

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS  
OF  
DELAWARE  
AT ITS  
SEVENTY - SECOND  
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD AT THE  
MASONIC TEMPLE  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE  
MARCH 14, 1009, A.D. 2998, A. Dep.**

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
MARK EDWARD IRWIN**

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

On May 26, 1990, he married Melanie Susan Millman of Highland, MD. The Irwins are members of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Highland, where our Grand Master serves as Church Council Chairman. They current reside along with their niece, Jessica, in Sykesville, Maryland.

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

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

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

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

His other memberships include:

-Member of Jesse Green Priory #70, Knights of the York Cross of Honor and is currently serving as Deputy Prior.

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

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

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

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

-Member of Delaware S.R.I.C.F. and the Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders.

-Currently progressing through the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Wilmington.

He was honored with a nomination to receive the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College in Grand Rapids, Michigan this summer.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE**

The Seventieth-Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 14, 1998, A. Dep. 2998. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Franklin R. Townsend with prayer by Grand Chaplain John A. Irwin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Mark E. Irwin was then received into the Grand Assembly and afforded Grand Honors.

The following officers were in their respective stations:

**GRAND OFFICERS**

M.I. Grand Master	Mark E. Irwin
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Franklin R. Townsend
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr
M.I. Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM
I. Grand Chaplain	John A. Irwin
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	William J. Littel
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	Albert H. Westerside
I. Grand Marshal	James A. Pletz, MIPGM
I. Grand Steward	Maurice C. Barnes
I. Grand Sentinel	David F. Coady

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

Charles W. Barkins, 1979	Richard A. Scarlott, 1991
Donald D. Thomas, 1985	James Albert Pletz, 1993
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987	Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1994
C. Granville McVey, 1989	Charles Henry Lengel, Jr. 1995
John Basil Dorsey, 1996	

**CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

**GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1**

Wayne T. Slack	Illustrious Master
James R. Herrington	Principal Conductor of the Work

**ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2**

David F. Coady, PIM	Deputy Master
Archie W. Bethard, III	Principal Conductor of the Work

**JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3**

Maurice C. Barnes, PIM	Proxy
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**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4**

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM  
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM

Illustrious Master  
Principal Conductor of the Work

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 71st Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in the Proceedings.

**RECEPTION OF REPORTS**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Grand Recorder was authorized to give Reports in brief, subject to the will and pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council. Except as may be noted herein, all Reports were received, accepted and ordered to be printed in these Proceedings.

**ADMISSION OF SELECT MASTERS**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, all Select Masters in good standing, as listed in the Grand Council Register, were admitted by courtesy.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

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

**CONNECTICUT**

Thurman P. 'Skip' Sharples, Jr.	Most Puissant Grand Master
Richard E. Larcom	Most Puissant Past Grand Master
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

John H. Bussler	Most Illustrious Grand Master
F. William Hershiser	Grand Captain of the Guard
David A. Freed	Grand High Priest
W. Frederick Gore	

**MAINE**

Gordon L. Kimball, Sr.	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
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**MARYLAND**

Marion T. Richard	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Philip A. Tilson	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Robert L. Foreman.	Past Grand Inspector
Donald Adams	Grand Representative to Delaware

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Walter Weisgerber	Past Grand Steward
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**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Roger A. Douillette	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Wallace F. Emerson	MIPGM, Grand Treasurer

**NEW JERSEY**

William Cranston	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Frank L. Blades, Sr.	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
Harold J. Dilks	

**NEW YORK**

John A. Sainz	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Oliver D. Mereness	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Walter Barlow	Grand Representative to Delaware
Ronald S. Januszkiewicz	Past Illustrious Master

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Errol T. Betzenberger	Most Puissant Grand Master
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**RHODE ISLAND**

Sidney Clifford, Jr.	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Dewey L. Smith	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Earl S. Palmer	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Raymond E. Hassell	Illustrious Grand Sentinel

**VERMONT**

Clyde Thomas Reynolds	Most Illustrious Grand Master
David L. Phelps	Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work
Palmer E. Martin	Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

**VIRGINIA**

Clifton L. Whitlock	Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Douglas A. Jordan	Right Excellent Grand King
Leonard A. Fredette	Right Excellent Grand Marshal
George D. Stevens	Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest

**ONTARIO, CANADA**

R. Frank Russell	Grand Representative To Delaware
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Most Illustrious Grand Master Irwin cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions. He stated that he and Melanie had enjoyed their sojourns to sister jurisdictions and sincerely hoped that they would find

their stay in Delaware as enjoyable. Cryptic Grand Honors were then afforded the visitors.

The following Masonic leaders of Delaware were then presented at the Altar and introduced by Most Illustrious Donald D. Thomas.

M.E. Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	Grand High Priest Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Delaware
S.K. James A. Pletz	Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware
Ill. Robert V. McDowell, III, 33°	Active for Delaware, A.A.S.R.
Richard A. Scarlott	Grand Governor for Delaware, York Rite Sovereign College of North America
Knight Franklin R. Townsend	Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70, KYCH
Kt. C. Granville McVey	Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, RCC
Kt. Donald D. Thomas	Intendant General for Delaware, Red Cross of Constantine

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 72nd Annual Assembly.

### RECEPTION OF GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then welcomed at the Altar, the following Past Grand Masters and current officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

M. W. William J. Littel, P. G. M.  
M. W. James A. Pletz, P. G. M.  
M. W. Albert H. Westerside, P. G. M.  
Robert Hiddeman, Grand Marshal  
Donald E. Rosenberry, Aide To the Grand Master

### RECEPTION OF THE MOST PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND MASTER ORVILLE E. WESSELER

Most Illustrious James A. Pletz, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, the Most Puissant Orville E. Wessler, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Irwin most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware, invited him to the East where he was afforded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented to him the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Council. Most Puissant Grand Master Wessler commented on his pleasure of being in Delaware and given the authority to preside over this Grand Council but suggested the labors should be returned to Grand Master Irwin.

### RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL

## **GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE**

Most Worshipful Herbert P. Fulmer, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was escorted into the Grand Council by MW William J. Littel, PGM, and presented to Most Illustrious Grand Master Irwin and Most Puissant General Grand Master Wesseler. The Most Worshipful was invited to the East, afforded Symbolic Grand Honors and presented the gavel to preside over Grand Council. The Grand Master extended a warm hand of welcome to the visitors and all present and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in the Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master then complimented Most Illustrious Grand Master Irwin for his year of service to Cryptic Masonry and thence returned to him the gavel of authority so he could preside over his Grand Session.

### **RECEPTION OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters in attendance assembled at the Altar. They then introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. M.I.G.M. Irwin thanked them for their past endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past year. The assembled MIPGM were then afforded Grand Honors.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Representatives arose, and were greeted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

### **REGRETS**

The Grand Recorder expressed the regrets of the visitors who were unable to attend.

### **ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

Most Worshipful Grand Master Herbert P. Fulmer, Most Puissant General Grand Master Orville E. Wessler, offices and members of the Grand Council, distinguished and honored guests to this Grand Session, my Companions all, I would like to extend to you a hearty welcome to our 72nd Annual Assembly and thank each and everyone for their attendance this morning.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, you honor us by taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us this morning. It has indeed been an honor and privilege to be with you at several occasions during this past year. I know from your talks, that our views of the future of the craft are shared. I wish you well in the remainder of your year and pledge my support in anyway that I can.



Most Puissant General Grand Master Wessler, it is indeed an honor to have you travel from Kansas to be with us in the First State today. It has also been an honor to have been with you on those occasions where our paths have crossed this year. One of the high points was to see you participate in the Grand Chapter of Maryland's 200th Anniversary. Your presence there helped to promote Cryptic Masonry in the Mid Atlantic region. Many visitors to Annapolis stopped us on the street and asked us about Masonry. The publicity was priceless. Please accept Delaware's commitment to General Grand Council and we pray for a prosperous Triennial for you and your staff.

My esteemed and distinguished Companions from our sister jurisdictions, we are most pleased that you could take the time to visit us in Delaware. The friendships that my lady, Melanie and I made during the past year have been most gratifying. We really enjoyed our visits in your states and hope that we can continue to visit in the future. I know that your presence this morning and last night at the banquet was appreciated by many who were able to renew acquaintances and friendships, as well as make new ones. We trust that the hospitality in our state equals that which you generously extended to us.

To the Companions of this Grand Council and others of the York Rite family, I extended my deepest thanks for your wise advice, counsel and support during the past year. Many have taken the steps to help build our Cryptic Rite in the future. I would be most remiss if I did not acknowledge the labors of our Grand Recorder who has been my guide throughout my Cryptic journey, from my greeting to my first appointment to the Grand Council staff, to my installation last year, to his wise counsel during the year. M. I. Thomas, on behalf of the Grand Council and myself thank you for all your efforts.

A year ago, you entrusted me with the stewardship of this Grand Council, and although there is never enough time to accomplish all of one's goals, we have started to take the initial steps to build for the future and I pledge my continued efforts to continue the journey.

### NECROLOGY

The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest knoweth not when. The Supreme Architect has in his infinite wisdom, taken 15 Companions from our midst including a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master in the personage of M. I. Warren R. Gray who served this Grand Council in 1968. Although we know that these Companions have gone to their heavenly home, we still miss the joy of their company and friendship. The Memorials Committee has prepared a ceremony for our departed Companions that will be presented later in the Session.

## DISPENSATIONS

March 8, 1997 All Constituent Councils to waive the waiting period, move Charters and ballot at Special Assemblies and Festivals, providing proper notice is given.

March 8, 1997 To Gunning Bedford Council #1 to move the date of their Stated Assembly from March 26 to March 27 so that the Companions would be able to attend the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Night, providing that proper notice is given.

April 3, 1997 To Adoniram Council #2 to allow Brother James Gooden to travel to Denton Maryland on April 5, 1997 for the purpose of receiving the Cryptic degrees.

April 11, 1997 To Joppa Council #3 to change their meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on May 6, 1997, providing that proper notice is given.

July 29, 1997 To Gunning Bedford Council #1 to move the date of their Stated Assembly from September 24 to September 25, providing that proper notice is given.

September 2, 1997 To Joppa Council #3 to change the time of their Stated Meeting to follow the close of Hope Chapter #7 on September 2, providing that proper notice is given.

## WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

A waiver of jurisdiction was requested of the Grand Council of Maryland for Melvin E. Gregg in favor of Gunning Bedford Council #1. The waiver was granted April 11, 1997.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

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

Thomas G. LaBerge	New Hampshire
Clifton R. Friel	Maryland
R. Frank Russell	Ontario
William J. Westbrook	Utah
Steven W. Score	Minnesota
Robert Price	Indiana

It was an honor and privilege to assist in presenting Companion Friel his commission at the official visitation of M. I. Grand Master Marion F. Rickard, Jr. in Denton, Maryland on October 21, 1997.

To continue the Grand Council's participation in fraternal

correspondence, I nominated the following Companions as Grand Representative of the noted Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand Council of Delaware:

William J. Littel	Wyoming
C. William Tulloch	Mississippi
Warren F. Schueler, Sr.	Massachusetts
Donald D. Thomas	Georgia
Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	Montana
Freeman R. Smith	Western Canada
Wayne T. Slack	Iowa

### OFFICIAL VISITATIONS TO CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

One of the more pleasant duties of serving as Most Illustrious Grand Master is to be received in each of the constituent Councils. Accompanied by members of the Grand Staff, I was received and extended a warm and hospitable welcome by the Companions.

September 25, 1997	Gunning Bedford Council #1, Wilmington
November 4, 1997	Joppa Council #3, Georgetown
December 3, 1997	Adoniram Council #2, Dover
December 29, 1997	Thrice Illustrious Master's Council #4, Wilmington

During each of the visits, I asked each of the Illustrious Masters to select an individual who has worked tirelessly in their Council. Each Illustrious Master selected outstanding individuals and I had the privilege of presenting to them the York Rite Sovereign College Gold Honor Award. It was a most pleasurable task for me and the Companions who received the awards were humble in their acceptance. I have included their names as follows:

Gunning Bedford Council #1	Frank A. Battaglia
Adoniram Council #2	Harry D. Newell
Joppa Council #3	Lucien T. Lenhart

### OFFICIAL VISITS TO SISTER JURISDICTIONS

Always a special part of the Most Illustrious Grand Master is the high privilege to represent our Grand Council in our sister jurisdictions. It was a distinct honor and privilege to participate in eight of our sister jurisdictions annual assemblies. My lady Melanie was able to attend most of them with me.

March 14	Grand Council of District of Columbia, Washington
April 4 – 5	Grand Council of Rhode Island, Newport
April 21 – 22	Grand Council of Pennsylvania, Williamsport
May 2 – 3	Grand Council of New Jersey, Somerset
May 12 – 13	Grand Council of Maryland, Ocean City

June 6 – 7                    Grand Council of Connecticut, Cromwell  
 June 9 – 10                 Grand Council of Vermont, Colchester  
 September 12 – 13        Grand Council of New York, Ellenville

Due to conflicting dates and commitments, I was unable to attend the Grand Councils of Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Florida.

Your Grand Master also had the honor of being recognized at the 200th Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Chapter of Maryland in Annapolis on June 21, 1997.

#### **NORTHEAST REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE**

The Northeast Regional York Rite Conference was held in Albany New York on Saturday, September 6, 1997. Several Companions from Delaware were also in attendance. Representatives of the General Grand Bodies were also present. The Grand Council subjects included improving communications, leadership skills and teamwork. Breakout sessions and exercises in communication skills were some of the highlights. I encourage any who have not attended these in the past to avail yourself to the proximity of the next conference which will be in Bowie, Maryland next September 12.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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

March 22     Semi- Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, Newport  
 March 26     Grand Lodge Brotherhood Night, Nur Temple  
 May 15        Scottish Rite Memorial Service and Installation of  
                   Officers, Wilmington  
 May 31        Grand Lodge Table Lodge, Nur Temple  
 October 1     Grand Lodge of Delaware  
 October 2     Installation on Grand Lodge Officers  
 October 3     York Rite Reception of M.W. Grand Master Herbert  
                   Fulmer and his staff.  
 October 18    Multi State Chapter Festival, Alexandria, VA

#### **CONDITION OF THE RITE**

At the start of this year, I talked about unleashing the power of Masonry. Although our Grand Council suffered a loss in membership, I feel that the foundation was put in place to build a stronger York Rite for the future. One event that provided a great opportunity for the York Rite was the reception that was held in honor of our Grand Master and his staff at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in October. I encourage the Grand Bodies to continue this event in the future.

I regret due to an untimely business trip, I was unable to attend the Leadership Workshop that was held in Dover on January 31. From the critiques I have looked at, it seems that this session was long overdue and I encourage its continuance in the future.

During this year, members of the Grand Staffs have met in Delaware to try and work the problems that face us. The meetings were well attended and I trust will continue to improve the York Rite down state.

Over the years I have heard that the problem we are faced in Masonry is a lack of new members and that the stress should be Members, Members, Members. I for one do not believe that this is true. If we get back to the fundamentals with educational and interesting programs at our meetings, events that include families, support of our charitable interests, teaching and developing of our officers, strong conferrals of our degrees and good old fashion fellowship, we will be not have to recruit new members but they will ask us to join. I encourage all to do their share in achieving this goal.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

No. 1 Officially form a Permanent Fund Committee, instituting it with the proposal previously submitted to Jurisprudence.

No. 2 Revise Article 10 of the Constitution, striking the words York Rite Advancement to read:

The Grand Master shall appoint the following Standing Committees: Credentials, Finance and Returns, and Jurisprudence as well as such other Committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

No. 3. Recommend striking Standing Resolution #3 (Committee on Condition of the Rite) and #6 (York Rite Committee) and in their stead the following Standing Resolution be added:

#### **Joint York Rite Committees**

The following joint committees be created upon similar resolutions in Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery: York Rite Advancement and Leadership.

By combining these committees, the York Rite might be able to progress as a united force to further Masonry in the State of Delaware.

No. 4. Purchase aprons and collars to be used by the Grand Council staff during their term of office. This is the only Grand Body that I am aware of that does not provide an apron for the Grand Staff. We need to put pride in Grand Council officers by providing appropriate dress. I know that the cost of this would be significant at this juncture, but I often wonder what the money that accumulates in the Grand Treasury is for. With assets in excess of \$15,000, a one time expenditure of

approximately \$2500 would not deplete the treasury.

No. 5 Recommend that the Protocol for the Reception of the Most Illustrious Grand Master be adopted as the official protocol for Grand Council.

No. 6 Recommend that the Grand Council begin to provide financial support to the Grand Sessions weekend. For to long, we have shortchanged our guests and the Companions of Delaware by not providing an event that is worthy of our Grand Bodies. A resolution was passed by the Grand Council and Grand Commandery to assess all members 50 cents for this purpose. It is awaiting Grand Chapter's approval and I encourage them to approve it. We need to restore the prestige to this weekend that has been deteriorating over recent years.

In addition to these recommendations, I encourage adoption of the proposals for the duties of the joint Leadership Committee to be presented later in this Grand Assembly.

### CONCLUSION

It has been a challenging year. I have started a new job during the year, taken on the responsibility of father to my 2-year-old niece, and continued to serve in my church, but it has also been a rewarding year with the many friendships made and old ones renewed. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to acknowledge the support that my special lady, Melanie has given me throughout this year. She has been my support throughout our 8 years together and most especially in this past year. She has represented this Grand Council well and I want all to know of my gratitude to her. When I first started in Masonry, I looked at the leaders for guidance and purpose and suddenly it is my turn to strive to be the guiding force in Cryptic Masonry. I said earlier this year that I felt like I was to young for this position. A year can sure age you. I hope that the Grand Council is better off today than it was a year ago. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of my Grand Staff for their support and enlightening talks at our official visits. Without you it would have been impossible to get through the year. It is due to all of your unwavering support and help during the year. We are on the threshold of a new millennium, let's make Masonry stronger than it was in this one. Thank you and God bless.

Fraternally Submitted,

Mark E. Irwin  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

*On Motion, regularly moved, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer is pleased to report that again this year our finances have improved by 8.5%. This is over twice the increase in 1996, this is in part due to the manner which our Grand Recorder squeezes a Quarter. Believe me when I say he is extremely cautious with our spending and I commend him for it.

There have be no large expenditures this year for which we can be thankful. This past year there was a new account opened for the Permanent Fund and it stands now at close to \$400.00 and I look for it to continue to grow.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our Grand Recorder for his continued assistance, it is indeed a pleasure to work with him, even though he continues to find work for me to do.

The comparison figures below show the activity of our accounts and their Growth.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1998

	IMMA SAVINGS 206110-389	CHECKING ACCOUNT 372746-018	INVEST. CD's	PERM. FUND
<b>BALANCES</b>				
2-15-97	6,546.13	94.82	9,862.80	
<b>DEPOSITS</b>				
Receipts	1,479.85			128.06
Transfer	262.45	955.85		
Interest	205.09		262.45	264.50
Accrued			302.92	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Transfers				
Checking	955.85		262.45	
Perm. Fund	264.50			
Expenses		979.43		
<b>BALANCES</b>				
2-15-98	7,273.17	71.24	10,165.72	392.56
Total Receipts All Accounts		3,861.17		
Total Disbursements All Accounts		2,461.23		

### YEAR TO YEAR SUMMARY

ASSETS	2-15-97	2-15-98	DIFFERENCE
Checking Account	94.82	71.24	(17.58)
Savings	6,546.13	7,273.17	727.04

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Flex CD (Accruing)	5,265.01	5,567.93	302.92
Flex CD (IMMA)	4,597.79	4,597.79	0.00
Perm. Fund Savings	0.00	392.56	392.56
TOTAL ASSET	16,503.75	17,902.69	1,398.94
TOTAL NET WORTH	16,503.75	17,902.69	1,398.94

NET WORTH INCREASE 8.5%

Fraternally submitted,

C. Granville McVey, MIPGM  
Grand Treasurer

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

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

Your Grand Recorder is delighted to have the pleasure to report again this year on the activities of this office. We note with pleasure that all requests from General Grand Council, Grand Lodge, our Constituent Councils, our Sister Jurisdictions and Bodies, and the Companions of this jurisdiction have, I believe, been handled punctually and in the best interests of this Grand Council.

Our data base continues to mature and thus become more useful. I am particularly thankful to our Most Illustrious Grand Master for his efforts in enabling the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder to work on the same software platform. Now if we can just get all the rest of the Recorders and Secretaries on the same hardware and software platforms. It goes without elaboration that we are becoming more and more dependent upon the use of Wintel based PC's by our Masonic Bodies. I might add, at no small cost to our individual Recorders. We also find, with great pleasure and convenience, more and more of our Companions, both locally, nationally and internationally, accessible through the Internet thus greatly improving our ability to communicate with them. The explosion of this medium has been so great that for the first time this year we are including, within our names and address listing distributed to the Companions, e-mail addresses. Most Puissant General Grand Master from my vantage point, the ability to communicate electronically with our General Grand Recorder Ronald Fullerlove and other Grand Recorders is an ideal environment.

As the Grand Treasurer has noted, the net worth of the Grand Council has again increased this year and that is surely a compliment to his astute financial management. I would caution you that the mailing expenses associated with the 1997 Proceedings are not included therein. Inclusion of these items would still show a financial increase



but unfortunately distorts this years and next years financial presentation. In brief:

#### SUMMARY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

	2/15/97	2/15/98	Difference
Checking	94.82	71.24	-23.58
Accruing CD	5265.01	5567.93	302.92
Transferring CD	4597.79	4597.79	0.00
IMMA	6546.13	7273.17	727.04
Permanent Fund Savings	<u>0.00</u>	<u>392.56</u>	<u>392.56</u>
Total	16503.75	17902.69	1398.94

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	CORR	GREET	AFFIL	REIN	DIED	DEMIT	SUS.	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	214	-1	7	0	0	7	4	1	208	0
ADONIRAM	58		3	2	1	1	0	1	62	2
JOPPA	98		2	0	0	4	2	0	94	0
T. I. M.	54		0	2	0	3	0	0	53	53
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>		<b>-7</b>								

We are pleased to note that all Councils participated in degree work.

In examining the historical data, we regret to inform you that the expectation is that deaths will continue to run at about the same rate for the next several years. The challenge, at least from a membership perspective, remains to reduce the number of suspensions and demits and increase the number of Greetings. Grand Chapter exalted a total of sixteen Companions this past year, out of that sixteen, only eight have so far continued on to the Council. Our Councils and their lessons are worthy of better than the 50% capture ratio that we demonstrated this past year. I would hasten to add that Joppa and Adoniram Councils appear to be having a greater success in this area than Gunning Bedford. We have shared with the Councils this year, the names of the almost 200 Companions who are members of Constituent Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction but who are not Select Masters. Just looking at those that have already further pursued the glorious work of the York Rite, we do indeed have great opportunities spread before us.

I wish to sincerely thank the Recorders of the Constituent Bodies for their hard labors this past year. Also my deepest thanks to our Grand Treasurer whose assistance throughout the year was, and is, deeply

appreciated. Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to our Most Illustrious Grand Master Mark E. Irwin and his Lady Melanie. Most Illustrious you have come a long way since your family resided in Newark. It has been a great joy for me to have participated in some of the growth of those years. I look forward to the years ahead with the greatest of excitement and anticipation. I thank you for your leadership this past year and the pleasure of your company and that of the rest of the Irwin family.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

*On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Report of the Grand Recorder was received, and the portion dealing with finance referred to the Finance Committee.*

### **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Grand Recorder noted that the Blue Lodge Insurance Company has advised him that they have switched our coverage to *The St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company*. A statement from them, itemizing coverage, includes two items which the Grand Recorder believes are not necessary for these Grand and Constituent Bodies. They are:

- 1) Automobile Coverage for Hired and Non Owned Automobiles, and
- 2) Crime Coverage for \$25,000 Employee Dishonesty.

The Grand Recorder solicited comments from those present as to the applicability of these two items in our coverage. Following discussion, which supported the dropping of these items from our coverage, it was regularly moved, seconded, and approved, that the Liability Insurance Program be continued, subject to similar action by Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. Exact coverage to be determined by Grand Recorder after further consultation with other Grand Officers. Cost to each of the three Councils and the Grand Council is expected to be about the same as last year if total coverage is requested; less if the above two noted items are eliminated.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder

### **REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

The poets and Hymn writers seem to have captured the thoughts which many of us are not able to put into words.

“Bless be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian Love.”  
Fawcett

“I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.”  
Whittier

“I hope to see my pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.”  
Tennyson

“Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.”  
Van Schlegel

How often such lines come to mind when we think of the Companions who no longer gather in Council with us. We cherish the memory of those who have left us, whose faces we no longer see, whose voices we no longer hear. What thoughts and memories, what recollections come to mind, as we recall their names.

They have helped to make the great cloud of witness, of which they are now a part, seem very real.

Long after the sun goes down, the sky is lighted with colors that defy description. They make up what many have called the after glow. For years to come those who we remember today will remain in our thoughts and memories, our hearts and minds. Their after glow will linger and abide with us forever and a day.

Now, as has been our custom for a number of years, we place flowers upon the altar in the memory of our departed Companions.

We place one carnation for our departed Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters.

We place one carnation for our departed Past Illustrious Masters.

We place one carnation for the departed Companions of our Constituent Councils.

We place one final carnation for the departed Companions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

May they rest in peace and their works follow them.

Let us Pray:

Almighty God, our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble; in the shadows of this moment, grant us thy light. We need and seek Thy consolation and strength, Thou who art the Lord of Life and the conqueror of death. Help us to see that we are spiritual beings

living in a spiritual universe and that while things that are seen as temporal and pass away, the things that are unseen are real and eternal. The bodies of our departed Companions may turn to dust but their spirits and personalities will never be forgotten.

Strengthen our gratitude for the Companionship and enriching experiences that have been ours through the years. We thank Thee for the lives of our Companions and having received them into Thy presence, may the tie that binds us all draw us closely together with Thee and them, until we are joined together in Thy Kingdom. In Thy name we ask it.

Amen.

Fraternally submitted,

John A. Irwin, Grand Chaplain

### **REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

At the request of the three presiding Grand Officers, a Leadership Seminar was conducted on January 31, 1998 at the Masonic Temple in Dover. Approximately 35 Companions and Sir Knights were in attendance with representation from each of the constituent bodies of Grand Chapter, Council and/or Commandery. Regretfully the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Most Excellent High Priest, due to business or other Masonic duties, were unable to be in attendance.

Seminar leaders were the Grand Recorder/Secretary Donald D. Thomas and the Grand Commander Franklin R. Townsend. Topics covered in this two hour session were:

- . The Little Red Notebook (the notebook of information provided to each of the Constituent Bodies)
- . Expectations of the Grand Recorder/Secretary regards Constituent and Grand Officers.
- . Masonic Protocol
- . Leadership

and

- . Proper Templar Dress

A critique of the session by those present encouraged a continuation of the program on at least a semi-annual basis. Topics suggested by the participants for future meetings were:

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| . How to conduct a meeting | Working with Committees     |
| . Program Development      | Protocol                    |
| . Ritual                   | Officer duties              |
| . Creating Change          | Membership retention        |
| . Planning                 | Function of National Bodies |

- . Officer development
- . Team building
- . Communications

- Leadership development
- Public relations
- Personal observations and experiences

Refreshments, provided by the Kent Chapter No. 8, followed in the banquet Hall.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald D. Thomas,  
Grand Recorder/Secretary,  
For the Committee

### **REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES COMMITTEE**

The Constitution and Statutes Committee has reviewed the recommendation of the Grand Master regards the establishment of a Ceremonial Protocol for this Grand Council and find it to be in order.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles W. Barkins, MIPGM

### **REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

Donations to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation continue to mostly memorials by the constituent Councils with few direct donations by companions. Most companions were solicited in some way with little effect. Each Illustrious Grand Master should have some fund raising project to generate donations to this very worthwhile philanthropy.

Fraternally submitted,

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR**

Degree conferrals continue to be the highlight of our Cryptic Rite. The degree teams of Council numbers 2, 3 and 4 are still portraying the ritual in excellent form. Council number 1, for the first time in several years, conferred both degrees without the assistance of any Past Illustrious Masters.

Unfortunately, the openings and closing ritual in a couple of our Councils still remain to be a concern. Open ritual books have been noted on occasion. If we do not exhibit pride in our work, we cannot expect others to join with us.

Fraternally submitted,

Franklin R. Townsend,  
Grand Inspector

**REPORT OF THE 1998 GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF  
DELAWARE  
GRAND CONVOCATION COMMITTEE**

The committee has not yet reached it's final composition as dictated by the action of last years convocation, owing to the fact of needing previous experience represented on the committee.

The 1998 Convocation Committee:

Carl V. Dreisbach, E. Grand Captain of the Host  
Eugene R. Small, P.H.P.  
G. Thomas Taylor, III, E.H.P.  
Charles J. Conley, E. Grand Royal Arch Captain

Virtue of Office

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., M.E.G.H.P.  
Mark E. Irwin, M.I.G.M.  
Franklin R. Townsend, G.C.  
Donald D. Thomas, P.G.H.P., Grand Secretary  
C. Granville McVey, P.G.H.P., Grand Treasurer

Advisors to the Committee

Nancy L. Edwards  
Melanie Irwin  
Joyce Townsend

The weekend festivities began with the opening of the Hospitality Room in the Ramada Inn near the Delaware Memorial Bridge, just off I-95, at approximately 10:30 A.M.

The Sir Knights, at 12:00 Noon, then carpooled to the Masonic Temple, at 818 Market Street, for the opening of the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Delaware.

That evening the social hour began at 6:00 P.M. in the Patriot Room of the Ramada Inn. At 7:00 P.M. the Grand York Rite Bodies Annual Grand Banquet began with the invocation followed by the tribute to the countries of The United States of America and Canada. Dinner was immediately served with choices of Stuffed Manicotti with Meat Balls, Turkey with all the trimmings, or Ham dinner. All dignitaries, awards, and presentations, along with words of greetings from the various dignitaries were then heard. Lastly we were entertained by Mr. Herb Strong of Pennsville, New Jersey, who sang several gospel selections.

The decorations for the Banquet were in keeping with the fifth anniversary of a blizzard that struck the east coast, stranding many at the motel that year. The tables were decorated with hurricane globes standing upright on mirror squares, that were dusted with artificial snow in the motif of a large snowflake. Candles of red, purple, and white were within the hurricane globes. Beneath each mirror square was a larger square of red or purple all on white table cloths, and was completed with red napkins. The head table was adorned with three silk flower arrangements, that will be available for future convocations

On Saturday, March 14th, the Hospitality Room opened for lite breakfast at about 7:00 A.M. The Companions boarded a bus at approximately 8:00 A.M. to go to the temple, at 818 Market Street, where coffee and doughnuts were available thru the courtesy of The York Rite College of Delaware.

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware convened at 9:00 A.M. After the Council adjourned, a lunch was served by the DeMolay young men of Delaware, with assistance of the Job's Daughters Bethels young ladies.

Immediately following lunch at 1:00 P.M. the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware convened it's annual meeting.

During the time the men were occupied, the Ladies of the Companions and Sir Knights were entertained, with a bus trip to Winterthur Museum, including a guided tour of the premises, with time for browsing and shopping in the extensive galleries. They returned to the Ramada and a luncheon of Soup, Salad, and Sandwich, with the tables decorated in a snow motif, which featured snowmen. Lite entertainment was provided.

All festivities were concluded by 4:00 P.M.

The Committee wishes to thank all the Ladies of the Companions that helped in any way to make this a successful weekend.

A supplemental report will be added to this summary report that will include the final financial and attendance figures to be printed in the annual proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., Chairman

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE 1998  
GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF DELAWARE  
GRAND CONVOCATION COMMITTEE**

1998

1998

Hotel Rooming:

52 Rooms Rented

80 Room Nights Credited

4 Complimentary Rooms (1 per each 20 room night)

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$4,750.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Banquet, Ladies Tour and Luncheons:

69 Men's Lunches @ \$6.00 each \$ 414.00

38 Ladies Tour @ \$6.00 each (1 Complimentary) 222.00

192 Banquet Dinners 2,759.30

39 Ladies Luncheons 408.40

Miscellaneous:

Bus 150.00

Entertainment - Herb Strong 50.00

Hurricane Globes 71.76

Candle Holders 18.96

Candles 37.16

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$4,131.58

BALANCE \$ 618.42

In addition an anonymous donation of goods totaling \$417.82 was received .

The Hospitality Room expenses were donated by the present Grand Officers and their Ladies.

As a result of this activity there is in Inventory for the Grand York Rite Bodies of Delaware, the following items:

24 Hurricane Globes

24 Mirror Squares

24 Candle Holders

3 Silk Flower Arrangements for Head Table in appropriate colors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., M.E.G.H.P., Chairman

**REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE  
TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST**

Support of the day camp and youth sports facility operated by the YMCA on land leased by it from the Trustee continues to be the principle activity of the Hanby Trust.

In 1997 the Trust made a cash grant of income to the YMCA for use on the project. This grant was \$45,000.00 an increase of \$10,500.00 more



than the previous year. A substantial portion of it was used to defray the camping fees of underprivileged children.

After studying for several months, the manner in which Trust income is reported to the Federal Government, PNC Bank has now resolved the reporting procedures. This will positively affect the amount of income available for distribution.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM  
Governor

*Upon order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the previous recipients of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award were assembled at the altar. The following report was then presented.*

### **REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Awards and Special Recognition is happy to recommend Companions to receive the following awards.

#### **Cryptic Mason of the Year**

First, it is the unanimous opinion of this Committee that:

#### **Maurice C. Barnes**

be given the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award. Companion Barnes is truly deserving as he is always there to lend a hand when needed and to see that York Rite Masonry in Sussex County and elsewhere in the state continues to function. He is a Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 9, Past High Priest of Hope Chapter No. 4, Past Illustrious Master of Joppa Council No. 3, Secretary of his Lodge, Chapter and Council to name just a few. He is tireless in his endeavors to promote Masonry in general and we are pleased to present his name for this award.

#### **Youth Service/Adult Leadership Award**

Secondly we offer the following Companions name for the Youth Service/Adult Leadership Award :

#### **G. Thomas Taylor, III**

Executive Officer for DeMolay in Delaware. Although Tom was only appointed to this office within the last three years, he has worked diligently to revive DeMolay in Delaware. With two thriving Chapters, Wilmington and Newport we can only hope that Companion Taylor will be successful in expanding DeMolay. Tom is ever enthusiastic in his

endeavor and we are sure he will be successful in this quest.

Fraternally submitted,

John B. Dorsey, MIPGM

### **PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Most regretfully, unexpected problems have been encountered by the Printing Committee this year. The Annual Proceedings of this Grand Body were prepared and available to the printer in early September. Shortly before we were to deliver the copy to the printer, he entered Christiana Hospital where he was subsequently diagnosed with Lung Cancer. The printer, indicating his expectation of returning back to business, and, having served us well, we waited with the hope that this was to be the case. Sadly, this was not to be and in late November we began a search for a new supplier. In late December we delivered all the copy to Ace Printing in Elkton, Maryland. This printer had agreed to undertake the printing at the same per page price as our previous printer. Total costs are, however, higher since this is the year in which the entire membership roster is presented, thus the number of pages printed is up. We must also caution you that the costs reflected by the Grand Treasurer in his report do not reflect the mailing of the Proceedings for this year.

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

We have expressed our appreciation to the new printer in assisting us in an expeditious manner so that copies of the Proceedings are available today. We would appreciate if they were picked up by the respective constituent bodies and Past Grands. We do apologize to the membership for this delay, but the circumstances behind the scene really moved us to hope and pray that we could have stayed with M&H Printers for a long period of time. Such was not to be the case.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

### **THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT**

At their stated Assembly of December 29, 1997 of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4, Companion Wayne T. Slack, Illustrious Master

elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, and Companion Freeman R. Smith, Illustrious Master elect of Adoniram Council No 2 were duly elected affiliated members of that Council. The Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was then conferred upon them in a most proficient manner by the Officers of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 with, for the first time, M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey assuming the role of Benaiah and M.I.P.G.M. Richard A. Scarlott assuming the role of King David and delivering the Charge. Following the degree conferral, Thrice Illustrious Master Slack and Smith were presented with the Jewel of their office. In attendance at this meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Mark E. Irwin, together with several members of his staff.

The next degree conferral is scheduled for December 28, 1998 at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware commencing at 6:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Recorder, TIM No. 4

## **JURISPRUDENCE REPORT**

### **GRAND MASTER'S REPORT**

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the address of our Most Illustrious Grand Master Mark E. Irwin presented here to you here this morning.

We find that our Most Illustrious Grand Master has been most diligent in performing his duties to this Grand Council and ably assisted by the strong loving support of his Lady Melanie. He has done well.

We find the dispensations granted by our Most Illustrious Grand Master entirely within the powers and prerogatives inherent in his office. We therefore, without reservation, recommend their approval.

Our Most Illustrious had the honor to welcome on our behalf, six new representatives of the Grand Council of Delaware. In continuing this Grand Councils participation in fraternal relations with our sister jurisdictions, our Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed seven new representatives. We commend those so appointed and charge them to fulfill their duties with zeal and fidelity.

Most Illustrious Irwin was ever so faithful in the performance of his duties both within and without the State of Delaware. Finding time to officially visit the Councils of this jurisdiction and to commend a worthy Companion from each Council. He also was present at many of the Masonic functions held in the State of Delaware. In addition to these duties he was able to visit eight of our sister jurisdictions along with

being present at the Northeast Regional York Rite Conference and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. His Lady Melanie accompanied our Most Illustrious on many of these visits and for all this we thank you most sincerely.

Our Most Illustrious has presented six recommendations to this Grand Council for consideration. Jurisprudence Committee has met to discuss these recommendations and finds the following:

(1) Permanent Fund

Legislation to establish a Permanent Fund was approved in 1997. Jurisprudence recommends that it be incorporated into the Code. We move to adopt as a Standing Resolution:

*GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE PERMANENT FUND*

*1 This Fund shall be known as the Grand Council of Delaware Permanent Fund.*

*2 The purpose of this Fund is to assist in offsetting the expenses of the Annual Assembly and the Illustrious Grand Master during his term of office.*

*3 The principal of this fund may not be spent and must remain for growth. The investment income may be used only in accordance with No.4 below.*

*4 When the Fund reaches the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) 50% of the annual investment income may be spent; 25% annually and 25% accumulated for three years to assist in offsetting the cost of attending the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Council International by the Illustrious Grand Master or his designated Proxy. When the Fund accumulates to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), 75% of the annual investment income may be spent; 50% annually and 25% accumulated for three years to assist in offsetting the cost of attending the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Council International by the Illustrious Grand Master or his designated Proxy. At no time, regardless of how large the fund grows, can more than 75% of the annual investment income be spent. There must always be 25% of the annual investment income rolled over into the fund for growth.*

*5 This Fund shall be managed by a committee of three (3) Companions, from the Constituent Councils, to serve staggered terms of three years each. The Grand Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of this Committee responsible for the accountability of the Fund and the disbursement of any monies from the Fund.*

*6 The incoming Illustrious Grand Master shall appoint one (1) Companion, to serve a three year term on this Committee*

7. *The Committee members shall select a Chairman from its members.*
8. *The Committee's duties shall be:*
- A. Devise, and see implemented, ways to raise money for the Fund.*
  - B. Prudently invest the proceeds of the Fund in the best interest of the Grand Council of Delaware.*
  - C. Prepare an annual report on the status of the Fund to be presented at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware*
9. *There is no requirement that these funds be spent each year. Further, they may only be used for the purposes designated herein.*
10. *Expenditures from this Fund can only be made following written request for same which clearly identifies the basis and reason for the disbursement. These disbursements cannot exceed the fair and reasonable expense for the purposes so designated.*
11. *Each incoming Illustrious Grand Master is expected to have a program to assist in raising money for the Fund.*
12. *Until the Fund reaches \$5,000.00, the Most Illustrious Grand Master may, upon approval of the Committee, use up to 25% of the monies raised by the projects undertaken through his direction during his term of office.*

**(Motion was duly seconded and APPROVED.)**

**(2) Standing Committee**

The Illustrious Grand Master recommends that the York Rite Advancement Committee be stricken from Article #10 of the code. Jurisprudence does not feel that it is in the best interest of the Grand Council to eliminate the Committee. In any event, as an amendment to the Code, it will be necessary to lay over this matter for consideration at our next Annual Assembly.

**(3) Illustrious Grand Master recommends striking Standing Resolution # 3, Committee on Condition of the Rite.**

Jurisprudence has no objection as we believe that the assessment of the condition of the rite is quite properly within the scope of the Grand Masters activities. He also recommends striking standing resolution #6 which Jurisprudence agrees with. We believe that Joint Committees are needed but that each should be formed by Standing Resolutions in each body for specific activities which would benefit from a combined committee.

(4) Purchase of collars and aprons.

Jurisprudence believes that the Grand Officers should be properly attired at our meetings. We recommend that this proposal be referred to the Finance Committee for evaluation and that any recommendations made by Finance be considered by the members of the Grand Council.

(5) Protocol for the reception of the Most Illustrious Grand Master on Official Visits to Constituent Councils.

Jurisprudence commends the Grand Master for preparing and using this Protocol during his visitations to the constituent councils during his term. We move to adopt as a Standing Resolution --

*The Protocol for the Reception of the Grand Master, as presented in the recommendation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master at the Seventy-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council (1998), be adopted and made a part of the Ceremonial Protocol of this Grand Council. This Ceremonial Protocol to be maintained by the Grand Recorder and subject to change only by order of this Grand Council.*

**(Motion was duly seconded and APPROVED.)**

(6) Financial support to the Grand Sessions.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master notes that additional financial support is needed to properly conduct our Grand York Rite Sessions. In fact, legislation was passed by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Council at earlier sessions. Jurisprudence joins the Grand Master in urging Grand Chapter to take action on this matter.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

John B. Dorsey, MIPGM

*Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was ordered printed in the Proceedings of the Annual Assembly.*

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Your Committee on Finance reports that we have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder and find them in order. Expenses were not properly supported by vouchers, but rather by the actual bills. The Committee prefers that vouchers be written in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. A receipts ledger should be kept also. The portion of the Grand Recorder's Report that deals with finances should be presented in the same format as prior grand Recorders in which revenues and expenses were itemized.

The committee recommends acceptance of their reports for the year just ended.

The net worth of this Grand Council continues to grow almost every year. We recommend a thorough review be conducted of the methods of accounting, goals and aims of the various accounts and a long term financial plan be developed to ensure the continued financial stability of this Grand Council. We recommend this be conducted in conjunction with Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery and that the same accounting system be used in all three bodies for uniformity.

The above recommendations are presented in recognition of the fact that the finances of Grand Council continues to grow, that it's funds should be accounted for with generally accepted accounting procedures and that we should have a financial plan to ensure continued financial growth and stability.

The proposed budget for 1998 is attached. It is comparable with the last few years except for the software item. We recommend adoption of it as presented.

The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer are to be commended for their diligence, for all of their efforts and for their wisdom in guiding the finances of this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PMIGM  
Eugene R. Small

#### PROPOSED GRAND COUNCIL 1998 BUDGET

Description	1994 Actual	1995 Actual	1996 Actual	1997 Actual	1998 Proposed
<b>Income:</b>	1,647.86	1,598.84	1,664.40	1,682.89	1,700.00
<b>Annual Expenses:</b>					
Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	131.60	128.10	128.80	125.65	130.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Grand Recorder Office Exp.			96.20	122.58	150.00
Copies and copier	20.98	18.00	65.33		50.00
Insurance Share	130.00	25.00	60.00	29.00	29.00
Postage		32.00	32.00		
Long Distance Calls		12.67			
Jewels (TIM & MIPGM)		134.89			
Printing/Mailing Proceedings	652.17		965.23	502.00	525.00
Rituals	30.00			20.00	
Annual Assembly Expense				105.20	

1998					1998
Total Annual Expenses	1,039.75	425.66	1,422.56	979.43	959.00
Annualize proceedings expense		482.62	(482.62)		
Adjusted Annual Expenses	1,039.75	908.28	939.94		959.00
 <b>One Time Expenses</b>					
Gd. Council Aprons/Cases & Jewels					2,500.00

Any expenses "overbudget" are paid from accrued earnings.  
 One time expenses are paid from accrued earnings.

*On motion regularly made, and seconded the above Budget was APPROVED.*

### PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, James A. Pletz, then introduced the following two items for consideration by this Grand Council.

#### ***GRAND YORK RITE LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE***

Resolved: that the Grand Council in conjunction with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery create a Standing Committee to be known as the Grand York Rite Leadership and Education Committee. The duties of said Committee to be:

\* Conceive, prepare, schedule and conduct Seminars for the Officers of the Grand and Constituent bodies of the York Rite on subjects that will improve their ability to lead and educate the members of their respective bodies. At least two (2) Seminars shall be conducted each year in locations accessible to all members of the Rite. Multiple sessions may be considered to satisfy this requirement.

\* Develop, prepare, publish, and provide to the Officers and members of the York Rite materials which will enhance the ability of the Officers to lead, and permit all to better understand the principles of Freemasonry.

\* The committee shall be composed of three members, one from each of the three Grand Bodies. Their term of service shall be for three years except for the initial appointments, where the member from Grand Chapter shall be for one year, Grand Council for two years and Grand Commandery for three years. The chairmanship shall rotate annually through Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery so that the longest service member is the Chair. The Grand Presiding officers are ex-officio members of the committee. The committee may, and is encouraged to, recruit additional support to accomplish the



objectives of the committee.

I move that the proposed legislation be adopted subject to the assent of all three Grand York Rite Bodies.

*The above, being duly seconded, was accepted and referred to Jurisprudence and the associated respective Committee of this Grand Council.*

#### **GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Resolved: that the Grand Council in conjunction with the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery create a Standing Committee to be known as the Grand York Rite Youth Activities Committee. The duties of said Committee to be:

\* To maintain a continuing liaison with the Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters. They shall advise the York Rite bodies of Youth Activities and elicit support from our membership. They shall advise the Grand Bodies of specific needs of the youth groups and recommend appropriate action.

\* The committee shall be composed of three members, one from each of the three Grand Bodies. Their term of service shall be for three years except for the initial appointments, where the member from Grand Chapter shall be for one year, Grand Council for two years and Grand Commandery for three years. The chairmanship shall rotate annually through Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery so that the longest service member is the Chair. The Grand Presiding officers are ex-officio members of the committee. The committee may, and is encouraged to, recruit additional support to accomplish the objectives of the committee.

I move that the proposed legislation be adopted subject to the assent of all three Grand York Rite Bodies.

*The above, being duly seconded, was accepted and referred to Jurisprudence and the associated respective Committee of this Grand Council.*

#### **RECOGNITION OF GRAND CHAPLAIN - JOHN A. IRWIN**

Excellent Companion John A. Irwin, Grand Chaplain, rose to address the Grand Council and express the great joy, delight, and pleasure that he and Edith has enjoyed in participating with their son Mark in his Masonic activities over many years. He wished all to know how very proud the entire family was of Mark and Melanie.

*The members of Grand Council voiced their approval of Companion Irwin's comments with a standing acclamation.*

### **RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master recognized Most Puissant Harold Betzenberger, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who expressed the appreciation of the guests for the hospitality and pleasures that had been extended to them and wished for our Most Illustrious Grand Master and this Grand Council continued success in all their endeavors.

### **RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master recognized Most Puissant Orville E. Wesseller, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, who addressed the Companions noting that he was well pleased to serve as General Grand Master of General Grand Council, International - a service organization for Cryptic Masonry. In this capacity he urged each to promote Cryptic Masonry and to support the Cryptic Mason Masonic Research Foundation goal of establishing a \$1,000,000.00 chair at the School of Medical Research at Indianapolis, Indiana noting that all of us are, and should be, deeply concerned with the study of cardiovascular diseases - the number 1 killer in the United States. The General Grand Master also reflected on his objectives for this Triennium - Leadership, Communication and Teamwork and the progress being made in each of these areas. He was also pleased to note that this year we would expand our International Service by Constituting a Grand Council in Greece. He was also favorably disposed to note of interest of forming Grand Councils in Monaco, Peru and Portugal. He also encouraged each jurisdiction to give consideration for candidates for the General Grand Council Columbian Award. Nominations to be submitted to the General Grand Recorder by December 15<sup>th</sup> 1998.

In concluding his remarks, the General Grand Master commended Most Illustrious Grand Master Irwin for his service to Freemasonry and the Companions of the Grand Council of Delaware for their continued dedication and committed service.

### **DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Irwin then discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of the Grand Council for all their efforts during the past year.

### **ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Irwin announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year. The results of the Election, by acclamation, were as follows:

M.I. Grand Master	Franklin R. Townsend
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	William J. Littel
M.I. Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

Most Illustrious Companion Townsend then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	John Losten
I. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Warren F. Schueler, Sr.
I. Grand Marshal	James T. Elliott, Sr.
I. Grand Steward	Maurice C. Barnes
I. Grand Sentinel	David F. Coady

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Richard A. Scarlott, with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Charles H. Lengel, Jr. serving as Grand Marshal.

### PRESENTATIONS

MIPGM Donald D. Thomas requested that Companion John A. Irwin and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark E. Irwin accompany him to the altar. He then presented to Companion John A. Irwin a Past Grand Master's jewel to present to his son, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark E. Irwin. The Reverend John Irwin undertook this task in a manner well befitting the long family and Masonic relationship that exists between these two Companions.

### APPOINTMENTS

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then directed the Grand Recorder to read the Committee appointments for the ensuing year. The first named to be the Chairman of each Committee:

#### Jurisprudence

John B. Dorsey, M.I.P.G.M.  
C. Granville McVey, M.I.P.G.M.  
James A. Pletz, M.I.P.G.M.

#### Grand Inspector

Franklin R. Townsend  
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. M.I.P.G.M.  
John N. Phillos

#### Finance

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.  
Eugene R. Small

#### Constitution and Statutes

Charles W. Barkins, M.I.P.G.M.  
Maynard H. Mires, M.I.P.G.M.

**Leadership**

Eugene R. Small  
 Freeman R. Smith  
 Harry M. Sullivan Jr., M.I.P.G.M.  
 John N. Phillos  
 Donald D. Thomas, M.I.P.G.M.  
 Haywood I. Buck, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.

**Memorials**

John A. Irwin  
 C. William Tulloch

**Gov. Albert T. Hanby Trust**

Richard A. Scarlott, M.I.P.G.M.

**Grand York Rite Annual****Meeting**

Eugene R. Small  
 Charles J. Conley

**Awards and Special****Recognition**

John B. Dorsey, M.I.P.G.M.  
 Charles H. Lengel, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.  
 Haywood I. Buck, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.

**General Grand Council Benevolent Foundation**

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.  
 Horace Patterson, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.

**REMARKS OF THE INCOMING M. I. GRAND MASTER**

Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Members of the Grand Council, Distinguished Visitors, and my Companions all:

I thank you for allowing me to serve you in the up-coming year as Illustrious Grand Master, and I pledge to devote my utmost endeavors to improving our constituent Councils.

When I was greeted as a Select Master, twenty-two years ago, I was most impressed with the friendliness and spirit of fellowship prevalent among the companions. This kind of camaraderie, I believe is the *key* to our growth and retention of Companions. While we claim the title of Royal and Select, we must not take ourselves so seriously that we do not practice the Masonic tenet of brotherhood.

As for specific programs, I do not have a grandiose master plan but believe we should continue to concentrate on the basics, notably

1. Conferring superior and ritualistically adequate degrees
2. Scheduling interesting speakers/programs at the stated assemblies
3. Assisting our Symbolic Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters
4. Selling the whole York Rite to candidates
5. Continuing participation in the York Rite Leadership and Educational Training Sessions.

Companions, with your assistance and support, I look forward to a great year for Cryptic Masonry.

### VISITATION SCHEDULE

The schedule of visitations to the Constituent Councils was then announced by the Grand Recorder:

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	September 23, 1998
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	April 1, 1998
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	November 3, 1998
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 30, 1998

### ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date and place of the 73rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, March 13, 1999, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:35 A.M. by Most Illustrious Grand Master Franklin R. Townsend. The Companions then repaired to the Fourth Floor Banquet Hall of the Grand Opera House for lunch.

ATTEST:

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *Harvey W. Bentley, 1926-1927   | *Royden L. Hammond, 1927-28    |
| *George O. Fearon, 1928-29      | *John McMillan, 1929-30        |
| *Cornelius E. Beatty, 1930-31   | *Herman H. Hanson, 1931-32     |
| *Harry L. Holson, 1932-33       | *Clarence B. Hess, 1933-34     |
| *J. Wallace Woodford, 1934-35   | *Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1935-36 |
| *Thomas R. Saunders, 1936-37    | *John P. LeFevre, 1937-38      |
| *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1938-39 | *Harry W. Kennedy, 1939-40     |
| *George S. Buhl, 1940-41        | *Andrew J. Bock, 1941-42       |
| *R. Earle Dickey, 1942-43       | *William H. Cantwell, 1943-44  |
| *Charles S. Cahoon, 1944-45     | *Frank B. Newell, 1945-47      |
| *Harry R. Craig, 1947           | *James Carswell, 1948          |
| *M. Haswell Pierce, 1949        | *Walter L. Conway, 1950        |
| *George E. Vandegrift, 1951     | *J. Ralph Carey, 1952          |
| *Harry V. Holloway, 1953        | *Irwin R. Murray, 1954         |
| *Howard C. Barlow, 1955         | *Henry S. Young, 1956          |
| *J. Henry McDonnell, 1957       | *Stephen E. Hamilton, 1958     |
| *Percy W. Gardner, 1959         | Alfred E. Yeaton, 1960         |
| *F. Irving Crow, 1961           | *Emerson Keeler, 1963          |
| *Raymond A. Howard, 1964        | *John J. McClearnen, 1965      |
| Chester C. Coffin, 1966         | *Rhey H. Smith, 1967           |
| *Warren R. Gray, 1968           | *C. Ray Scarborough, 1969      |
| *Ernest H. Martyn, 1970         | *A. Warren Wheatley, 1972      |
| *James L. Crouse, 1973          | *John M. Johnson, 1974         |
| *E. Paul Wootten, 1975          | *Richard H. Thomas, 1976       |
| #James H. Durrill, 1977         | *Dallas E. Marvel, 1978        |
| Charles W. Barkins, 1979        | *Paul E. Hurter, 1980          |
| James H. Hutchins, 1981         | *Raymond M. Savage, 1982       |
| Henry G. Law, 1983              | W. Thomas Musser, 1984         |
| Donald D. Thomas, 1985          | Lewis J. Blackwell, 1986       |
| Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987    | Horace G. Patterson, Jr., 1988 |
| C. Granville McVey, 1989        | *T. Eugene Womach, 1990        |
| Richard A. Scarlott, 1991       | Maynard H. Mires, Jr., 1992    |
| James A. Pletz, 1993            | Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1994     |
| Charles H. Lengel, Jr. 1995     | John B. Dorsey, 1996           |
|                                 | Mark E. Irwin, 1997            |

**GRAND TREASURERS**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *John McMillan, 1925-27     | Alfred E. Yeaton, 1969-80   |
| *Harvey W. Bentley, 1927-33 | Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86  |
| *John McMillan, 1933-52     | Henry G. Law, 1987-91       |
| *James Carswell, 1953-66    | C. Granville McVey, 1992-94 |
| *Paul Yearsley, 1967-68     | Donald D. Thomas, 1995      |
|                             | C. Granville McVey, 1996-98 |

**GRAND RECORDERS**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1925-38 | *John J. McClearnen, 1973-75 |
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\*Harvey W. Bentley, 1938-39  
\*Marshall M. Carpenter, 1939-56  
\*Alfred H. Coe, 1957-64  
\*Raymond A. Howard, 1965-70  
#Lawrence B. Jones, 1971-72

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Henry G. Law, 1976-80  
\*C. Ray Scarborough, 1981-91  
Henry G. Law, 1992-94  
C. Granville McVey, 1995  
Donald D. Thomas, 1996-98

\* - Deceased # - Suspended

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Chester C. Coffin	1975	p John A. Irwin	1986
* Raymond A. Howard	1976	NONE AWARDED	1987
* James L. Crouse	1977	p James A. Pletz	1988
Henry G. Law	1978	* James Richardson	1989
* C. Ray Scarborough	1979	p Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1990
* Robert Parke, Jr.	1980	p Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	1991
* Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1981	p John B. Dorsey	1992
Lewis J. Blackwell	1982	NONE AWARDED	1993
* J. Norman Nicklas	1983	John N. Phillos	1994
p Richard A. Scarlott	1984	NONE AWARDED	1995
p C. Granville McVey	1985	p James T. Elliott, Jr.	1996
		p Maurice C Barnes	1997

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

* Marion C.T. Townsend	1983	p Franklin R. Townsend	1990
* J. Norman Nicklas	1984	* Walter D, Wagner	1991
David B. Craig, Jr.	1985	p Eugene R. Small	1992
James H. Hutchins	1986	p George W. Taylor	1993
p Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1987	p Robert R. Hiddeman	1994
Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.	1988	NONE AWARDED	1995
p James A. Pletz	1989	p Donald E. Rosenberry	1996
		p G. Thomas Taylor	1997

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MEDAL OF HONOR**

Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Near the Grand Council of Delaware</u>	<u>State or Province</u>	<u>From the Grand Council of Delaware</u>
*Eugene R. Small	<b>ALABAMA</b>	George H. Busby
Donald F. Taylor	<b>ALASKA</b>	Russell A. Kenderick
Horace G. Patterson, Jr.	<b>ARIZONA</b>	David W. Blood
John Losten	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	Wesley M. Newton
*James A. Pletz	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Raymond F. Van Fossen
Samuel L. Mellin	<b>COLORADO</b>	Lawrence McCurry
*Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	Richard L. Smail
*John B. Dorsey	<b>DIST. of COLUMBIA</b>	Scott M. Applebee
*C. Granville McVey	<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>	D. D. MacIntosh
Warren W. Edinger, Jr.	<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	Robert Keith Hind
Edward J. Fields	<b>FLORIDA</b>	Charles Lee Hollinger
*Donald D. Thomas	<b>GEORGIA</b>	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	<b>GERMANY</b>	Walter E. Eichen
Charles E. Farrell	<b>HAWAII</b>	Thomas L. Wilkerson
Harry D. Newell	<b>IDAHO</b>	M. William Echo
*James T. Elliott, Jr.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	Richard L. Card
G. Richard Ward	<b>INDIANA</b>	Robert Price
*Wayne T. Slack	<b>IOWA</b>	George R. McCormick
Carl E. Buffington	<b>KANSAS</b>	F. Earl Riley
*John A. Irwin	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	Douglas F. Long
*Franklin R. Townsend	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
W. Thomas Musser	<b>MAINE</b>	Colwyn F. Haskell
*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	<b>MARYLAND</b>	Clifton R. Friel
Warren F. Schueler, Sr.	<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	Gerald H. Pass
*Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	Theodore A. Cannell
Charles H. Ware	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	Billy Frank Smith
*Franklin R. Townsend	<b>MISSOURI</b>	Alvin E. Gerstenschlager
*Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	<b>MONTANA</b>	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
D. Julian Massey	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	Abbott George Burkeu
*David F. Coady	<b>NEVADA</b>	William G. Roberts
Lewis J. Blackwell	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	Thomas G. LaBerge
*William J. Littel	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	Robert J. Sheridan
David B. Harman	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	John E. Smith
*Albert H. Westerside	<b>NEW YORK</b>	*Walter E. Barlow
* Mark E. Irwin	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	Otis V. Jones, Jr.
Maurice C. Barnes	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	Harley Kingsbury
*Richard A. Scarlott	<b>OHIO</b>	John N. Ulsh
Eugene W. Knapp	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	Charles L. Stuckey
Henry Y. Lutton	<b>ONTARIO</b>	R. Frank Russell
S. Robert Lyons	<b>OREGON</b>	Maurice F. Roberts
Chester C. Coffin	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	Edward L. Helgerman
*C. William Tulloch	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Evaristo A. Leviste
Henry G. Law	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	Herbert E. S. Clark, Jr.
John N. Phillos	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	Wilson C. Hardee
Richard E. Wise	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	Milton Edny
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	<b>TENNESSEE</b>	William P. Bouton
*James A. Pletz	<b>TEXAS</b>	Vernon I. Bartlett
Robert J. Lomax	<b>UTAH</b>	William J. Westbrook
James H. Hutchins	<b>VERMONT</b>	Guy Oldenburg

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John S. Proud  
\*Albert J. Miller  
\*Freeman R. Smith  
C. Parker Moore  
\*William J. Littel

**VIRGINIA**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**WESTERN CANADA**  
**WISCONSIN**  
**WYOMING**  
\* - Present e - Excused

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Stewart Wilson Miner  
William C. Cannon  
John F. Dobell  
Clarence A. McElmurry  
Charles Gregg

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<b>HAWAII</b>	Rev. John Connell	1227 Makiki Street Honolulu, 96814
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Kenneth S. Watts

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Riverton, 82501

**RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

**Gunning Bedford Council No. 1**  
Wilmington

Date of Charter: October 1, 1918  
Stated Assembly: Fourth Wednesday of each Month  
Closed: June, July, August, and December

**OFFICERS**

Wayne T. Slack	Illustrious Master
Randall C. Mullen	Deputy Master
James R. Herrington	Principal Conductor of the Work
William J. Littel, PIM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PIM	Recorder
Edwin Lee Stein, Jr.	Captain of the Guard
Robert V. McDowell, III	Conductor of the Council
Herbert J. Atkinson	Steward
Charles J. Conley	Chaplain
C. Norwood Hudson	Sentinel

**GREETED**

J. Arnold Bair	Charles C. Campbell
Melvin E. Gregg	William M. Hinde
William Simpson, III	Neal J. Sobocinski
	Ronald L. White

**DEMITTED**

Archie W. Bethard	Ronald L. Holt
Lynn J. Messerole	Frederick C. Rau

**SUSPENDED**

Raymond B. Campbell

**DIED**

Warren R. Gray, MIPGM	George K. Harris
John F. McBride	John S. Proud, PIM
John T. Purnell	Robert C. Trate
	Larry F. Warner

**Adoniram Council No. 2**

Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Wednesday of each Month except October

Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

Freeman R. Smith	Illustrious Master
David F. Coady PIM	Deputy Master
Archie W. Bethard	Principal Conductor of the Work
C. William Tulloch, PIM	Treasurer
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM	Recorder
Jon B. Cottrell	Captain of the Guard
James L. Ferguson, PIM	Conductor of the Council
David L. Harman, TIM	Steward
	Chaplain
Charles W. Barkins, MIPGM	Sentinel

**GREETED**

James A. Gooden	Griffith L. Jordan
Richard L. Shehorn	

**REINSTATED**

Donald F. Butler

**DEMITTED**

None

**SUSPENDED**

Harvey L. Bond

**DIED**

John H. Fillmore	H. Kline Lingo
J. Eldon Smith	



**Joppa Council No. 3**  
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month

Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

John N. Phillos, PIM	Illustrious Master
Lucien T. Lenhart	Deputy Master
William T. Wadkins, Jr.	Principal Conductor of the Work
Chester C. Coffin, MIPGM	Treasurer
Haywood I. Buck, Jr., MIPGM	Recorder
Samuel L. Mellin	Captain of the Guard
James B. Walsh.	Conductor of the Council
Joshua J. Willey, Jr	Steward
	Chaplain
James W. Taylor	Sentinel

**GREETED**

Bruce Samuel Hastings	Richard Swartout
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**SUSPENDED**

None

**DEMITTED**

Eugene D. Bookhammer	Calvin R. Ellis
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**DIED**

Robert E. Glime	Lester M. Greene
James E. Wharton	T. Eugene Womach, MIPGM

**Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4**  
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

**OFFICERS**

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM	Illustrious Master
John N. Phillos, PIM	Senior Warden
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM	Junior Warden
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM	Treasurer-Recorder
John B. Dorsey, MIGM	Steward
Franklin R. Townsend, PIM	Sentinel

**AFFILIATED**

Warren F. Schueler, Sr.

**DIED**

Warren R. Gray		John S. Proud
	T. Eugene Womach	

## 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 1998 plus 4000 = 5998

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 1998 plus 3760 = 5758. After September add another year.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A.I.), "in the year of discovery." Add 530 years to the common era. Thus 1998 plus 530 = 2528

Cryptic Rite (Royal and Select Masters) dates from the year in which the temple was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit." Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus 1998 plus 1000 = 2998

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 1998 = 880.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACTOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 1998 plus 1913 = 3911.

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Prior to 1947, the Annual Assembly was always held on the first Wednesday in October. Past Illustrious Grand Master Frank B. Newell was elected to that office on October 3, 1945, and served until January 15, 1947. At the Annual Assembly that was held on the third Saturday on January, 15, 1977 Past Illustrious Grand Master James H. Durrill was elected to that office and served until March 11, 1978, the first Annual Assembly that was held on the second Saturday in March.

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 Masons of Delaware will be held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market  
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**1996-1999**

**ELECTIVE**

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