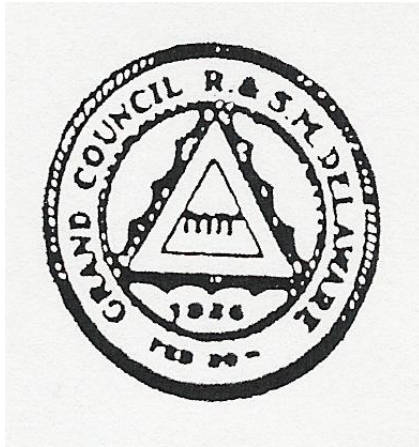


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF
DELAWARE**



**AT ITS
EIGHTY-SECOND
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT THE
MASONIC TEMPLE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 8, 2008, A.D. 3008**



**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
RICHARD LEE WEAVER**

RICHARD L. WEAVER
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2007-2008

Most Illustrious Companion Richard L. Weaver was born on December 8, 1939. He was the second of four children of William H. and Anna M. Weaver. He was born and raised in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Tyrone Area High School in 1957 he enlisted in the Air Force, and spent most of his tour in the service servicing the bombing and navigating systems on the B 47 and B 58 bombers. After receiving his discharge from the Air Force in 1964, Most Illustrious Companion Weaver moved from Fort Worth, Texas to Newark, Delaware. After working 40 years in the trade, Most Illustrious Companion Weaver retired from the Boulden Heating and Air Conditioning Company.

Most Illustrious Companion Weaver has been a widower for the past 6 years. He has 2 sons and a daughter. Richard L. who resides in Jacksonville, North Carolina and Milton H. who resides in Bear, Delaware. Both are members of Washington Lodge #1 in Wilmington Delaware. His daughter Cheryl resides in Tampa, Florida.

MASONIC RECORD

Symbolic Masonry – Washington Lodge

1 Apprentice 12/17/87

Fellowcraft 2/18/88

Master Mason 3/24/88

Worshipful Master 1992

Capitular Masonry - St. John's Chapter # 4

Exalted 10/14/89

Order of High Priesthood 12/29/92

High Priest 1993

Grand High Priest 1999

Cryptic Masonry - Gunning Bedford Council # 1

Greeted 7/22/92
Super Excellent Master 1/22/93

Adoniram Council # 7

Illustrious Master 2003

Chivalric Masonry - St. Johns Commandery # 1

Knighthood 12/10/92
Commander 2004

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite -Valley of Wilmington

Delaware Consistory - 32°

Allied Masonic Degrees
First State York Rite College #45
Delaware Council # 18 Knight
Masons
Royal Order of Scotland
Two by Two Lodge # 15 Royal Ark Mariners
Jesse Green Priory # 70 KYCH
Red Cross of Constantine - Delaware Conclave

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE

The Eighty-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 8, 2008, A. Dep. 3008. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 AM by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Arthur A. Loveless, with prayer by Grand Chaplain Herbert J. Atkinson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Most Illustrious Grand Master Richard L. Weaver was then received into the Grand Assembly and afforded Grand Honors.

The following Grand Officers were in their respective stations:

GRAND OFFICERS

M.I. Grand Master	Richard L. Weaver
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Arthur A. Loveless
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Wayne T. Slack
M.I. Grand Recorder	Franklin R. Townsend
I. Grand Chaplain	Herbert J. Atkinson
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Robert A. Benson
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	
I. Grand Marshal	David H. Laucius
I. Grand Steward	Maurice C. Barnes
I. Grand Sentinel	Gilbert E. Greenfield

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987	C. Granville McVey, 1989
James A. Pletz, 1993	Charles H. Lengel, Jr., 1995
John B. Dorsey, 1996	Mark E. Irwin, 1997
Franklin R. Townsend, 1998	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999
Albert H. Westerside, 2001	Archie W. Bethard, 2002
Wayne T. Slack, 2003	James R. Herrington, 2005
Charles T. Hart, 2006	

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

Gilbert E. Greenfield	Illustrious Master
James R. Hanby	Deputy Master
Lyman L. Krimmel	Principal Conductor of Work

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

Robert A. Benson	Illustrious Master
Lionel D. Hunter	Deputy Master

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

John W. Merkley	Illustrious Master
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THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER COUNCIL NO. 4

Herbert J. Atkinson, PIM	Illustrious Master
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PIGM	Deputy Master

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 81st Annual Assembly was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

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 the 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

Peter Stapleton	MIGM
Andrew Weimann	GCoG

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Teko A. Foly	MEGHP
Lawrence Jolma	RIPGCW

FLORIDA

Charles L. Hollinger	PDD & GGS
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MARYLAND

Carl Carchetti	MIGM
Robert B. Malwitz	PIGM
Patrick Curtis	PIGM
Stephen J. Ponzillo	PIGM
Ronald L. Aughenbaugh	PCW

MASSACHUSETTS

Donald W. Carriger	MIGM
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NEW JERSEY

Herbert Wood	MIGM
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OHIO

Henry A. Dodson Grand Representative

ONTARIO

David Hardie MIGM
Don Kline PIGM

PENNSYLVANIA

John J. Donati MPGM

RHODE ISLAND

Marc P. Paul MIGM
James Smith RIGChap.
Ray Hassall DDGM

Most Illustrious Grand Master Weaver cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions, noting how much he had enjoyed his visitation to many of their jurisdictions and sincerely hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware as enjoyable. Cryptic Grand Honors were then afforded the visitors.

RECEPTION OF DIGNITARIES

Ill.: Harold T. J. Littleton, 33°, Active Emeritus Member, AASR, was greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 82nd 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.: Charles H. Lengel, Jr., PGM
M.:W.: Harold T. J. Littleton, PGM
M.:W.: James A. Pletz, PGM
M.:W.: Warren F. Schueler, Sr., PGM
M.:W.: Albert H. Westerside, PGM

RECEPTION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Raymond E. Hassell, Deputy Grand Master, Northeast Dept., was escorted to the altar. Most Illustrious Grand Master Hart cordially welcomed this distinguished Companion to Delaware and invited him to the East where he was afforded Cryptic Grand Honors. Most Illustrious Hart surrendered to DDGM Hassall the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Council. DDGM Hassall thanked the Grand Master for that honor, commented on his pleasure of once again being in Delaware and given the authority to preside over this Grand Council, but suggested the labors should be returned to Grand Master Hart.

RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE

Most Worshipful Earl L. Emerson, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was escorted into the Grand Council and presented at the altar to Most Illustrious Grand Master Weaver. 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 welcome to the visitors and all present, and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master complimented Most Illustrious Grand Master Weaver for his years of service, not only to Cryptic Masonry, but all of Freemasonry, and then 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 introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. MIGM Weaver thanked them for their past endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past years. The assembled Past Grand Masters 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

Good morning Companions. It is with great pleasure to welcome you to the 82nd Grand Assembly of Cryptic Masons of Delaware. To our visiting Companions, I hope your stay with us has been as enjoyable for you as it has been for me. I would like to take this time to thank the Companions for allowing me the honor of serving as the Most Illustrious Grand Master this past year. I would like to also thank my staff for all the support that they have given to me throughout the year. I give special thanks to my Grand Marshal Lionel Hunter, not only did he keep my schedule up to date, he was also a traveling Companion on several visits to sister jurisdictions.

Dispensations

Dispensation was granted to all constituent Councils to waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigation, and balloting upon petitions received during the period from March 10, 2007, to March 8, 2008.

Dispensation was also granted, for the same period, to all constituent Councils to waive the usual waiting period between the several Cryptic Degrees.

Dispensation was also granted, for the same period, to all constituent Councils to hold Special Assemblies for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions, provided however, that proper notice is given to all members, as well as to the Grand Recorder, of such Special Assemblies.

Dispensation was also granted, for the same time period, to all

constituent Councils to move their respective Charters to the location of any Cryptic Festivals held during that period for the purpose of receiving and balloting upon petitions, provided however, that proper notice of such temporary relocation is given to all members, as well as to the Grand Recorder.

Visits to Sister Jurisdictions:

Due to schedule conflicts, I was unable to attend all the invitations that I had received. I realize that was my loss. Every one that I was able to attend, I was greeted with a warm welcome and brotherly love. I made new friends and talked to old ones. I was honored to represent this Grand Council at the following sister Jurisdictions:

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| 1. Washington D.C. | 2. Connecticut |
| 3. Rhode Island and Providence Plantations | |
| 4. Pennsylvania | 5. Vermont |
| 6. Maryland | 7. New Jersey |

I would like to thank Most Illustrious Charles Hart for the superb job he did in representing Delaware on two occasions. He and his wife went to Canada for their Grand Sessions. I was made an honorary member of several Grand Councils.

Regretfully I was unable to honor invitations to the following Grand Councils:

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| 1. New York | 2. New Hampshire |
| 3. Maine | 4. Canada |

Visits To Constituent Councils:

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| 1. Adoniram | 2. Gunning Bedford |
| 3. Joppa | 4. Thrice Illustrious Master |

I also represented the Grand Council at Grand Lodge and at Brotherhood Night.

It was an honor and a privilege to be present at Gunning Bedford Council on April 25th and on October 24th, where they greeted a total of 14 new members.

I accompanied M.E. Mark Irwin to the George Washington

Masonic Memorial in Alexandria Virginia, to witness The Festival of The Chapter Degrees. Fully expecting to sit on the sidelines and enjoy the degrees, but as we all know sometimes things don't work out the way they are planned. You are put to work, as always it is enlightening to see degree work done by other jurisdictions. We sometimes take a slightly different path, but we all end up at the same place.

North East York Rite Conference

Delaware was well represented at the conference, held in Mystic Connecticut on Friday and Saturday September 7th & 8th. I have attended several of these over the years and this was by far the best one I have ever attended. The speakers were superb and the program was excellent. Everyone left there more knowledgeable than when they arrived. Special thanks go to Companion Ray Hassell for a job well done.

Grand Representatives

It is my pleasure to accept the following Companions as the Grand Representative of The Grand Council of Delaware near the respective Grand Council.

Oregon

Robert E. Hoffmaster

North Dakota

Marvin J. Stovall

Necrology Report

(Given by the Grand Chaplain)

Condition Of The Rite

The condition of the craft seems to be improving. This year our membership ended up on the plus side Gunning Bedford Council # 1 with 14 new members, and Adoniram Council #2, which for several years has been struggling to keep active, elected 7 new members. That is one of the best ways I can think of to start the year.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the honor and privilege to preside over this Grand Council,

Sincerely and fraternally

Richard L. Weaver
Illustrious Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	IMMA SAVINGS	CHECKING ACCOUNT	INVEST. CDs	PERM. FUND
BALANCES				
1/31/2006	\$7,094.74	\$145.71	\$15,630.80	\$1,278.57
DEPOSITS				
Receipts	\$68.96			\$41.50
Transfer	\$1,000.00	\$1,030.30		
Interest	\$356.58		\$312.39	\$3.25
SUB-TOTAL	\$8,520.28	\$1,176.01		
DISBURSEMENTS				
Checking	\$1030.30			
Expenses		\$951.54		
BALANCES				
2/07/2007	\$7,489.98	\$224.47	\$15,943.19	\$1,323.32

YEAR-TO-YEAR SUMMARY

ASSETS	2/06/2007	1/31/2006	INCREASE
IMMA			
Savings	\$7,489.98	\$7,094.74	\$395.24
CD			
Accruing	\$7,843.43	\$7,533.01	\$310.42
CD			
Transferring	\$8,099.76	\$8,099.76	0
Permanent			
Fund	\$1,323.32	\$1,278.57	\$44.75
CHECKING ACCOUNT			\$224.47
GRAND COUNCIL MONEY MARKET			\$7,489.98

GRAND COUNCIL CD TRANSFER	\$8,099.76
GRAND COUNCIL CD ACCUMULATE	\$7,843.43
GRAND COUNCIL SAVINGS	
PERMANENT FUND	\$1,323.32
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS 1/31/2007	\$24,980.96
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS 1/31/2008	\$25,797.57
TOTAL INCREASE 9.6%	\$816.61

Fraternally,
Wayne T. Slack, PIGM, 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

It is unnecessary to reiterate the financial figures as that data is contained in the Grand Treasurer's report. For the last calendar year, only 1 Council greeted new Companions and actually increased its membership. Due to its efforts and a decrease in deaths and suspensions, we had a gain of 6 for a total membership of 341.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUN	START	GREET	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUSP	DIED	END
No. 1	160	14	0	0	1	2	2	169
No. 2	48	0	0	0	0	0	1	47
NO. 3	66	0	0	0	2	0	2	62
No.4	61	0	0	2	0	0	0	63
TOTAL	335	14	0	2	3	2	5	341
NET								
GAIN	6							

Franklin R. Townsend, PIGM
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR

While ritualistic proficiency is evident in two of our councils, the other two appear to be faltering. One of those confers the degrees in a proficient manner, but the opening and closing ritual is sadly lacking. The other council can neither open nor confer degrees in an acceptable manner. It's not a matter of talent, rather a lack of

“esprit de corps”. Steps have been taken by the current Ill. Master to rectify the situation and no doubt next year’s report will be favorable.

CONTINUANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Grand Recorder regularly moved, and it was duly seconded, that this Grand Council, in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies meeting this weekend, to continue with the Liability Insurance coverage program. The cost will be \$38.00 per body.
Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE 2006 GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Beginning bank balance	\$2,137.44
Deposits	5,750.00
Expenses	7,012.52
Less hotel deposit for 2007	500.00
Balance including \$500 advanced by Grand Council	\$ 874.92

Amount to be reimbursed from Grand Bodies to return total to \$1,600.00.

Grand Chapter	\$ 796.03
Grand Council	660.89
Grand Commandery	733.83
Expected balance	\$1,690.75

Sincerely and fraternally,
James R. Herrington, PIGM, and GYR Weekend Treasurer

REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

The Committee is pleased to announce that for the Year 2006-2007 we have a person being honored for his work with the DeMolay. This year the Adult Leadership Award went to Mr. George Dutton. The Cryptic Mason of the Year Award was presented at the same banquet to Past Illustrious Master Robert A. Benson. The Lady of the Council was awarded to Elissa Hart.

Fraternally,
Albert H. Westerside, PIGM, Chairman
Mark E. Irwin, PIGM
James R. Herrington, PIGM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Past Illustrious Master John Lewis from Pennsylvania returned to the Grand Council of Delaware the Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's apron that had belonged to Alfred Yeaton. The apron was then loaned to the Lombardy Hall Foundation for safekeeping and display.

YORK RITE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION REPORT

I have come to realize a great necessity for Leadership and Education in the Grand Bodies of this York Rite jurisdiction. The necessity to listen is key to Leadership—to listen and to understand.

There has not been a Leadership or Education program of which the York Rite officers, Grand or subordinate, have availed themselves for several years. That is most unfortunate. We are placing officers in leadership positions who do not know what to do. Lest you jump too quickly upon those in those leadership positions, the fault is not necessarily theirs. It is you and I who have permitted that to happen. They have been put in a position of going forth, in their opinion, where no man has gone before. Trouble is, they have not been prepared to walk, much less lead, in that capacity. Candidly, I have seen, in our various bodies, Grand and subordinate officers who:

- Did not know they had to appoint committees,
- Did not realize they had to establish visitation schedules,
- Did not know they, as a Grand officer, had to submit a Report at the Grand Session,
- Are not familiar with the Constitution of the Grand Body and the Constituted Body (probably because they have never seen a copy),
- Did not know the ritual,
- Did not know what Grand Lodge functions they were expected to attend, and in what dress,

A Grand Recorder/ Secretary, who to this day has not provided any documentation on the activities of those bodies during his term of office,

Were not aware of the expenses associated with being a Grand officer.

Do not cast stones upon those who fall into those categories. It was you and I who put them there, and you and I who, in the terms of Brotherly Love and Affection, permitted it to happen.

It is not all gloom and doom. The revitalization of the New Castle Planning Committee under the auspices of Sheldon Edwards and Dave Laucius is encouraging. It is a very important committee and needs to be attended to with serious dispatch. The shame is that it was permitted to fall by the wayside for too long.

Grand Lodge puts on three Education, Leadership and Work workshops each year. In addition, for the past several years, they have sponsored a weekend retreat, with the ladies, in Dewey Beach where a portion of the time is dedicated to the concerns of Leadership and Education. These sessions are open to any member of the fraternity from Entered Apprentice onwards. The York Rite bodies meeting this weekend should be present at these meetings for at least 3 reasons: they provide good leadership information which is just as applicable to these bodies as the Craft Lodge; the men at these meetings are your market for membership, good men who are seeking to make themselves better—how can you possibly ignore them; lastly, to support the Craft Lodge and Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's theme this year is "Educate and Communicate". It is a great theme, a very important one. We need to listen to what he has to say and act accordingly.

My counsel to the officers of the constituted, or Grand, body is to avail yourselves of every opportunity to learn. Observe what is happening at each meeting. Talk to and listen to your fellow officers. Establish your goals and aspirations earlier and share them with those you will be working with. Do not be afraid to ask questions. Involve others. Enjoy, and make sure those you surround yourself with enjoy, what you and they are doing.

Can we do better in our Leadership and Education activities? Of course we can and we must. But the old adage of giving a job to a busy man and he will get it done doesn't always work.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald D. Thomas, PIGM

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

The Summer of 2007 was the 23rd year at Camp Quoowant held on the grounds of the Hanby Outdoor Center. Again it was a great success. Camp Quoowant has a child-centered, theme-intensive program that provides children ages 5-15 years old possibilities to explore nature, make new friends, try new things, and acquire new skills, with some time to practice their new skills.

This camp season they had a large number of LITs (leaders-in-training). This is a 4-week leaders program designed to help their oldest campers develop the knowledge and skills to become excellent camp counselors in the upcoming years. They receive leadership classes and hands-on experience with younger campers. They ran two 4-week sessions with 19 LIT campers in each.

On July 20, 2007, the "Y" hosted their first Pilamya ("thank you") Celebration picnic. YMCA contributors and various members of the community were invited to experience the site and programming. The Board of Governors were shown the kids' camp pride with their weekly spirit stick sing-off. After this we had an enjoyable lunch and each was given a Pilamya t-shirt.

The 11-week session had a total of 580 campers. Total financial assistance provided by the YMCA was \$75,728.34. Hanby Trust gave \$80,000 to the YMCA for 2007.

At the October 25 meeting of Hanby Board of Governors and Trustees and PNC Bank in Wilmington, PNC stated that the Trust was in a good financial state. PNC also stated that they received a letter of intent from AHRs Properties II, to lease the Hanby Foundation property currently under lease agreement to the Claymont Fire Company, located on the southeast corner of Naamans and Marsh roads. AHRs Properties II has been selected by Walgreen's as their preferred developer for this region. In addition, the above proposes a relocation of the Claymont Fire

Company on site at AHRS sole cost in order to accommodate a Walgreen's store. The Hanby Board of Governors and Trustees voted AGAINST THIS. The Albert T. Hanby will states the property is to be used for the Children of Delaware. Hopefully this will be the end of this.

The Hanby Outdoor Center is being used for the best of all.

Fraternally,
Wayne T. Slack, PIGM, Governor Albert T. Hanby Trust

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND

Your committee (of one) for the Grand Council Permanent Fund must again report that there was very little activity this year. There was no participation by the Subordinate Councils and no fundraising project was held. It appears that there is practically no interest by the members in the growth of the fund.

Balance as of 1/1/2007	\$1,323.32
Interest	3.23
Donation by Grand Treasurer	20.00
Ending balance 1/1/2008	\$1,346.55

MIPGM Mark E. Irwin initiated the Fund in 1997 with high hopes that it would increase in the same way that the Chapter and Commandery funds have. Unfortunately it has not. At the end of 1997 the balance was \$847.01, and in ten years it has only increased to \$1,346.55 or \$499.54. I don't know what the magic formula will be but I hope someone will come up with one, so this fund will grow.

Fraternally submitted,
C. Granville McVey, PIGM, Chairman

REPORT OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE

A stated Assembly of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4 was opened at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday evening, December 27, 2007, with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Herbert J. Atkinson
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden.	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	C. Granville McVey, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treas.	Donald D. Thomas, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Steward	John B. Dorsey, M.I.P.G.M
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	F. R. Townsend, M.I.P.G.M..

Members of the Council present, together with the visitors, are as noted in the Register. Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson welcomed all present and thanked them for coming out this evening.

Lyman Krimmel, Illustrious Master-elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, and Christopher Dull, Illustrious Master-elect of Joppa Council No. 3 were duly elected affiliated members of the 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 M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey assuming the role of Benaiah. Thrice Illustrious Master Herbert J. Atkinson delivered King David's Charge in an outstanding manner.

The minutes of the stated assembly of Dec. 27, 2006, were accepted as presented. The Treasurer reported a balance in the Treasury of \$211.52 including the fees of the evening of \$2.00.

Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson then recognized the following distinguished Brethren who were in attendance:

Most Excellent Mark E. Irwin, GHP Grand Chapter of Delaware
 Illustrious James T. Elliott, Jr, 33°, Active member Supreme
 Council, AASR, NMJ
 Knight Companion Herbert J, Atkinson, Puissant Sovereign,
 Delaware College, RCC

Also in attendance at this meeting was Most Illustrious Grand Master Richard L. Weaver together with several members of his staff. The Most Illustrious Grand Master was officially received into the Council by Thrice Illustrious Master Herbert J. Atkinson and afforded the dignities of his office. The Most Illustrious Grand Master complimented the officers on their work and encouraged the newly affiliated members to work zealously in their Councils for the forthcoming year. He pledged his own personal support to them and wished them the very best and hoped that each of our Councils would have an enjoyable prosperous year. He then called upon Deputy Master Arthur A. Loveless for his remarks.

Right Illustrious Companion Loveless congratulated the newly affiliated members of the Council and remarked at his pleasure of being able to serve with them for the forthcoming Cryptic year.

The Recorder noted that at the present moment, he was unaware of any deaths in the membership of the Council.

Recognizing that his and Kay's time would now be split within and without Delaware, Senior Warden Sullivan requested that he not be continued in office for the forthcoming year. On motion regularly made and duly seconded, the following were unanimously elected to their respective offices for the ensuing Cryptic year:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Herbert J. Atkinson
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	James A. Pletz, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	C. Granville McVey, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treas.	Donald D. Thomas, M.I.P.G.M.

The following were then appointed as:

Thrice Illustrious Steward	John B. Dorsey, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Franklin R. Townsend, M.I.P.G.M.

The next degree conferral is scheduled for December 29, 2008, at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware commencing at 6:45 P.M.

The labors of Thrice Illustrious Council No. 4 being completed with harmony prevailing, the Most Illustrious Grand Master closed the Council in ample form at 7:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

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

Financial Accounting
WSFS Statement Savings Account # 405-086779

Balance 01/01/07.....\$	209.31
Receipts	2.00
Interest Thru 6/30/07.....	.21
Balance 11/30/07..... \$	211.52

Receipts of the evening \$2 (Credited into the above account on a later date)

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to be able to review the report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master that was presented today. Most Illustrious Companion Weaver is to be commended for the attention to his duties.

The committee has reviewed the dispensation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and finds it to be in order.

Our Most Illustrious attended the deliberations of 7 sister jurisdictions and represented the Grand Council at the Northeast Conference in Mystic, Connecticut. We thank those jurisdictions for the courtesies extended to our Grand Master. We are confident that the friendships and knowledge gained from this experience will benefit not only our Most Illustrious but our Grand Council in the future.

His attention to the official visits to all constituent councils is appreciated and is the key to showing the Grand Council's support to its members. His presence at the greeting of 14 companions surely made an impression on these new members and we trust it will inspire them to contribute to the future of Cryptic Masonry in Delaware.

The committee acknowledges and thanks the Most Illustrious for his participation in the multi-state festival at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

We are pleased that our Most Illustrious saw fit to honor companions in Oregon and Nevada to be Grand Representatives. The interchange of information between Grand Representatives is essential to the growth of our fraternity.

The greeting of 19 Companions is indeed great news and we are happy to see this type of growth in our Grand Council.

Most Illustrious Companion Weaver is to be commended for an outstanding year and we wish him well in his retirement and future. We thank him for his leadership and stewardship during this past Cryptic Year. He has served us well.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman
James R. Herrington, PMIGM
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PMIGM

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee on finance has reviewed the records of the Grand Council and agrees with the Treasurer's Report. We do report two items for the record.

Checking Account (Account Number 372746018)

- The Balance Contained in the Treasurer's report is \$15.00 different than that provided in the bank statement. The Treasurer explained that a check written to Grand Council has not yet cleared. The committee needs to verify this in their audit of the 2006 Treasurer's report.

Investment CDs (Account Numbers 497132351 and 497149289)

- There is a difference of \$1.97 in the balance of one of the CDs (Acct. # 497149289) with the Treasurer's ending balance being the higher. This difference is consistent with prior year reports. This year's report corrects that prior inconsistency and the ending balances are correct. Since this is an increase to the balances, the committee does not see any advantage in pursuing at what point in the past his inconsistency arose. There is no impact on future reports.

Total of all accounts

- The committee agrees with the Treasurer's ending balance of \$24,980.96.

The Grand Council appears to be in reasonably sound financial condition and the net worth of Grand Council increased by \$831.14 during the year. The Grand Treasurer is to be commended for his efforts in serving this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,
David H. Laucius, Chairman
Eugene R. Small

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

For the year 2007 there have been no requests for this Committee.

Fraternally, Wayne T. Slack, PIGM, Chairman
Charles T. Hart, PIGM

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

There being no further Committee Reports to be formally presented before the Grand Council, MIGM Weaver 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

MIGM Weaver 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	Arthur A. Loveless
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	James B. Walsh
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work	Gilbert E. Greenfield
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Wayne T. Slack, PIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Franklin R. Townsend, PIGM

The Grand Master-elect made the following appointments:

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Robert A. Benson
I. Grand Chaplain	R. Nelson Biggs
I. Grand Conductor of Council	James G. Horn
I. Grand Marshal	Lionel D. Hunter
I. Grand Steward	Michael P. Pizzola
I. Grand Sentinel	Lyman L. Krimmel

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in ample form by PIGM Wayne T. Slack with PIGM Franklin R. Townsend serving as Grand Marshal

PRESENTATIONS

DDGM Hassell requested that Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Weaver accompany him to the altar. He and Charles Hollinger then presented to Most Illustrious Companion Weaver a Past Grand Master's jewel with the sincere best wishes of the Grand Council and General Grand Council.

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

Mark E. Irwin, PIGM
James R. Herrington, PIGM
Sheldon L. Edwards, PIGM

Grand Inspectors

Franklin R. Townsend, PIGM
Archie W. Bethard, PIGM
Maurice C. Barnes

Finance

David H. Laucius

Youth

Herbert P. Fulmer

Grand York Rite Annual Mtg.

James R. Herrington, Chapter
Charles T. Hart, Commandery
Robert A. Benson, Council

Awards & Recognition

Charles T. Hart, PIGM
James R. Herrington, PIGM
Richard L. Weaver, PIGM

Permanent Fund

John B. Dorsey, PIGM
Archie W. Bethard, PIGM

Constitution & Statutes

Wayne T. Slack, PIGM
Charles T. Hart, PIGM

Awards & Special Recognition

Charles T. Hart, PIGM
James R. Herrington, PIGM
Richard L. Weaver, PIGM

Memorials

Robert A. Benson
R. Nelson Biggs

Governor, Albert T. Hanby Trust

Wayne T. Slack, PIGM

General Grand Council Benevolent Foundation

Donald D. Thomas, PIGM

VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

Gunning Bedford No. 1, Wilmington	Wed., Oct. 22, 2008
Adoniram No. 2, Dover	Wed., May 7, 2008
Joppa No. 3, Georgetown	Tues., Nov. 4, 2008
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 30, 2008

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the date and place of the 83rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set at 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in ample form at 11:30 AM. The Companions then repaired to the Fourth Floor Banquet Hall of the Grand Opera House for lunch.

ATTEST:

Franklin R. Townsend, PIGM
Grand Recorder

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *Harvey W. Bentley, 1926 | *Royden L. Hammond, 1927 |
| *George O. Fearon, 1928 | *John McMillan, 1929 |
| *Cornelius E. Beatty, 1930 | *Herman H. Hanson, 1931 |
| *Harry L. Holson, 1932 | *Clarence B. Hess, 1933 |
| *J. Wallace Woodford, 1934 | *Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1935 |
| *Thomas R. Saunders, 1936 | *John P. LeFevre, 1937 |
| *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1938 | *Harry W. Kennedy, 1939 |
| *George S. Buhl, 1940 | *Andrew J. Bock, 1941 |
| *R. Earle Dickey, 1942 | *William H. Cantwell, 1943 |
| *Charles S. Cahoon, 1944 | *Frank B. Newell, 1945 |
| *Harry R. Craig, 1947 | *James Carswell, 1948 |
| *M. Haswell Pierce, 1949 | *Walter W. 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	*Charles E. Green, 1962
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
*Samuel A. Wise, 1971	*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	Donald D. Thomas, 1985
*Lewis J. Blackwell, 1986	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987
Horace G. Patterson, 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
Franklin R. Townsend, 1998	Sheldon L. Edwards, 1999
*William J. Littel, 2000	Albert H. Westerside, 2001
Archie W. Bethard, 2002	Wayne T. Slack, 2003
*Charles J. Conley, 2004	James R. Herrington, 2005
Charles T. Hart, 2006	Richard L. Weaver, 2007

GRAND TREASURERS

*John McMillan, 1925-27	*Harvey W. Bentley, 1927-33
*John McMillan, 1933-52	*James Carswell, 1953-66
*Paul Yearsley, 1967-68	*Alfred E. Yeaton, 1969-80
Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86	Henry G. Law, 1987-91
C. Granville McVey, 1992-94	Donald D. Thomas, 1995
C. Granville McVey, 1996-2000	John B. Dorsey, 2001-2003
Wayne T. Slack, 2004-	

GRAND RECORDERS

*Marshall M. Carpenter, 1925-38	*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
*John J. McClearnen, 1973-75	Henry G. Law, 1976-80
*C. Ray Scarborough, 1981-91	C. Granville McVey, 1995

Donald D. Thomas, 1996-99
James T. Ruby, 2003-04

Mark E. Irwin, 2000-02
Franklin R. Townsend, 2005-

* Deceased # Suspended

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

Chester C. Coffin, 1975
*James L. Crouse, 1977
*C. Ray Scarborough, 1979
*Samuel B. Rash, Jr., 1981
*J. Norman Nicklas, 1983
C. Granville McVey, 1985
NONE AWARDED, 1987
*James Richardson, 1989
Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1991
NONE AWARDED, 1993
NONE AWARDED, 1995
Maurice C. Barnes, 1997
David F. Coady, 1999
None 2001
None 2003
None, 2005
Robert A. Benson, 2007

*Raymond A. Howard, 1976
Henry G. Law, 1978
*Robert Parke, Jr., 1980
*Lewis J. Blackwell, 1982
Richard A. Scarlott, 1984
John A. Irwin, 1986
James A. Pletz, 1988
Charles H. Lengel, Jr., 1990
John B. Dorsey, 1992
John N. Phillos, 1994
James T. Elliott, Jr., 1996
Eugene R. Small, 1998
*James A. Johnson, 2000
Jon B. Cottrell, 2002
None 2004
James G. Horn, 2006

RECEIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Marion C.T. Townsend, 1983
David B. Craig, Jr., 1985
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1987
James A. Pletz, 1989
*Walter D. Wagner, 1991
George W. Taylor, 1993
NONE AWARDED, 1995
G. Thomas Taylor, 1997
J. David Goss, 1999
Edwin M. Newth, 2001
None 2003
None 2005
George C. Dutton, 2007

*J. Norman Nicklas, 1984
*James H. Hutchins, 1986
Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr., 1988
Franklin R. Townsend, 1990
Eugene R. Small, 1992
Robert R. Hiddemen, 1994
Donald E. Rosenberry, 1996
Mrs. Bernice G. Newth, 1998
None 2000
Herbert & Carol Fulmer, 2002
None 2004
Bronwyn Millman, 2006

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

Henry G. Law, PIGM, 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	Alabama	Geo. H. Busby
Donald F. Taylor	Alaska	Russell A. Kenderick
Horace G. Patterson	Arizona	David W. Blood
John W. Peronti	Arkansas	Wesley M. Newton
James A. Pletz	California	Brett A. MacDonald
Samuel L. Mellin	Colorado	Darrell Tygart
Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	Connecticut	Richard L. Smail
John B. Dorsey	Dist. of Columbia	Scott M. Applebee
C. Granville McVey	Eastern Canada	Cecil Decker
Donald D. Thomas	England & Wales	Robert K. Hind
Edward J. Fields	Florida	Charles L. Hollinger
Archie W. Bethard	Georgia	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards	Germany	Walter E. Eichen
Charles T. Hart	Hawaii	Thomas L. Wilkerson
Harry D. Newell	Idaho	M. William Echo
James T. Elliott, Jr.	Illinois	James W. Patton
G. Richard Ward	Indiana	Robert F. Price
Wayne T. Slack	Iowa	George R. McCormick
Carl E. Buffington	Kansas	F. Earl Riley
John A. Irwin	Kentucky	Douglas F. Long
Franklin R. Townsend	Louisiana	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
W. Thomas Musser	Maine	Robert V. Damon
Harry M. Sullivan	Maryland	Clifton R. Friel
Warren F. Schueler	Massachusetts	Gerald H. Pass
Charles H. Lengel	Michigan	Theodore A. Cannell
Charles B. Ware	Minnesota	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	Mississippi	Billy Frank Smith
Franklin R. Townsend	Missouri	Alvin E. Gerstenschlager
Lucien T. Lenhart	Montana	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
D. Julian Massey	Nebraska	Abbott G. Burkeu
John B. Dorsey	Nevada	William G. Roberts
Neal J. Sobocinski	New Hampshire	Thomas G. LaBerge
James R. Hanby	New Jersey	Robert J. Sheridan
David B. Harman	New Mexico	John E. Smith
Albert H. Westerside	New York	Walter D. Barlow

Mark E. Irwin	North Carolina	Otis V. Jones, Jr.
Maurice C. Barnes	North Dakota	Cory R. Lien
Richard A. Scarlott	Ohio	Henry A. Dodson
Jay C. Bergstrom	Oklahoma	Charles F. Gillentine
Charles T. Hart	Ontario	R. Frank Russell
G. Thomas Taylor	Oregon	Robert E. Hoffmaster
Chester C. Coffin	Pennsylvania	Edward L. Helgerman
Randall C. Mullen	Philippines	Evaristo A. Leviste
Henry G. Law	Rhode Island	Raymond E. Hassell
C. Granville McVey	Scotland	Robert B. Black
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Robert J. Lomax	Utah	William J. Westbrook
James Teal	Vermont	Guy Oldenburg
Gilbert E. Greenfield	Washington	William C. Cannon
Freeman R. Smith	Western Canada	John F. Dobell
C. Parker Moore	Wisconsin	Clarence A. McElmurry
Wayne D. Mower	Wyoming	Charles Gregg

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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

James R. Hanby	Illustrious Master
Lyman L. Krimmel	Deputy Master
Neil J. Sobocinski	Principal Conductor of Work
James R. Herrington, PIGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PIMM	Recorder
Jay C. Bergstrom	Captain of the Guard
G. Thomas Taylor	Conductor of the Council
John W. Peronti	Steward
James M. Brittingham	Chaplain
Joseph L. Kaufman	Sentinel

GREETED

B. John Bialecki Robert W. Noble
Anthony J. Suvie, Jr.

AFFILIATED
None

DEMITTED
James S. Russell, Jr.

SUSPENDED

George Davis	Altay Kostem
William Sembert	Ronnal Sutton

DIED

Harry G. Bergstrom	Monte C. Banning
Scott A. Dalton	Vincent T. Elliott
C. Norwood Hudson	

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

*Harry J. Guthrie, 1918	*Frank B. Newell, 1919
*George L. Dickerson, 1920	*Cornelius E. Beatty, 1921
*Harvey W. Bentley, 1922	*David D. King, Jr., 1923
*Marshall M. Carpenter, 1924	*John McMillan, 1925
*Clarence B. Hell, 1926	*Henry M. Laws, 1927
*Harry W. Kennedy, 1928	*Thomas R. Saunders, 1929
*Frank L. Harrar, 1930	*Harry R. Craig, 1931
*Howard G. Barlow, 1932	*Andrew J. Bock, Jr., 1933
*William H. Cantwell, 1934-35	*Edward H. Naylor, Jr., 1936
*George E. Vandegrift, 1937	*James Carswell, 1938
*Paul H. Horsey, 1939	*Stephen E. Hamilton, 1940
*John A. Baker, 1941	*Henry I. Law, 1942
*Howard W. Kleitz, 1943	*Joseph Mackereth, 1944
*Harry L. Skelton, 1945	*Oliver P. Hewes, 1946
*Russell C. Matchett, 1947	*J. Irwin Schaffer, 1948
*Henry S. Young, 1949	*Raymond B. Phillips, 1950
*Winston R. Sharpe, 1951	*Alfred E. Yeaton, 1952
*F. Irving Crow, 1953	*John M. Johnston, 1954
*Charles E. Green, 1955	*Warren R. Gray, 1956-57
*Raymond A. Howard, 1958	*Powell E. Craig, 1961
*Edwin Chester, 1962	*Ernest H. Martyn, 1963
*Gustave A. Peterson, 1964	*F. Llewellyn Hanway, 1965
+George S. Flumerfelt, 1966	*J. Rowland Reed, 1967
*Paul E. Hurter, 1968	*Richard H. Thomas, 1969
*Lawrence B. Jones, 1970	*John S. Proud, 1971
*Thomas C. Jones, 1972	*Claude P. Davidson, 1973
*S. Robert Lyons, 1974	*Harry V. Felmey, 1975
*Robert Parke, Jr., 1976	Henry G. Law, 1977
*Samuel B. Rash, Jr. 1978	W. Thomas Musser, 1979
*Kenneth J. Pyle, 1980	*Walter D. Wagner, 1981
Horace G. Patterson, Jr., 1982	Donald D. Thomas, 1983
Richard A. Scarlott, 1984	C. Granville McVey, 1985
*John Losten, 1986	#Eddie Peterson, 1987
James A. Pletz, 1988	Franklin R. Townsend, 1989

*William J. Littel, 1990
John B. Dorsey, 1992
James T. Elliott, 1994
Albert H. Westerside, 1996
Wayne T. Slack, 1998
James R. Herrington, 2000
Herbert J. Atkinson, 2002
Charles T. Hart, 2004
Gilbert E. Greenfield, 2006

Charles H. Lengel, Jr. 1991
Eugene R. Small, 1993
*Albert J. Miller, 1995
Warren F. Schueler, Sr., 1997
Randall C. Mullen, 1999
*Robert V. McDowell, 2001
David H. Laucius, 2003
Arthur A. Loveless, 2005
James R. Hanby, 2007

* Deceased + Withdrawn # Suspended

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

Robert A. Benson, PIM	Illustrious Master
Archie W. Bethard, PIGM	Deputy Master
John D. Hiott	Principal Conductor of Work
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Recorder
John A. Eberly	Captain of the Guard
Richard L. Weaver, PIGM	Conductor of the Council
James L. Ferguson	Steward
Charles H. Workman III	Chaplain
Frank C. Lind	Sentinel

GREETED

None

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

C. Parker Moore, PIM Harry D. Newell, PIM

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

+Roydon L. Hammond, 1923-25	*Thomas R. Brown, 1926
*Herman H. Hanson, 1927	*J. Wallace Woodford, 1928
*John P. Le Fevre, 1929-30	*Jesse H. Farlow, 1931
+Gilbert T. Chadwick, 1932	*Luther D. Shank, 1933
*Robert W. Horn, 1934-35	+Charles W. Machamer, 1936-37
+Hughlett A. Golt, 1938-39	*R. Earl Dickey, 1940-44
*Harry V. Holloway, 1945-46	*Alvin W. Tarvin, 1947
*G. Preston Ward, 1948	*William G. Bush, 1949
*J. Henry McDonnell, 1950	+Ralph B. Farlow, 1951
*Percy W. Gardner, 1952	*Willard S. Dickerson, 1953
*Rhey H. Smith, 1954	Paul B. Baker, 1955
+Robert E. Osborne, Jr., 1956	*A. Floyd Short, 1957
*John J. McClearnen, 1958	+Nathaniel D. Elliott, Jr. 1959
*John G. Davis, 1960	D. Julian Massey, 1961
*Samuel A. Wise, 1962	+Orestes J. Sevast, 1963
*Russell W. Chidester, 1964	*James L. Crouse, 1965
#James H. Durrill, 1966	*Charles W. Barkins, 1967
*Robert G. Dickerson, 1968	*Billy B. Landing, 1969
*Lambert E. Argo, 1970	#James W. Sheck, Jr., 1971
*William E. Walls, 1972	*James H. Hitchins, 1973
*Henry Y. Lutton, 1974	*Richard L. Titus, 1975
*George A. McPhee, 1976	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. 1977
David B. Harman, 1978	+Robert W. Raughley, 1979
W. Mason McConnell, 1980	*Harold C. Hill, 1981
#John L. White, 1982	*Richard E. Wise, 1983
Charles H. Ware, 1984	David B. Harman, 1985
*Harry D. Newell, 1986	Robert J. Lomax, 1987
David B. Harman, 1988	Harry D. Newell, 1989-90
C. William Tulloch, 1991-94	Sheldon L. Edwards, 1995
David F. Coady, 1996	Maurice C. Barnes, 1997
Freeman R. Smith, 1998	Archie W. Bethard, 1999
Jon B. Cottrell, 2000	2001
Richard L. Weaver, 2002-4	Robert A. Benson, 2005-6

* Deceased + Withdrawn # Suspended

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924
Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Christian L. Dull	Illustrious Master
Michael P. Pizzola, PIM	Deputy Master
John Merkley, PIM	Principal Conductor of the Work
J. B. Walsh, PIM	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes	Recorder
Samuel L. Mellin	Captain of the Guard
	Conductor of Council
	Steward
Robert Currie	Chaplain
	Sentinel

GREETED

None

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Roy T. Davis Vernon T. Smith

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Charles G. Davis Leroy Fooks

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

*William B. Derrickson, 1923-24	*George O. Fearon, 1925
*Harry L. Holson, 1926	*W. Frank Sharp, 1927
*Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1928	*Charles S. Calhoon, 1929
*Harold W.T. Purnell, 1930	*John T.B. Carey, 1931
*Walter L. Conaway, 1932	*Charles R. Cannon, 1933

*George S. Buhl, 1934	*James P. Pierce, Jr., 1935
*M. Haswell Pierce, 1936	*K. James Hocker, 1937
*George S. Grier, 1938	*Frank J. Elton, 1939
*William G. Cason, 1940	*Walter L. Conaway, 1941-43
*J. Ralph Carey, 1944	*Emerson M. Keeler, 1945-47
Irwin R. Murray, 1948-50	*Cyrus E. Clendaniel, 1951
*Freeman R. Johnson, 1952-54	*Sudler J. Wilson, 1955-56
*C. Ray Scarborough, 1957	Herman H. Conoway, 1958
*Warren W. Edinger, Jr., 1959	Chester C. Coffin, 1960
*Elwood R. Hawkins, 1961	#Harvey G. Conner, 1962
*A. Warren Wheatley, 1963	*E. Paul Wootten, 1964-66
*Lester M. Greene, 1967-68	*Claude D. Ellis, 1969
*Oliver J. Foskey, 1970	*Dallas E. Marvel, 1971
*Joseph C. Bostick, 1972	*Robert E. Stewart, 1973-74
*Raymond M. Savage, 1975-76	*Lewis J. Blackwell, 1977-78
*T. Eugene Womach, 1979	Samuel L. Mellin, 1980
*Lewis J. Blackwell, 1981	*J. Norman Nicklas, 1982
John A. Irwin, 1983	Mark E. Irwin, 1984
*James Richardson, 1985	*C. Parker Moore, 1986
Charles E. Farrell, 1987	Maynard H. Mires, Jr., 1988
Donald F. Taylor, 1989	G. Richard Ward, 1990
Edward J. Fields, 1991	Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1992-93
John N. Phillos, 1994	Maurice C. Barnes, 1995-97
Freeman R. Smith, 1998	Lucien T. Lenhart, 1999-2000
James B. Walsh, 2001	Samuel L. Mellin, 2002
James G. Horn, 2003	John W. Merkley, 2004
John W. Merkley, 2005	John W. Merkley, 2006
Michael P. Pizzola, 2007	

* Deceased + Withdrawn # Suspended

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

OFFICERS

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Michael P. Pizzola

DIED

None

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 2000 plus 4000 = 6000.

Scottish Rite is the 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 2000 plus 3760 = 5760. 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 2000 plus 530 = 2530.

Cryptic Rite Masons (Royal and Select Masters) date from the year in which the temple was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep. 0, 'in the year of the deposit." Add 1000 years to the common era. Thus 2000 plus 1000 = 3000.

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 2000 = 882.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACITOR (A.B.), in the year of the blessing." To the common era add 1913. Thus 2000 plus 1913 = 3913.

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 the office on October 3, 1945, and served until January 15, 1947. At the Annual Assembly 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 to be held on the second Saturday in March.

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The 83rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic
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2009, at 9:00AM.
