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Grier, George S.
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Grier, William V.
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Horton, John S.
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Lynch, Andrew J.
Lynch, George T.
McCabe, Vernon W.
Pierce, James P.
Pierce, M. Haswell
Purnell, Harold W. T.
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