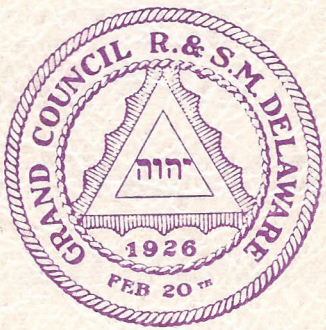
The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware



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MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus 1974 and 4000—5974.

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

Add 3760 years to the common era. Thus 1974 and 3760—5734. After September add another year.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.) "in the year of the discovery."

Add 530 years to the common era. Thus 1974 and 530—2504.

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITINIS (A.Dep.), "in the years of the deposit."

Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus 1974 and 1000—2974.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, ANNO ORDINIS (A.O.), "in the year of the order."

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus 1118 from 1974—856.

Order of High Priesthood date from the year of the blessing of Abraham, by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACTOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing."

The the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing. Thus 1974 and 1913—3887.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

DELAWARE

The Forty-Fifth and Forty-Sixth Annual Assemblies
held in the City of Wilmington, Delaware

January 16, A.D. 1971, A. Dep. 2971
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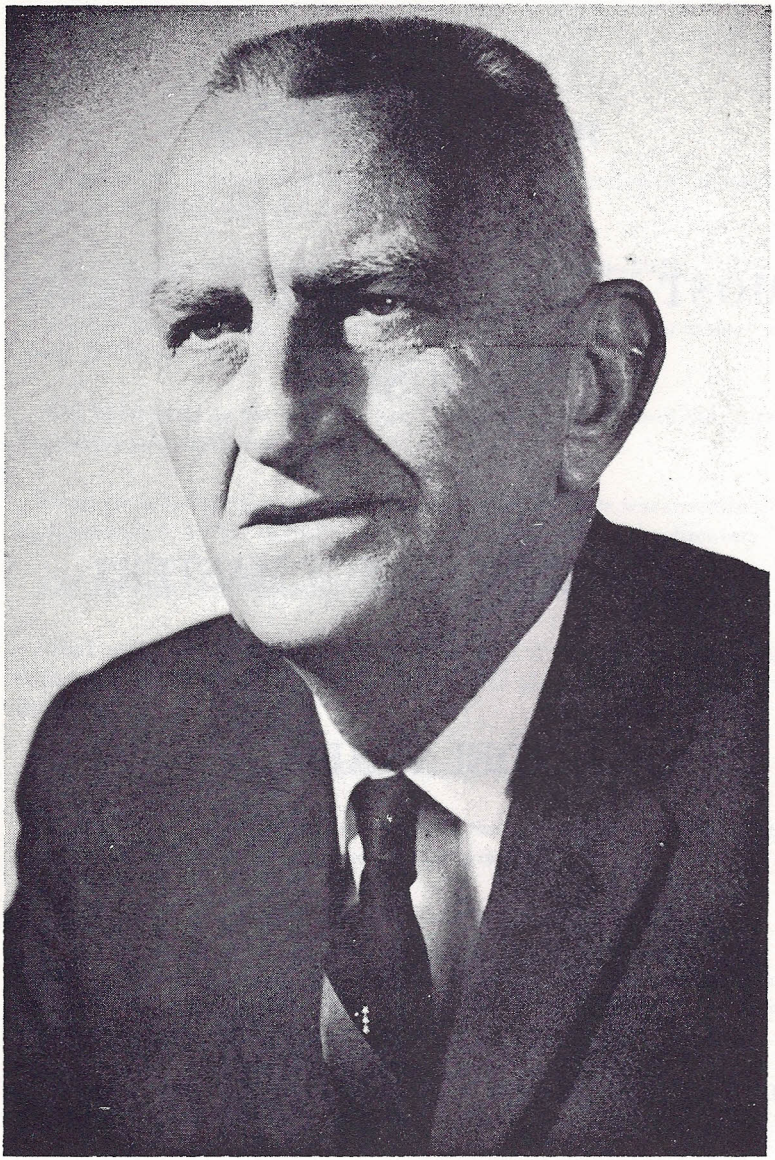

ERNEST H. MARTYN
Most Illustrious Grand Master, 1970

RETIRING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
ERNEST H. MARTYN

Most Illustrious Companion Ernest H. Martyn was born in Henry Clay, Delaware, on November 18, 1911. He received his education in the Public Schools of Delaware and in 1937, was graduated from the University of Delaware. He is employed by the E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., as a supervisor at the Experimental Station in Wilmington.

MASONIC RECORD

Washington Lodge No. 1, A.F.&A.M., Wilmington, Delaware.

Entered Apprentice Degree	June 17, 1943
Fellowcraft Degree	September 2, 1943
Master Mason Degree	October 7, 1943
Worshipful Master	1958
Secretary	1960 to 1968
Grand Representative to Prince Edward Island	

Delta Chapter No. 6, R.A.M., Newport, Delaware

Mark Master Degree	October 16, 1950
Past Master Degree	November 14, 1950
Most Excellent Master Degree	November 14, 1950
Royal Arch Degree	December 18, 1950
Anointed to the Order of High Priesthood	December 30, 1955
High Priest	1956
Grand High Priest	1963
Grand Representative to West Australia	

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

Royal Master Degree	November 24, 1954
Select Master Degree	November 24, 1954
Super Excellent Master Degree	May 22, 1957
Thrice Illustrious Master Degree	January 19, 1963
Illustrious Master	1963
Grand Illustrious Master	1970
Grand Representative to Vermont	

St. John's Commandery No. 1, K.T., Wilmington, Delaware

Ill. Order of the Red Cross	December 11, 1952
Order of Malta	January 8, 1953
Order of the Temple	February 12, 1953
Commander	1963-64

He is a member of the following:

Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Puissant Sovereign - 1971
Charter Member, Nur Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.
The Bedford Club
DuPont Experimental Station Square Club
DuPont Country Club
Joint Board of Trustees

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF DELAWARE

The Forty-Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday morning, January 16, A.D. 1971, A.Dep. 2971. The Grand Council was opened in Due Form at 9:00 A.M. by Deputy Grand Master Samuel A. Wise after which opening prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. Most Illustrious Ernest H. Martyn, Grand Master, was then received into the Grand Council and accorded Grand Honors.

GRAND OFFICERS

M.I. GRAND MASTER	Ernest H. Martyn
R.I. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	Samuel A. Wise
R.I. GRAND PRINCIPAL COND. OF THE WORK	A. Warren Wheatley
R.I. GRAND TREASURER	Alfred E. Yeaton,PIGM
R.I. GRAND RECORDER	Raymond A. Howard,PIGM
I. GRAND CHAPLAIN	Willard S. Dickerson
I. GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	James L. Crouse
I. GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL	John M. Johnson
I. GRAND MARSHAL	E. Paul Wootten
I. GRAND STEWARD	Richard H. Thomas
I. GRAND SENTINEL	Robert G. Dickerson
I. GRAND INSTRUCTOR	Richard H. Thomas
I. ASST. GRAND INSTRUCTOR	James L. Crouse
I. ASST. GRAND INSTRUCTOR	Walter L. Conaway,PIGM

PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Walter L. Conaway	1950	Chester C. Coffin,	1966
Alfred E. Yeaton	1960	Warren R. Gray,	1968
Raymond A. Howard	1964	C. Ray Scarborough,	1969
John J. McClearnen	1965		

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

PRESENT 11

GUNNING BEDFORD COUNCIL NO. 1

I. John S. Proud	Illustrious Master
Samuel Stewart	Principal Conductor of the Work

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

I. James W. Sheck	Illustrious Master
I. Billy B. Landing, PIM	Deputy Master
I. James H. Durrill, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS
(not otherwise mentioned)

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1

I. F. Llewellyn Hanway
I. J. Rowland Reed
I. Lawrence B. Jones

Adoniram Council No. 2

Joppa Council No. 3

ADMISSION OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, all Royal and Select Masters were admitted by courtesy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the Forty-Fourth Annual Assembly was dispensed with and the Minutes approved as printed in the Proceedings of the Grand Council.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

In addition to the Grand Officers and permanent members of the Grand Council, the following Officers of the Constituent Councils are entitled to seats, and to vote at this Annual Assembly:

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1	
*John S. Proud	Illustrious Master
Thomas C. Jones	Deputy Master
*Samuel Stewart	Prin. Con. of the Work
Adoniram Council No. 2	
*James W. Sheck	Illustrious Master
*Billy B. Landing, PIM	Deputy Master
*James H. Durrill, PIM	Prin. Con. of the Work
Joppa Council No. 3	
Dallas E. Marvel	Illustrious Master
Joseph C. Bostick	Deputy Master

*-Signifies Officer present

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

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

CONNECTICUT

M.P. Fred C. Eppler	Grand Illustrious Master
I. Ludwig Krehos	Past Illustrious Master

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

M.I. Marvin E. owler	Grand Illustrious Master
R.I. Joseph C. Richmond	Deputy Grand Master
R.I. C. DeJean Hercules	Grand P.C.W.
M.I. John P. Knapik	Past Grand Illustrious Master
M.I. Morris F. Hewitt	Past Grand Illustrious Master
M.E. Richard W. Waldt,Sr.	Grand High Priest
I. Sidney F. Malone	Illustrious Master
Thomas A. O'Halloran	Triangle No. 3
Bruce S. Bowie	Triangle No. 3

MARYLAND

M.I. Milton R. Wheatley, Sr.	Grand Illustrious Master
R.I. Samuel H.J. Womack	Deputy Grand Master
M.I. Cyril H. York,PIGM	Grand Treasurer

NEW JERSEY

M.I. Samuel J. Sarapata	Grand Illustrious Master
M.I. George W. Grant	Past Grand Illustrious Master
R.I. Harold A. Peterson	Past Dist. Deputy Grand Master
M.E. Harry May	Grand High Priest

NEW YORK

M.I. Roy E. Van Delinder	Grand Illustrious Master

PENNSYLVANIA

M.P. Harvey O. Neilson	Grand Illustrious Master
R.P. Walter B. Wilson	Grand Recorder
P. Orville Shugar	Grand Captain of the Guard
P. Harry L. Parson	Grand Representative
M.E. Robert M. Evans	Grand High Priest
R.E. Robert M. Grieve	Grand King
R.E. Albert H. Connelly	Grand Secretary
E. Harry E. Hahn	Grand Principal Sojourner

RHODE ISLAND

M.E. Adelbert Smith	Grand High Priest

VIRGINIA

E. Bruce C. Bowie	Grand Representative
E. Thomas A. O'Halloran	Grand Royal Arch Captain

DELAWARE

M.E. Lawrence B. Jones	Grand High Priest
Em. Paul E. Hurter	Commander, St. John's Commandery No. 1
Ill. Charles E. Daniels, 33°	Active for Delaware A.A.S.R., N.M.J.
P. Ernest H. Martyn	Puissant Sovereign Delaware Conclave Red Cross of Constantine

RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE

Most Worshipful Lousell S. Jeuell, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was escorted into the Grand Council and presented to the Companions assembled. He was then escorted to the East where he was warmly greeted and accorded Grand Honors.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master, having been in ill health, did not present an address. It was regularly moved, seconded, and approved, that his Address, when completed, be received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. However, Grand Master Martyn was never able to do so.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Balance in Checking Account, January 17, 1970		329.75
Receipts		
Gunning Bedford Council No. 1	179.00	
Adoniram Council No. 2	93.00	
Joppa Council No. 3	68.50	340.50
Sale of Rituals		10.50
		680.75
Disbursements		
Vouchers Nos. 280 to 281		342.94
Balance in Checking Account, January 16, 1971		337.81
Balance in Savings Account, January 17, 1970		358.23
Interest		17.91
Balance in Savings Account, January 16, 1971		376.14
Balance in Both Accounts, January 16, 1971		713.95

Fraternally submitted,

Alfred E. Yeaton
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Balance on hand, January 17, 1970		$329.75
Receipts		
Gunning Bedford Council No. 1	179.00	
Adoniram Council No. 2	93.00	
Joppa Council No. 3	68.50	340.50
Sale of Rituals		10.50
		680.75
Disbursements		
General Grand Council Dues	9.78	
Proceedings	321.16	
Rituals	12.00	342.94
Balance on hand, January 16, 1971		337.81

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

	Start of Year	Greeted	Rein	Aff.	Demit	Sus	Died	End of Year
Gunning Bedford # 1	182	7	0	0	1	0	7	181
Adoniram # 2	82	10	0	0	0	1	2	89
Joppa # 3	62	1	0	0	2	0	1	60
Totals	326	18	0	0	3	1	10	330

GAIN -4

Fraternally submitted,

Raymond A. Howard
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and find them correct, with a balance:

In checking account, January 16, 1971	337.81
In savings account, January 16, 1971	376.14
Total in both accounts, January 16, 1971	713.95

Fraternally submitted,

Paul E. Hurter, Chairman
Charles W. Barkins
Lester M. Green

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

There has been very little activity in this Trust during the year, with the exception of a letter from the Internal Revenue Department concerning the new tax situation for Foundations, and a suggestion on the part of the Governors that a professional group be obtained to suggest ways and means of utilizing the property, within the financial ability of the Trust to carry out.

Fraternally submitted,

William H. Cantwell

REPORT OF THE SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE COMMITTEE

There has been no activity during the past year for this Committee and this is only submitted for the record in the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

William H. Cantwell, Chairman

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE UNITY COMMITTEE

York Rite Unity is still in the embryo stage. However, our Companions and Fraters from downstate Delaware are demonstrating their unity with singular monthly meeting notices and combined meeting dates. Each body does its own business and the refreshments and entertainment are combined. In general, there is a harmonious feeling among the York Rite and plans for another York Rite Festival during 1971-1972 are being considered at present. All in all, your Committee is well pleased with the status of York Rite Masonry and will continue to serve and succor growth of York Rite Unity during the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

Samuel A. Wise, Chairman
A. Warren Wheatley
Paul E. Hurter

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

There was no action by this Committee during the year.

REPORT OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE COMMITTEE

The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was conferred on December 28, 1970, in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on the following candidates:

John S. Proud, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
James W. Sheck, Adoniram Council No. 2
Dallas E. Marvel, Joppa Council No. 3

The Degree was conferred in an impressive manner by the following Officers:

Alfred E. Yeaton, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Illustrious Master
John J. McClearnen, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Ill. Sr. Warden
Warren R. Gray, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Ill. Jr. Warden
Richard H. Thomas, G.Steward	Thrice Illustrious Steward

It is with sincere regret that the Committee announces that P.I.G.M. Alfred E. Yeaton, after serving ten years as Thrice Illustrious Master, has requested that he be relieved of that duty. We will all miss his fine portrayal of King David. The following Officers were elected for 1971:

John J. McClearnen, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Illustrious Master
Chester C. Coffin, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Ill. Sr. Warden
Warren R. Gray, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Ill. Jr. Warden
Raymond A. Howard, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Illustrious Recorder
Paul E. Hurter, P.I.M.	Thrice Illustrious Steward

Fraternally submitted,

John J. McClearnen, Chairman
Chester C. Coffin
Raymond A. Howard

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

This Committee has no report, due to the illness of the Illustrious Grand Master, and having no Address submitted.

COMMENDATION

Adoniram Council No. 2, and its Illustrious Master, Lambert E. Argo, were commended for their achievement in membership gain during the past year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Acting Illustrious Grand Master Samuel A. Wise then received the Grand Representatives of the various Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters and extended to them a cordial greeting. He directed them to convey to the Grand Councils which they represented, his personal greetings and best wishes, and those of the Grand Council of Delaware.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Samuel A. Wise then announced the time for the election of Officers and turned the gavel over to P.I.G.M. Chester C. Coffin, to conduct the election. The following Officers were elected and appointed to serve this Grand Council for the ensuing year.

M.·.I.·.Grand Master	Samuel A. Wise
R.·.I.·.Deputy Grand Master	A. Warren Wheatley
R.·.I.·.Grand Prin. Cond. of the Work	James L. Crouse
R.·.I.·.Grand Treasurer	Alfred E. Yeaton,PIGM
R.·.I.·.Grand Recorder	Lawrence B. Jones
I.·.Grand Chaplain	Willard S. Dickerson
I.·.Grand Captain of the Guard	E. Paul Wootten
I.·.Grand Conductor of Council	John M. Johnson
I.·.Grand Marshal	Richard H. Thomas
I.·.Grand Steward	James H. Durrill
I.·.Grand Sentinel	Charles W. Barkins
Grand Instructors	Richard H. Thomas
	James L. Crouse
	Chester C. Coffin

The Elected and Appointed Officers were installed by P.I.G.M. Raymond A. Howard.

APPOINTMENTS

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then announced the appointment of the following Committees for the ensuing year.

JURISPRUDENCE
Warren R. Gray, Chm.
J. Henry McDonnell
Chester C. Coffin

MEMORIALS
Rev. Joseph C. Bostick,Chm.
J. Paul Slaybaugh
John S. Proud

CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES
Chester C. Coffin, Chm.
Billy B. Landing
Paul E. Hurter

46th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
C. Ray Scarborough, Chm.
John J. McClearnen
Warren R. Gray

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE
John J. McClearnen, Chm.
Chester C. Coffin
Raymond A. Howard

FINANCE
Paul E. Hurter, Chm.
Charles W. Barkins
C. Ray Scarborough

YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT
Richard H. Thomas, Chm.
C. Ray Scarborough
Lambert E. Argo

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE
Chester C. Coffin, Chm
Richard H. Thomas
James H. Durrill

TRIENNIAL -- 1972
A. Warren Wheatley, Chm
James L. Crouse
John M. Johnson

GOVERNOR - ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST
William H. Cantwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that a Special Communication would be held in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, at which the Australian Degree would be conferred.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved the date and place of the Forty-Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, January 15, 1972, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this 45th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware, it was closed in due form at 11:00 A.M.

Attest:

Lawrence B. Jones
Grand Recorder

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD COUNCIL NO. 1
Wilmington

Date of Charter October 1, 1918

Stated Assembly, Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
Except June, July, and August

OFFICERS

John S. Proud	Illustrious Master
Thomas C. Jones	Deputy Master
Samuel Stewart	Principal Conductor of the Work
Raymond A. Howard, P.I.G.M.	Treasurer
Paul E. Hurter, P.I.M.	Recorder
Claude P. Davidson	Captain of the Guard
S. Robert Lyons	Conductor of the Council
Harry V. Felmey	Steward
Warren R. Gray, P.I.G.M.	Chaplain
James F. Dill	Sentinel
Paul E. Hurter, P.I.M.	Trustee

GREETED

Joseph H. Burns, Jr.
John N. Fortner
Charles E. Holcomb
John L. Wylie
James F. Dill
Robert S. Hayes
Samuel B. Rash, Jr.

DEMITTED

Clyde E. Yoder

DIED

Harry P. Stradley
J. George Steward
J. Oscar Dicks, Jr.
C. B. Harris
Edgar V. Sheldon, Sr.
Joseph E. Nesbitt
Elmer S. Howell

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2
Dover

Date of Charter September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly, Third Monday of Each Month
Except June, July, and August

OFFICERS

James W. Sheck	Illustrious Master
Billy B. Landing, P.I.M.	Deputy Master
James H. Durrill, P.I.M.	Principal Conductor of the Work
John J. McClearnen, P.I.G.M.	Treasurer
James L. Crouse, P.I.M.	Recorder
William E. Walls	Captain of the Guard
Carlton C. Moran	Conductor of the Council
Derwood H. Mitchell	Steward
Lambert E. Argo, P.I.M.	Chaplain
James P. Wilson	Sentinel

GREETED

David L. Welch	Robert C. Bock
John D. Elder	Ralph M. Strope
Elmer C. Lutton	Henry Y. Lutton
William E. Walls	E. Wayne Argo
John E. Godwin	Derwood H. Mitchell

SUSPENDED

William Norris Eddington

DIED

Robert W. Horn Russell W. Chidester

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3
Georgetown

Date of Charter September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly,First Tuesday of Each Month
Except June, July, and August

OFFICERS

Dallas E. Marvel	Illustrious Master
Joseph C. Bostick	Deputy Master
	Principal Conductor of the Work
A. Warren Wheatley, P.I.M.	Treasurer
C. Ray Scarborough, P.I.G.M.	Recorder

GREETED

Howard Holloway

DEMITTED

Ralph L. Swain Sudler J. Wilson

DIED

Harley W. Moore

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SAMUEL A. WISE
Most Illustrious Grand Master, 1971

RETIRING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
SAMUEL A. WISE

Most Illustrious Companion Samuel A. Wise was born on July 28th, 1915, in Spring Mills, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools of that area, graduating from Gregg Township Vocational High School in 1933. He was married to Miss Madeleine D. Burd on November 21, 1934. They have two sons, two daughters, and twelve grandchildren.

He is employed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, as a Civil Engineering Technician.

MASONIC RECORD

Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423, F.&A.M., Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania	
Entered Apprentice Degree	October 10, 1944
Fellowcraft Degree	November 14, 1944
Master Mason Degree	November 14, 1944
Union Lodge No. 7, A.F.&A.M., Dover, Delaware	
Affiliated	June 18, 1968
Junior Deacon	1971-1972
Kent Chapter No. 8, R.A.M., Dover, Delaware	
Mark Master Degree	March 5, 1947
Past Master Degree	May 7, 1947
Most Excellent Master Degree	May 7, 1947
Royal Arch Degree	June 4, 1947
Anointed to the Order of High Priesthood	December 30, 1954
High Priest	1955
Grand Master of the 1st Veil	1956
Grand High Priest	1965
Grand Representative to Arizona	1956-1968
Grand Representative to Pennyslvania	1968-
Grand Lecturer of Kent Chapter No. 8	1960-1962
Adoniram Council No. 2, R.&S.M., Dover, Delaware	
Royal Master Degree	November 26, 1951
Select Master Degree	November 26, 1951
Super Excellent Master Degree	May 24, 1961
Thrice Illustrious Master Degree	January 20, 1962
Illustrious Master	1962
Most Illustrious Grand Master	1971
Grand Representative to New Jersey	1966-
St. John's Commandery No. 1, K.T., Wilmington, Delaware	
Ill. Order of the Red Cross	June 13, 1957
Order of Malta	June 13, 1957
Order of the Temple	June 19, 1957
Proxy Capt. Gen. to Grand Encampment	1961
St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, K.T., Dover, Delaware	
Generalissimo	1962-1964
Commander	1965
Prelate	1966-
Valley of Wilmington, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite	
Delaware Consistory	1965
Captain of the Guard, Chapter of Rose Croix	1972
Evergreen Forest No. 49, T.C.L., Milford, Delaware	1960
Grand Tall Cedar	1970
Nur Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Wilmington, Delaware	1969

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OTHER MASONIC MEMBERSHIPS

Tabernacle "A", Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests	1967
Knight Commander	1969-1970
Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine	1965
Chancellor	1972
Royal Order of Scotland	1967
Victory Chapter No. 15, O.E.S.	1968
Grand Master's Council "A", Allied Masonic Degrees	1967
Ye Ancient Order of Corks, Life Member	1967
Masonic Order of the Bath, Life Member	1967
Grand College of Rites	1967
Pennsylvania York Rite College No. 11	1966
Maryland Council No. 73, Knight Masons of Ireland	1966
Erin Council No. 63, Knight Masons, dual member	1966
Kent and Sussex Scottish Rite Club	1965
First State Shrine Club	1969
Order of High Priesthood	1955
Thrice Illustrious Masters Council	1962
Joshua Association, Philadelphia, Life member	1968
Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Life member	1965
National Charitable Objective, T.C.L., Perm.Contr. Mem.	1966
Past Commanders Association of Maryland	1966
Advisory Council, Kent Chapter Order of DeMolay	1961-1972

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests, New Jersey	1965
Bellefonte Chapter No. 241, R.A.M., Bellefonte, PA	1965
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of the District of Columbia	1965
Council of Anointed Kings, Rhode Island	1971
Grand Council R.&S.M. of New York	1971
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of West Virginia	1971
New Jersey Council of Thrice Ill. Masters	1971
Past Commanders Association of Vermont	1966

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF DELAWARE

A Special Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware was opened for the purpose of entertaining petitions, election and balloting thereon, and conferring the Royal and Select Master Degrees, and conferring the Superexcellent Master Degree, at 9:30 A.M. in the Masonic Temple, Dover, Delaware, on May 8, 1971 with the following Officers present:

M.I.Grand Master	Samuel A. Wise
R.I.Deputy Grand Master	A. Warren Wheatley
R.I.Prin. Cond. of the Work	James L. Crouse
R.I.Grand Recorder p.t.	Paul E. Hurter
I.Grand Chaplain	Willard S. Dickerson
I.Grand Captain of the Guard	John M. Johnson
I.Grand Conductor of the Council	E. Paul Wootten
I.Grand Marshal	Richard H. Thomas
I.Grand Sentinel	Charles W. Barkins
I.Grand Instructor	James L. Crouse

Companions present as recorded in the Council Register of Adoniram Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters of Dover:

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1

Paul E. Hurter	F. Irving Crow	Thomas C. Jones
Samuel Stewart	Richard H. Thomas	Robert S. Hayes
Claude Davidson	S. Robert Lyons	William R. Wilson,Jr.
Charles J. Brodie	J. Henry McDonnell	Francis W. Thorogood
James E. Peo	John J. Goodier	Marion C.T. Townsend
Bruce C. Ward	Robert E. Dripps,Sr.	John A. Morrison
Ralph Cassel	Harry V. Felmey	Cliff Potts
F. Llewellyn Hanway	Edwin Chester	W.McKnight Williams
Clifton A. Lutz	Glenn G. Hench	John N. Fortner
Roy J. Taylor	James F. Dill	Donald D. Thomas

Adoniram Council No. 2

Henry Lutton	Albert J. Smith	Jesse E. Collier
Carlton C. Moran	Elmer Lutton	James Sheck
P.W. Gardiner	James P. Wilson	William Walls
Billy B. Landing	Lambert E. Argo	Toribio Rodriguez
Joseph T. Cassey	Archy Mitchell	Lewis E. Depue
David L. Welch		

Joppa Council No. 3

C. Ray Scarborough	E. Paul Wootten	Howard Holloway
Randal C. Willin	Chester C. Coffin	Paul E. Ellis
Calvin R. Ellis	W. Donoho Robinson	

Visitors

Harry Rubin, Joppa Council No. 46, Philadelphia, Penna.
John C. Tripolitis, Joppa Council No. 46, Phila.,Penna.
Nicholas Combs, Union Council No. 5, Columbia, So. Carolina
Paul A. Anderson, Keystone Council No. 42, Franklin, Penna.
Joseph C. Coty, Field Council No. 12, Red Bank, New Jersey.
Hunter S. Freas, Jr., Germantown Council No. 53, Phila.,Penna.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in Due Form by Most Illustrious Samuel A. Wise, Grand Master who stated that inasmuch as this Assembly was opened for the purpose of entertaining petitions and conferring the Council Degrees, no other business was in order.

Most Illustrious Companion Wise apologized to the Assembly and announced that the next order of business was the salute to the American Flag, which was done with proper decorum.

Most Illustrious Companion Wise asked Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Adoniram Council No. 2, and Joppa Council No. 3 if they had any petitions to be read and balloted upon at this time; there were none.

At 9:41 A.M., Grand Master Wise called the Council of Select Masters from labor to refreshment and a Council of Royal Masters was opened for work and instruction waiving all due signs and ceremonies. The following candidates being in waiting, they were brought forward and received as Royal Masters:

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1

Morris Hitchens	Albert J. Miller	Henry G. Law
Harold F. Robinson,Jr.	Herbert R. Williams	Grant E. Reigle

Adoniram Council No. 2

Joseph Scott	James H. Hutchins

Joppa Council No. 3

Robert Stewart	Wilson A. Sockrider

The Degree of Royal Master was conferred by the Officers of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1:

Thomas C. Jones (D.M.)	King Solomon
Samuel Stewart (P.C.W.)	Hiram Abiff
Claude P. Davidson (C.G.)	Captain of the Guard
S. Robert Lyons (C.C.)	Conductor of the Council
Harry V. Felmey (Steward)	Steward
Francis W. Thorogood	Preparation Room

The Degree was conferred in an excellent manner.

The purpose for which the Council of Royal Masters was opened having been accomplished, Most Illustrious Companion Wise declared labor resumed in the Select Master Degree at 10:37 A.M.

The ten Royal Masters as listed above, being in waiting, they were prepared, brought forth, and received as Select Masters. The Degree was conferred by members and Officers of Adoniram Council No. 2 and Joppa Council No. 3 as follows:

Chester C. Coffin, P.I.G.M.	Illustrious Master
E. Paul Wootten	Deputy Master
William Walls	Prin. Cond. of the Work
James Sheck	Captain of the Guard
Dallas E. Marvel	Conductor of the Council
James H. Durrill	Guards
Charles W. Barkins	
Henry Y. Lutton	
Jesse E. Collier	
Joseph Cassey	
A. Warren Wheatley	
C. Ray Scarborough, P.I.G.M.	
Joseph Coty	
Billy B. Landing	
James L. Crouse	Prologue

The Degree was conferred in an excellent manner.

At 12:20 P.M., Grand Master Wise called the Council of Select Masters from labor to refreshment and a Council of Super Excellent Master Masons opened for work, waiving all due signs and ceremonies. At this time, Most Illustrious Companion Wise recognized the following Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters:

Percy W. Gardiner
Chester C. Coffin
C. Ray Scarborough
J. Henry McDonnell
F. Irving Crow

Most Illustrious Companion Wise recognized Companions Thomas C. Jones, Deputy Master, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, James W. Sheck, Illustrious Master, Adoniram Council No. 2, and Dallas E. Marvel, Illustrious Master, Joppa Council No. 3. Grand Master Wise then recognized Companion James H. Hutchins who spoke on behalf of all ten candidates. Companion Hunter S. Freas, Jr. presented a Personal Masonic Register to each of the candidates.

Right Puissant Companion Paul A. Anderson, Deputy Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania was recognized and expressed his appreciation to the Grand Council of Delaware for their invitation and for the excellence of the work that had been done. Most Illustrious Companion Wise called the Council of Super Excellent Masters from labor to refreshment at 12:30 P.M. for the purpose of retiring for lunch, prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Commandery No. 1, K.T.

At 1:45 P.M., Grand Master Wise resumed labor in the Council of Super Excellent Masters. The ten candidates as listed above plus all other Companion Royal and Select Masters as listed in the Council Register who had not previously received the Super Excellent Master Degree, being in waiting, were brought forth, received, and acknowledged Super Excellent Masters. The Degree was conferred by members of all Councils present in a most impressive manner. At 3:30 P.M. Grand Master Wise declared labor resumed in the Council of Select Masters, waiving all due signs and ceremonies. A lecture covering all three degrees was presented by Companion E. Paul Wootten in a most impressive manner.

Companions Nicholas A. Combs, Union Council No. 5, Columbia, South Carolina, and Hunter S. Freas, Jr., Germantown Council No. 53, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania received the Super Excellent Master Degree by courtesy.

There being no further business to come before the Grand Council, Most Illustrious Grand Master Wise closed the Grand Council in Ample Form at 3:45 P.M.

Attest:

Paul E. Hurter, P.I.M.
Acting Grand Recorder

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF DELAWARE

The Forty-Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday morning, January 15, A.D. 1972, A.Dep. 2972. The Grand Council was opened in Full Form at 9:00 A.M. by Right Illustrious A. Warren Wheatley, Deputy Grand Master. Most Illustrious Samuel A. Wise, Grand Master, was then received into the Grand Council and extended the Grand Honors by the Companions assembled.

GRAND OFFICERS

M.I.	GRAND MASTER	Samuel A. Wise
R.I.	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	A. Warren Wheatley
R.I.	GRAND PRIN. COND. OF THE WORK	James L. Crouse
R.I.	GRAND TREASURER	Alfred E. Yeaton,PIGM
R.I.	GRAND RECORDER	Lawrence B. Jones
I.	GRAND CHAPLAIN	Willard S. Dickerson
I.	GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	John M. Johnson
I.	GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL	E. Paul Wootten
I.	GRAND MARSHAL	Richard H. Thomas
I.	GRAND STEWARD	James H. Durrill
I.	GRAND SENTINEL	Charles W. Barkins
I.	GRAND INSTRUCTOR	Richard H. Thomas
I.	ASST. GRAND INSTRUCTOR	James L. Crouse
I.	ASST. GRAND INSTRUCTOR	Chester C. Coffin,PIGM

PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Alfred E. Yeaton	1960	Rhey H. Smith,	1967
Raymond A. Howard	1964	Warren R. Gray,	1968
John J. McClearnen	1965	C. Ray Scarborough,	1969
Chester C. Coffin	1966		

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD COUNCIL NO. 1
Claude P. Davidson — Principal Conductor of the Work

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2
I. William E. Walls — Illustrious Master
James H. Hutchins — Principal Conductor of the Work

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3
I. Joseph C. Bostick — Illustrious Master
M.I. Chester C. Coffin, PIGM — Deputy Master

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS (not otherwise mentioned)

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
I. F. Llewellyn Hanway — I. J. Rowland Reed

Adoniram Council No. 2
I. Billy B. Landing

Joppa Council No. 3
I. Dallas E. Marvel

ADMISSION OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, all Royal and Select Masters were admitted by courtesy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Grand Assembly of January 16, A.D. 1971, A.Dep. 2971, were read and on motion duly made and seconded, were approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

The Colors were then presented by a Color Guard from St. Andrew's Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, consisting of Sir Knights Billy B. Landing, C. Ray Scarborough, Charles W. Barkins, and Rhey H. Smith.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

In addition to the Grand Officers and permanent members of the Grand Council, the following Officers of the Constituent Councils are entitled to seats, and to vote at this Annual Assembly:

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1	
Thomas C. Jones	Illustrious Master
Samuel Stewart	Deputy Master
*Claude P. Davidson	Prin. Con. of the Work
Adoniram Council No. 2	
*William E. Walls	Illustrious Master
Harry W. Binder	Deputy Master
*James H. Hutchins	Prin. Con. of the Work
Joppa Council No. 3	
*Joseph C. Bostick	Illustrious Master
*Chester C. Coffin, PIGM	Deputy Master
Robert E. Stewart	Prin. Con. of the Work

*-Signifies Officer Present

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve you for this Cryptic year, and to welcome all of you to this Forty-Sixth Annual Assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware. I particularly welcome all of our very dear friends and Companions here from other Jurisdictions. May your stay among us be pleasant and inspiring.

NECROLOGY

Into the life and existence of mortal man comes sorrow because of the loss of a friend and Companion. During the Cryptic year several of our stalwart and devoted Companions have been called forth to the Supreme Council where God sits in the Grand East as Supreme Master. We are therefore reminded of His Divine wisdom in summoning those that labored beyond the Ninth Arch to sit in judgement with Him in Paradise. The Memorials Committee will pay the appropriate tribute and honor to these departed Companions in their Report.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

During this past Cryptic year, I was able to accept and attend all but two invitations to our sister jurisdictions. Personally and in behalf of our Grand Council, I deeply and sincerely appreciate the hospitality extended to me on every occasion.

District of Columbia at Washington, D.C., March 6th, accompanied by Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master, A. Warren Wheatley, Rt. Ill. Prin. Cond. of Work, James L. Crouse, I. Conductor of Council, E. Paul Wootten, I. Grand Steward, James H. Durrill, and I. Grand Sentinel, Charles W. Barkins. We were greeted and received by Most Illustrious Grand Master, Marvin E. Fowler.

New Jersey at East Brunswick, April 3rd, accompanied by Rt. Ill. James L. Crouse, P.P.C.W., M.I.P.G.M. C. Ray Scarborough, Ill. Charles W. Barkins, G. Sentinel;were greeted and received by Most Illustrious Grand Master Samuel J. Sarapata.

Rhode Island at Providence, April 17th, was greeted and received by Most Illustrious Grand Master Albert A. Remington,III.

Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre, April 26th, was greeted and received by Most Puissant Grand Master, Harvey O. Neilsen.

Maryland at Baltimore, May 10th, was greeted and received by Most Illustrious Grand Master, Milton R. Wheatley, Sr.

Connecticut at New Britain, June 5th, was greeted and received by Most Illustrious Grand Master Fred C. Eppler.

New York at Rochester, August 30th, was greeted and received by Most Illustrious Grand Master Roy E. Van Delinder.

Ohio at Columbus, October 4th, was represented by Illustrious James H. Durrill, Grand Steward.

West Virginia at Charleston, October 8th, was greeted and received by Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Carl H. Mann.

Massachusetts at Boston, December 6th, was unable to be represented or attend.

SPECIAL GRAND ASSEMBLY

A Special Assembly of Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple in Dover on May 8th, for the purpose of conferring the Cryptic Degrees as follows:

Royal Master Degree:
Conferred by Gunning Bedford Council No. 1

Select Master Degree:
Conferred by Adoniram Council No. 2 and Joppa Council No. 3.

Super Excellent Master Degree:
Conferred by casts from all three Councils.

I thank all Companions who fulfilled their roles with outstanding excellence. Attendance was good. We were complimented by Companions from other jurisdictions as well as our own.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

April 6, 1971 - Joppa Council No. 3
April 19, 1971 - Adoniram Council No. 2
April 28, 1971 - Gunning Bedford Council No. 1

These Assemblies were well attended by both Grand Staff and Council members. We were accorded a warm welcome and honors in each, and will long remember the courtesies extended.

COURTESY VISITS

January 17, 1971 - Installation, Nur Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

January 23, 1971 - 50th Anniversary Dinner, Kent Chapter No. 8, R.A.M.

January 29, 1971 - Annual Dinner and Meeting, Joshua Association, Philadelphia

February 5, 1971 - Lower Delaware York Rite Planning Council

February 12, 1971 - Ladies Night, First State Shrine Club

February 13, 1971 - Valentine's Party, St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2, K.T., Ladies Auxiliary

February 19, 1971 - Brandywine Forest No. 20, T.C.L. - M.W.G.M. of Delaware made a Tall Cedar at Sight

February 20, 1971 - Allied Masonic Degree Meetings, Wash.,D.C.

February 27, 1971 - Past Commanders Association of Maryland

March 1, 1971 - Masonic Nite, Job's Daughters Bethel No. 2

March 6, 1971 - Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Dist. of Col.

April 11, 1971 - Easter Sunrise Service, Arlington, Va Grand Encampment Knights Templar

May 11, 1971 - Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Maryland

May 12, 1971 - Grand Commandery K.T. of Maryland

May 13, 1971 - Dinner and Installation, St. John's Commandery No. 1, K.T.

June 2, 1971 - MEGHP Visit to Kent Chapter No. 8, R.A.M.

June 12, 1971 - J.J.Williams Class, Nur Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

June 21, 1971 - Union Lodge No. 7 Visitation to Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449, Philadelphia, PA

June 26, 1971 - Degree Team Dinner, Scottish Rite, Wilm.

August 1, 1971 - Family Picnic, Evergreen Forest No. 49,TCL

September 15, 1971 - Ladies Nite Dinner, Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

September 25, 1971 - Ladies Nite Dinner,Evergreen Forest No. 49

October 5, 1971 - Grand Master's Banquet, Grand Lodge of Del

October 6, 1971 - 166th Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of DE

October 14, 1971 - York Rite Educational Program, Endeavor Lodge No. 17

October 16, 1971 - Installation, Kent Chapter Order of DeMolay

November 12, 1971 - Table Lodge, Grand Lodge of Delaware

Nobember 21, 1971 - Religious Affirmation Day, Grand Chapter of Delaware, Denton, Maryland

November 27, 1971 - Ladies Nite Dinner, Scottish Rite of Del

December 3, 1971 - Installation, Bellefonte R.A. Chapter No. 241

December 18, 1971 - Christmas Dinner Meeting, Past Commanders Association of Maryland

December 20, 1971 - Installation, Adoniram Council No. 2

December 27, 1971 - Thrice Illustrious Masters Council

December 27, 1971 - Order of High Priesthood

January 13, 1972 - Riblah Council No. 59, R.&S.M. of PA

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On recommendation of the Most Illustrious Grand Masters of other respective Grand Councils, Commissions were issued to the following Companions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of Delaware near their respective jurisdictions:

Rhode Island	Ill. Comp. Alfred C. Bateman
Illinois	Ill. Comp. Glenn W. Ford
Connecticut	Ill. Comp. Henry F. Gerke, Jr.
New Jersey	Rt. Ill. Comp. Harold A. Peterson

At this time, Warrants will now be presented to the following Companions of the jurisdiction of Delaware as Representatives of the following:

Rhode Island	Ill. Comp. Lawrence B. Jones
Presented by Most Ill. Grand Master George Ostrander.	
Vermont	Ill. Comp. Billy B. Landing
Washington	Ill. Comp. Dallas E. Marvel

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensation was given to Adoniram Council No. 2 to waive the time requirements on petitions, and allow said council to receive, investigate, and ballot on all petitions received prior to May 8, for the purpose of including the candidates in the Class of that date.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the Constituent Council Officers pass a proficiency examination in opening, conducting business and closing an Assembly of the Council for their respective stations and/or that of the next office in which they will be installed. Such examination to be conducted by the Grand Instructor appointed to their respective Council, and a report of such proficiency be submitted to the presiding Most Ill. Grand Master, Right Ill. Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Recorder, prior to installation of the Constituent Officers. (This is in accordance with Grand Lodge procedure, and also that of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, and will certainly improve Officer proficiency).

I would recommend that the Super Excellent Master Degree be conferred every second year. The cast would benefit and more Companions would have the opportunity to receive this dramatic Degree.

CONDITION OF THE RITE

York Rite unity is advancing in our State, as illustrated by the co-ordination of all in the Royal Arch, Council, and Commandery classes this year. The Delaware York Rite Planning Council has already set dates for two complete classes for 1972 in Kent and Sussex Counties, having started with the Royal Master Degree in Georgetown this January 4th.

We have been plagued with a financial situation which has not been improving the past several years. The 1971 Proceedings were not printed due to lack of funds. Several meetings of the Finance Committee have been held this year to try to resolve the situation -- this Committee will make a report in detail later. Something must be done, it will be in your hands to decide.

CONCLUSION

Companions, it has been a very great pleasure for me to serve you as your Illustrious Grand Master. I wish to thank all for conferring this great honor upon me and to all of those who made my visits to the Constituent Councils so pleasant.

Now, my Companions, let us look to the Great Architect of the Universe for His wisdom and strength and work for the advancement of York Rite Masonry in general and Cryptic Masonry in particular in Delaware.

Again, should I ever be remembered, it would be that as one of the workers in the quarries. So, to my successor in office, I pledge my wholehearted support, and shall continue to work for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry, always.

Zealously and Fraternally submitted,

Samuel A. Wise
Most Illustrious Grand Master

It was regularly moved, seconded, and approved, that the Report be accepted and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Roll Call of the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters was made by the Grand Recorder and the absentees noted.

RECOGNITION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Walter E. Nelson, was recognized and spoke briefly on Unity in the Masonic fraternity.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Balance in Checking Account, January 16, 1971		$ 337.80
Receipts		
Gunning Bedford Council No. 1	188.00	
Adoniram Council No. 2	108.00	
Joppa Council No. 3	60.00	
Sale of Rituals	12.50	368.50
		706.30
Disbursements		
General Grand Council Per Capita	9.90	
Proceedings	340.03	
Recorder's Salary	75.00	
Hotel	85.20	
Rituals	12.00	
Stamps	5.00	527.13
Balance according to Check Book		179.17
Reconcilation with Bank Statement		8.76
Balance in Checking Account, January 15, 1972		187.93
Balance in Savings Account, January 16, 1971		376.14
Interest credited, December 31, 1971		18.81
Balance in Both Accounts, January 15, 1972		583.88

Attest:

Alfred E. Yeaton, PIGM
Grand Treasurer

On motion, the Report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Balance on hand, January 16, 1971		$ 337.80
Receipts		
Gunning Bedford Council No. 1	188.00	
Adoniram Council No. 2	108.00	
Joppa Council No. 3	60.00	
Sale of Rituals	12.50	
Total	368.50	368.50
		706.30
Disbursements (Checks 282-287 incl.)		
General Grand Council	9.90	
Proceedings	340.03	
Recorder's Salary	75.00	
Hotel	85.20	
Rituals	12.00	
Stamps	5.00	
Total	527.13	527.13
Balance on hand, January 15, 1972		179.17
Reconcilation with Bank Statement		8.76
Actual Balance on hand, January 15, 1972		187.93

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

	Start of Year	Greeted	Rein	Aff.	Demit	Sus	Died	End of Year
Gunning Bedford # 1	181	12	0	1	5	1	11	177
Adoniram # 2	89	2	0	0	0	0	4	87
Joppa # 3	60	2	0	0	2	4	0	56
Totals	330	16	0	1	7	5	15	320

Net Loss - 10

Fraternally submitted,

Lawrence B. Jones
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

What is this power that disturbs the peace, harmony and serenity of our fraternal lodges by taking from us our Companions and our friends? As we pay tribute to our departed Companions, shadows gather and stars go out of our sky and air castles crumble at our feet. At times like this, we ask, "What is Death?" The answer is found in God's Eternal Word.

God's Eternal Word says that it is appointed unto man once to die, and after this the Judgement. Just as we must be faithful in meeting the appointments of life, we must meet the appointment of death with the same courage and submission.

The Great Light also tells us that man goeth to his long home and mourners go about the street. Beyond this vale of tears lies a better world. But to reach this world, we must travel through the valley of the shadow of death. When David had to make this journey, he said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me."

"There remaineth a rest for the people of God." Our departed Companions were tired and weary from the constant battles that life always produces. Surely, the poet Herbert Carter had this in mind when he wrote:

Rest on, rest on in peaceful rest,
Eternal life God gave,
Here mortals yet unborn shall stand
Beside his lowly grave.
Nor shall his goodness be forgot,
While time his record keeps,
For friends will mark the sacred spot
Where this faithful one sleeps.

Fraternally submitted,

Joseph C. Bostick, Chairman
J. Paul Slaybaugh
John S. Proud

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware, called at the request of Most Illustrious Grand Master Samuel A. Wise, was called to order by the Chairman of the Committee, Ill. Paul E. Hurter, at 7:30 P.M., May 5, 1971, in the Secretary's office of the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, with the following members present:

Paul E. Hurter, Chairman
Charles W. Barkins
C. Ray Scarborough
Samuel A. Wise, M.I.G.M.
Alfred E. Yeaton, R.I.G.Treasurer
Lawrence B. Jones, R.I.G.Recorder
Chester C. Coffin, P.I.G.M.

The Grand Recorder presented the financial picture of the Grand Council to those present and after a lengthy discussion the following conclusions and recommendations were reached:

1. Annual Proceedings for 1971 -- The financial status of the Grand Council was not sufficient to permit publishing the Annual Proceedings for the year 1971.
2. Annual Assessments of the Grand Council -- It was unanimously concluded that the Finance Committee should recommend to the members of the Grand Council at their Annual Assembly to be held in January 15, 1972, that the Annual dues of all members of the three Councils of Royal and Select Masters be $2.00 per annum (this is an increase of $1.00).

It was further concluded that the matter of publishing the Annual Proceedings should be reviewed annually by the Finance Committee

Attest:

Paul E. Hurter, Chairman

It was regularly moved, seconded, and approved, that the Report of the Finance Committee be accepted and the Recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Triennial Committee reported on the Date, Time and Place of the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council and outlined the various costs to the Companions.

Most Excellent Companion Robert E. Dodd, Grand High Priest of New York was presented and welcomed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Most Illustrious Companion Joseph C. Richmond, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, then commented on the approximate cost of the trip and invited those of this jurisdiction who cared to, to join with the District of Columbia on the trip to the General Grand Assembly by air.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

A lengthy report by this Committee was read and on motion duly seconded, was accepted and ordered filed with the records of the Grand Assembly.

GUEST SPEAKER

Most Illustrious Samuel Womack, Illustrious Grand Master of Maryland was called upon and spoke as the representative of the distinguished guests present.

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Your Committee has worked closely with the Grand Chapter York Rite Advancement and Unity Committee. We are pleased to report the cooperation and coordination of all York Rite Bodies in Delaware was responsible for the first planned York Rite Festival in Delaware.

We wish to commend the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Councils and Officers for the fine Cryptic Festival held in the Spring. The Cryptic Degrees definitely helped to advance our Rite and enabled many to complete that "Circle of Perfection" we hold so dear.

The Delaware York Rite Planning Council continues to do an outstanding service for the advancement of the York Rite in Kent and Sussex Counties.

Several talks on York Rite Masonry were made in the past year and several have already been scheduled for this Spring.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard H. Thomas, Chairman
C. Ray Scarborough
Lambert T. Argo

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS OF JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

At the Stated Assembly of Joppa Council No. 3 at Georgetown, Delaware on February 2, 1971, it was proposed to amend the By-Laws so that the Annual Dues would be increased to $5.00 from $4.00, and the Initiation Fee increased to $20.00 from $15.00. All Companions were notified by mail, and at the Stated Assembly on March 2, 1971, these two increases were unanimously adopted.

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Grand Council authorized these By-Law changes.

REPORT OF THE SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE COMMITTEE

Under the auspices of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Delaware, the Cryptic Degrees were conferred on May 8, 1971 at the Masonic Temple in Dover upon a large number of candidates in the 1971 State-wide Spring Class.

Your Committee charged with the responsibility for the Super Excellent Master Degree are privileged to report that the work was presented in a most impressive manner before 41 Companions who had not previously received this complimentary degree, and a number of stalwart Cryptic Masons whose attendance inspired those of the cast.

We would take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to those Companions from the three Councils in Delaware who portrayed the several character parts and acted in the supporting roles in the scenes.

For the record, there is on file with the Grand Recorder a page listing the Cast for the Degree, and the names of the Companions who were invested on May 8, 1971.

Fraternally submitted,

Chester C. Coffin
James H. Durrill
Richard H. Thomas

REPORT OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE COMMITTEE

The Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was conferred on December 27, 1971, in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on the following candidates:

Thomas C. Jones, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
William E. Walls, Adoniram Council No. 2
Joseph C. Bostick, Joppa Council No. 3

The Degree was conferred in an impressive manner by the following Officers who were re-elected for another year:

John J. McClearnen, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Illustrious Master
Chester C. Coffin, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Ill. Sr. Warden
Warren R. Gray, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Ill. Jr. Warden
Raymond A. Howard, P.I.G.M.	Thrice Illustrious Recorder
Paul E. Hurter, P.I.M.	Thrice Illustrious Steward

Fraternally submitted,

John J. McClearnen, Chairman
Chester C. Coffin
Raymond A. Howard

GUEST SPEAKERS

Most Illustrious Michael A. Mallis, of New York, was called upon and addressed the Grand Assembly briefly.

Most Illustrious Kenneth Ridley, of New Jersey, was called upon and addressed the Grand Assembly briefly.

Most Illustrious George Ostrander, of Rhode Island, was called upon and addressed the Grand Assembly briefly.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wise then announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic Year. The following Officers were elected and appointed to serve this Grand Council for the ensuing year:

M.·.I.·.Grand Master	A. Warren Wheatley
R.·.I.·.Deputy Grand Master	James L. Crouse
R.·.I.·.Grand Prin. Cond. of the Work	John M. Johnson
R.·.I.·.Grand Treasurer	Alfred E. Yeaton,PIGM
R.·.I.·.Grand Recorder	Lawrence B. Jones
I.·.Grand Chaplain	Willard S. Dickerson
I.·.Associate Grand Chaplain	Joseph C. Bostick
I.·.Grand Captain of the Guard	E. Paul Wootten
I.·.Grand Conductor of Council	Richard H. Thomas
I.·.Grand Marshal	James H. Durrill
I.·.Grand Steward	Dallas E. Marvel
I.·.Grand Sentinel	Ralph Cassel

The Elected and Appointed Officers were installed by P.I.G.M. Raymond A. Howard, with P.I.G.M. John J. McClearnen acting as Grand Marshal.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wheatley then addressed the Grand Assembly from the Chair.

Right Illustrious C. DeJean Hercules, of the District of Columbia, stressed the necessity of caution in all visits to the Temple in the District of Columbia because of the rabble elements and stated that the District of Columbia had experienced great difficulty in membership due to the composition of District residents.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date and place of the Forty-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, January 20, 1973, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this 46th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Delaware, it was closed in Due Form at 11:45 A.M.

Attest:

Lawrence B. Jones
Grand Recorder

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD COUNCIL NO. 1
Wilmington

Date of Charter October 1, 1918

Stated Assembly, Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
Except June, July, and August

OFFICERS

Thomas C. Jones	Illustrious Master
Samuel Stewart	Deputy Master
Claude P. Davidson	Principal Conductor of the Work
Raymond A. Howard, P.I.G.M.	Treasurer
Paul E. Hurter, P.I.M.	Recorder
S. Robert Lyons	Captain of the Guard
Harry V. Felmey	Conductor of the Council
Robert Parke, Jr.	Steward
Warren R. Gray, P.I.G.M.	Chaplain
James F. Dill	Sentinel
John M. Johnson, P.I.M.	Trustee
Raymond A. Howard, P.I.G.M.	Trustee
Paul E. Hurter, P.I.M.	Trustee

GREETED

Marion C.T. Townsend
Glenn C. Hench
Herbert R. Williams
Albert J. Miller
Harold F. Robinson, Jr.
Delbert Simoson, Jr.
John J. Goodier
Grant E. Reigle
Morris G. Hitchins
Henry G. Law
Edgar A. Hirdler
George K. Harris, Jr.

AFFILIATED

Carl H. Fondren

DEMITTED

Hugh Fairclough
Robert M. Magee, Jr.
Elmer H. Reburn
H. H. Wright
William S. Houch

SUSPENDED

Leonard E. Cross

DIED

Joseph M. Pierce
Norman C. LaPorte
George F. Henry
Fred B. Trembath
Howard E. Broomhall
Robert J. Ball
Cecil P. Ewing
Powell E. Craig, Jr.
Harry B. Walls
Howard W. Kleitz, P.I.M.
Ernest H. Martyn, P.I.G.M.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2
Dover

Date of Charter September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly, Third Monday of Each Month
Except June, July, and August

OFFICERS

William E. Walls	Illustrious Master
Harry W. Binder	Deputy Master
James H. Hutchins	Principal Conductor of the Work
John J. McClearnen, P.I.G.M.	Treasurer
James L. Crouse, P.I.M.	Recorder
Carlton C. Moran	Captain of the Guard
Henry Y. Lutton	Conductor of the Council
Lambert E. Argo, P.I.M.	Steward
James W. Sheck, P.I.M.	Chaplain
James P. Wilson	Sentinel

GREETED

James H. Hutchins — Joseph D. Scott

DIED

M. Eugene Gardner — J. George Knotts
Matthew E. Mitten — G. Preston Ward

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3
Georgetown

Date of Charter September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly,First Tuesday of Each Month
Except June, July, and August

OFFICERS

Joseph C. Bostick	Illustrious Master
Chester C. Coffin, P.I.G.M.	Deputy Master
Robert E. Stewart	Principal Conductor of the Work
A. Warren Wheatley, P.I.M.	Treasurer
C. Ray Scarborough, P.I.G.M.	Recorder
Warren W. Edinger, Jr., P.I.M.	Captain of the Guard
George S. Buhl, P.I.G.M.	Conductor of the Council
Wilson A. Sockrider	Steward
Ernest Rogers	Sentinel

GREETED

Wilson A. Sockrider — Robert E. Stewart

DEMITTED

Freeman R. Johnson — Crawford B. Holson

SUSPENDED

Nutter D. Marvel — Frederick P. Whitney
James F. Walls — Charles R. Cannon, Jr.

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