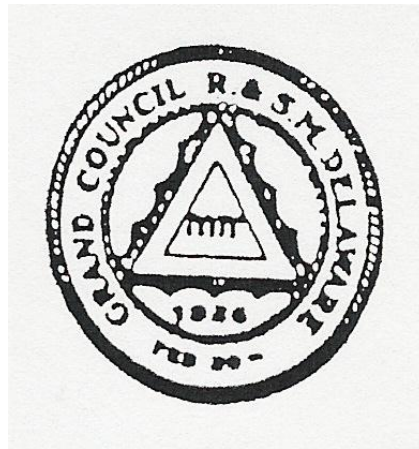


**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS  
OF  
DELAWARE**



**AT ITS  
EIGHTY-SEVENTH  
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD AT THE  
SHERATON WILMINGTON SOUTH  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE  
MARCH 9, 2013, A.D. 3013, A. Dep.**



**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
JAMES G. HORN**

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JAMES G. HORN**

Companion Horn is a fifty-six year mason, having joined Jefferson Lodge # 15 in 1956, served as Worshipful Master in 1997 and as Grand Sword Bearer on M.:W.: Grand Master Watkins' staff in 1999. He is also a plural member of Franklin Lodge No. 12 and Endeavor Lodge No. 17 and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Research in 2004. In 1967 he joined the Scottish Rite.

He joined the York Rite in 2001 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Joppa Council No. 3 in 2003, Illustrious Master of Hope Chapter No. 7 in 2005, and Eminent Commander of St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2 in 2008.

He is a member of Delaware College of Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Delaware Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Jesse Green Priory #70 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Blue Hen Council No. 388 Allied Masonic Degrees, Two-by-Two Lodge No. 15 Royal Ark Mariners, Delaware Council No. 18 Knight Masons, the First State York Rite College No. 45, and the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

He served as the Southern Member of the Committee of Grand Inspectors of Royal and Select Masons and is on the degree teams for both the Delaware Colonials and the Lower Delaware Shield & Square Club, having served as it's secretary for thirty-three years.

In 2007 he was awarded the Cryptic Mason of the Year medal and presently serves on all three York Rite Grand Staffs.

Companion Horn was born in Rehoboth, attended Rehoboth High School, The Mercersburg Academy, University of Delaware and Dickinson Law School. He was a lifeguard at Rehoboth, a nationally certified instructor in defensive tactics and a black belt in karate. He presently serves as a full-time judge in the criminal section of the Justice of the Peace Courts.

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

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Sheraton Wilmington South, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 9, 2013, A. Dep. 3013. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Neal J. Sobocinski with prayer by Grand Chaplain James R. Herrington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, James G. Horn 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	James G. Horn
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Neal J. Sobocinski
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Jay C. Bergstrom
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
I. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington, MIPGM
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Lionel D. Hunter
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
I. Grand Marshal	
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	James B. Walsh
Aide to the Grand Master	

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

Donald D. Thomas, 1985	C. Granville McVey, 1989
James A. Pletz, 1993	John B. Dorsey, 1996
Mark E. Irwin 1997	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999
Wayne T. Slack, 2003	James R. Herrington, 2005
Arthur A. Loveless, 2008	James B. Walsh, 2009
Gilbert E. Greenfield, 2010	

**CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

**GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1**

Bradley Driscoll	Illustrious Master
A. Tony Maxwell	Deputy Master
Terry Van Gorder	Principal Conductor of the Work

## **ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2**

John D. Hiott  
John Eberly

Illustrious Master  
Deputy Master

## **JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3**

William F. Lott

Deputy Master

## **THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4**

James A. Pletz  
C. Granville McVey

Deputy 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 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as published.

## **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**

William F. Lott

Grand Representative

### **MARYLAND**



Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

R.W. Mark E. Irwin

Chief Adept, Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly.

### **RECEPTION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS**

R.P. James R. Herrington

Assistant General Grand Chaplain

R.P. Robert Malwitz

Chief of Staff

M.I. Wayne T. Slack

Ambassador for Delaware

### **RECEPTION OF THE RIGHT PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND TREASURER CHARLES HOLLINGER**

Most Illustrious Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM, and Ambassador for Delaware then presented at the altar, Right Puissant Charles Hollinger, the General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Horn most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware, invited him to the East where he was afforded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Council. Right Puissant Hollinger 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 Horn.

### **RECEPTION OF THE AIDE TO THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE**

Brother Tenney Wheatley, Aide to the Grand Master and Personal Representative of Most Worshipful Barry Hughes Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was received and recognized. Brother Wheatley extended the best wishes of the Grand Master and wished for a successful 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. Horn 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.

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

Brother Wheatley, Right Puissant Officers of General Grand Council International, distinguished visitors, and my fellow companions: It is such a pleasure to have all of you here at this Grand Sessions.

### **THE PAST**

A year ago, when I stood at the 2012 Grand Sessions, accepting this high honor you afforded me, I set forth several goals. Fortunately, some of them have been accomplished and some have not. But, it is not the purpose of this report to dwell on those, but to reiterate what we have accomplished and to set forth suggestions for the future of this magnificent fraternity.

### **THE FUTURE**

In doing so it is a realization that one cannot accomplish all his goals in one year. Therefore, I charge my successor to consider attempting to accomplish some of them during his forthcoming term. And, knowing Companion Sobocinski as I do, I am sure that he will have a successful year.

### **MY SUCCESSOR**

I charge my successor to attempt to have each subordinate council go through their membership records and finally accumulate an accurate and complete list of our companions, their addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Secondly, I charge him with collaborating with the R.E. Grand Commander and the M.E. Grand High Priest to reinstitute the long-avoided practice of sending out a combined York Rite bulletin at least quarterly to all York Rite members.

### **GRAND VISITS**

I performed a grand visit to all our constituent councils. My lady, Joan, and I visited the grand jurisdictions of Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, New Jersey and Rhode Island. Being on the grand staff of all three Delaware York Rite grand bodies, I was privileged to be able to represent the Delaware Grand Commandery and the Delaware Grand Chapter when the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Right Eminent Grand Commander were unable to attend.



## THANK YOU, DON

In reviewing my year it is only fitting that I pay tribute to those who have assisted me by their guidance and criticism; advice and instruction; disapproval and dismay; “at-a-boy” and “oh, my gosh!” Especially, My Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Mark E. Irwin. But, at the top of my list for my “thank you” has to be Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Donald D. Thomas. And, the unique part of Brother Don is that you don’t have to wait to ask if you have done something wrong, or should do something; he let’s you know as soon as you do it or should have done it! Seriously, Don, thank you. To me you are truly, “Mr. Delaware Mason.”

## THE FUTURE

I can stand here before you today and report that the future of the Grand Council and the subordinate councils is encouraging. We have performed the various degrees with perfection and left a favorable impression on our candidates. It is my sincere hope that each of us will continue to seek out and encourage our blue lodge brothers to join our ranks.

On that note, a special thanks to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert Benson, and Right Eminent Grand Commander, John Hiott, for the time and energy they have expended in visiting 10 blue lodges to spread the word of the York Rite. Their dedication has resulted in 16 applications and 12 new members.

Whether our numbers increase or decrease is an important consideration, and should be an individual consideration of all companions. Equally important is our individual responsibility of each of us to encourage our members to attend all our assemblies, convocations and conclaves.

## GRAND STAFF

My grand staff has been completely supportive and has appeared at all of my Delaware grand visits. They have conducted themselves with dignity and decorum and made a favorable impression wherever they appeared. Thank you for your support and the time and talents you have so freely given.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Let us all remember why a car’s windshield is larger than the rear view mirror. It is because it is more important to see where you are going than to dwell on where you have been.

Thank you.

*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 report is the usual story concerning our several accounts held by the WSFS Bank in Delaware owing to the fact that basically nothing has changed this past year.

My account for the past year is:

Report on a separate page for the Grand Treasurer Detailed is attached.

	IMMA Savings	Checking Account	Total Operating
	#206110389	#372746018	
Balances as of 2-01-12	\$ 5,942.48	\$ 1,071.40	\$ 7,013.88
Receipts:			
Deposits	\$ 34.82	\$1,525.06	\$ 1,559.88
CD Interest Transfer	\$ 100.92		\$ 100.92
CD Interest			
CD Interest Accrued			
IMMA Interest	\$ 2.91		\$ 2.91
Transferred to Checking	\$(500.00)		
Sub-Totals	\$5,581.13	\$2,596.46	\$8,177.59
Disbursements		\$(1,327.05)	\$(1,327.05)
Balances as of 1-31-13	\$5,581.13	\$1269.41	\$6,850.54

	Investments		Perm.Fund Savings
	CD	CD	
	#497132351	#497149289	#496385063
Balances as of 2-01-12	\$ 8,099.76	\$ 8,900.99	\$ 2,711.24
Receipts:			
Deposits			\$ .67
CD Interest Transfer			
CD Interest			
CD Interest Accrued			
IMMA Interest			
Transferred to Checking			
Sub-Totals	\$ 8,099.76	\$ 8,900.99	\$ 2,711.91
Disbursements			
Balances as of 1-31-13	\$ 8,099.76	\$ 8,900.99	\$ 2,711.91

Assets	2/1/2012	1/31/2013	Difference	Difference in %
Checking Account	\$1,071.40	\$ 1269.41	\$ 198.01	
IMMA Savings	\$5,942.48	\$5,581.13	\$ (361.35)	
Flex CD (Accruing)	\$8,900.99	\$8,900.99	\$ -	
Flex CD (IMMA Trans.)	\$8,099.76	\$8,099.76	\$ -	
Perm.Fund Savings	\$2,711.24	\$2,711.91	\$ .67	
Total Assets	\$26,725.87	\$26,563.20	\$(162.67)	(.61)%
Total Net Worth		\$ 26,563.20		

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 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 pleased to make this report to this Grand Council. I thank all who have helped me throughout the year. I have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

Following is a record of all income received in the Grand Recorder's office and an accounting for all vouchers issued.

#### SUMMARY INCOME

#### AND EXPENSES

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses:</b>	
Annual Returns	826.50	Annual Assembly	323.84
Dues Cards	48.00	CMMRF	0
Shipping-Reimb.	3.85	Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	227.00
Rituals	36.50	Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00
		Grand Recorder Office Expenses	0
		Grand Treasurer Honorarium	25.00
		Insurance	0
		MIGM Aprons (4)	599.80
		Postage	17.43
		Rituals	50.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$914.85</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,318.07</b>

This shows a net loss for the year of \$403.22, which can be attributed to the purchase of 4 MIGM aprons. This not an annual cost and would have meant a net increase of \$46.63 for Grand Council. I would note that 2 subordinate Council returns were received late last year and again this year. This year's are not included in the summary above.

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	GREET	REI N	AFFIL	ADJ	DEMIT	SUS	DIED	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	153	10	0	0	0	3	6	4	150	
ADONIRAM	26	7	0	0	0	1	6	5	21	
JOPPA	51	1	0	0	16	0	0	1	68	
T. I. M.	56	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	59	59
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>NET GAIN</b>	<b>13</b>									

Although we show a net gain, it is due to an error in previous returns from Joppa Council. The new Recorder has reconciled the membership and adjusted the numbers to reflect the accurate count. It is commendable that we show 18 greetings this year, which is a great accomplishment and gives the Grand Council something to build on.

Our Grand Council was hit especially hard this year by deaths and suspensions again. We must continue to work in our Blue Lodges and Chapters to encourage all Masons to complete the Circle of Perfection by being greeted in our Councils.

I appreciate all the support I have received from the Recorders of the subordinate Councils and wish you all continued success in your duties.

The Internet and email again has been most helpful this year. I encourage all who need to contact this office to take advantage of it.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, James G. Horn, I appreciate all of your support and words of encouragement during the year. I regret that due to other commitments, I was unable to be with you as much as I wanted. I congratulate you on your year and wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Lastly, thanks to all the Companions for the honor you have bestowed on me. I have been most appreciative of the support and encouragement that I have received.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

*Mark E. Irwin*

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder

*On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Report of the Grand Recorder was received.*

## **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master reported that Insurance would be continued as in the past with all bodies of the Grand York Rite participating in the shared cost.

## **REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

Let us begin with prayer:

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

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

We remember, and bring a carnation in tribute to: Our departed Past Illustrious Grand Masters, including our General Grand Master George Sellars; Our departed Past Illustrious Masters; Our departed constituent Companions; and those Companions departed from our Sister Grand and Local Councils, wheresoever dispersed.

Let us pray:

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

James R. Herrington, PMIGM  
Grand Chaplain

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

## **COMMITTEE**

There were no matters referred to the Committee on Constitution and Statutes for our consideration during this Chivalric Year.

Fraternally  
James A Pletz, PMIGM, Chairman  
Arthur A Loveless, PMIGM

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

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Peers,

Sadly this Committee has not been extremely active this year. However, \$25.00 has been contributed by this Grand Council to the Foundation, which is undertaking support of ailments that will, regretfully, impact each and every one of us here today.

It is my personal recommendation, that each Council of the Grand Council should raise their initiation fees by a token \$1.00 to \$5.00 as a donation to the CMMRF; provide each new Companion, at his greeting, with a brochure in CMMRF and present at the Annual Assembly, those monies so collected.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald D. Thomas PMIGM, Chairman

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

No report received.

### **REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE**

It was reported that no activity occurred with the Permanent Fund during the Cryptic year.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE**

No report received.

### **REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE**

The Committee reports that the 2012 Proceedings have been created and posted on the Internet. In an effort to reduce costs for the Grand Council, the Committee had decided to not print copies of the Proceedings but rather publish them on the Internet for the benefit of all members. In addition, a pdf formatted file will be sent to all Grand Jurisdictions that are recognized by this Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder's office in the last year has received Proceedings in various formats. Some were printed, some sent on CD and some sent via email. Email is the lowest cost alternative. For those Companions who do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Grand Recorder's office for a printed copy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Irwin, Chairman

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

### Program Highlights

- Camper spots remained flat in relation to last year.
- Expanded small animal critter cabin program, with a dedicated program specialist.
- Continued summer reading program with a dedicated program specialist.
- We provided 25 weeks of summer camp to 14 kids through "Camp Respite". A program funded by the state of Delaware for seniors who care for children who are not their own (\$5,432.00)
- Added sign language, science and team building programs.
- Collaboration with ING to provide campers with an opportunity to visit the Junior Achievement program.
- Bird Guy/Animal Rescue.

### Site/Facility Highlights

- Added large meeting area in the wooded area-an area of the property that had not been developed or used.
- Repaired bridge over the creek.
- Added a low ropes, adventure course in the woods.
- Upgraded lighting and electric service in barn and art pavilion
- Tree removal.

### Community Connections Highlights

- A number of scout troops did service hours cleaning trails, painting, etc.
- YMCA swim team did service hours preparing for the opening of camp.
- Facility was used by the boy and girl scouts, school groups and church groups.
- 36 families serve as fall/winter/spring goat keepers.
- Working with the New Castle County Conservation district on erosion control issues.
- Worked with Naamans Creek Watershed Association and AmeriCorp on an Invasive Plant Initiative.

### Looking Ahead

- Branch board of governors is reestablishing a subcommittee to look at future development of the Hanby site.
- Contracted architect to begin plans for remodel of camp farm house.
- 1750 house – structural issues – needs to be evaluated.

- Managing camper/staff safety during severe weather conditions.
- Expanding facility usage spring and fall.
- All pool skimmer buckets need to be replaced-pool fence may need to be replaced.
- We have a significant number of trees that need to be removed.
- Continue discussion with the conservation district regarding creek erosion and water routing.
- Corner house – what next?
- Possible collaboration with Concord High School Animal Science Program.

The total kids served were 200 and the annual grant from the Trust Fund was \$70,000.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM,  
Board Member

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

At the Annual Banquet, the Cryptic Mason of the Year award was made to Companion John Eberly of Adoniram Council for his work and support of that Council.

Also Past Most Illustrious Grand Master James R. Herrington was awarded the Order of the Secret Vault for his work in Cryptic Masonry.

It was also announced that Brother David Painter had been selected to receive the Youth Leadership Award.

Lady Joan Horn was presented with the Lady of the Council award for her support this past year of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

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

Report on Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree  
December 2012

The stated Assembly of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 was held on December 27, 2012 in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, 108 East Market Street, Newport, Delaware with the following officers present:

Illustrious Master	M.I.P.G.M. Donald D. Thomas, p.t.
Senior Warden	M.I.P.G.M. James A. Pletz
Junior Warden	M.I.P.G.M. C. Granville McVey
Recorder/Treasurer	Illustrious David H. Laucius, p.t.
Steward	M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey
Sentinel	Illustrious Lionel Hunter



Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas welcomed all present and thanked them for coming out this evening. He noted that he had received an email earlier in the day advising him that Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson had a family medical problem, which might prevent him from attending tonight's meeting. Accordingly he stepped in as Thrice Illustrious Master. Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas asked that we keep Illustrious Companion Atkinson, his family and all of our Brethren and their families in need, in our prayers,

The minutes of the December 28, 2011 meeting were presented in brief, together with the Treasurer's report, showing a balance as of September 30, 2012 of 221.68, were accepted as presented. It was also noted that the issue with the IRS with regard to the Council's tax exempt status had been resolved i.e. we were again recognized as a tax exempt organization.

It was regularly moved that the next meeting of the Council be held on December 30, 2013, commencing at 6:45 PM, again at the Newport Masonic Temple. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, it was regularly moved, seconded and approved that the following officers were elected to serve Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4 for the ensuing Cryptic year:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Herbert J. Atkinson
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	James A. Pletz
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	C. Granville McVey
Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas

The following were then appointed as:

Thrice Illustrious Steward	John B. Dorsey
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Lionel Hunter

Bradley Driscoll, Illustrious Master elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, John D. Hiott, Illustrious Master elect of Adoniram Council Number 2 and Frederick Horn Illustrious Master elect of Joppa Council Number 3 were duly elected affiliated member of the Council.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master James Horn, with several members of his staff, was then received into the Council. The Most Illustrious was received in the East where he was accorded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority. The Most Illustrious expressed the pleasure of being in Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4 but graciously declined the privilege of conferring the degree.

The Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was then conferred upon Companions Driscoll, Hiott and Horn in a most commendable 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 and Illustrious Master Thomas presenting King David's Charge.

Most Illustrious Grand Master James Horn, with the assistance of Illustrious Master Thomas, then welcomed the newly affiliated Thrice Illustrious Masters, congratulated them on their election and presented to each of them copies of the By-Laws of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4, their permanent membership cards and such jewels that were available.

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

Most Excellent Neal Sobocinski, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Delaware.

Right Eminent John D. Hiott, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Delaware.

Knight Companion James A. Pletz, Intendant General for Delaware, UGIC, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Also present were:

Preeminently Distinguished Sheldon L. Edwards, Grand Governor for Delaware, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Knight Companion Arthur A. Loveless, Puissant Sovereign Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Thrice Illustrious Master Thomas sincerely thanked Past Illustrious Master Laucius for stepping in and serving as Recorder for the evening

Most Illustrious Grand Master James Horn was then presented the gavel of authority. He congratulated the officers, in particular Illustrious Companion Dorsey, on the degree conferral and encouraged the newly affiliated member to work zealously in their Council for the forthcoming year. He then provided significant comments and reflections on the ritual of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council and its meaning and significance to all of us.

The labors of Thrice Illustrious Council Number 4 being completed with harmony prevailing, the Most Illustrious Grand Master closed the Council in ample form at 8:15 P.M.

Respectively submitted,  
David H. Laucius,  
Recorder, TIM No. 4, p.t.

## **REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Peers,

This is a Report for the joint Committee of all the York Rite Bodies meeting this weekend.

‘Never was so much owed by so many to so few’. Perhaps an inappropriate use of Brother Winston Churchill’s comments on the RAF in August of 1940.

There was no, to the best of my knowledge, Educational or Leadership Seminar held this past year. Shortly following the Triennial of the Grand Encampment, I wrote our newly installed Most Eminent Grand Master, with a copy to our Grand Leaders, that I would not be holding any Educational session this year and suggested that perhaps those who were viewed as the primary Leaders of Delaware Masonry would be far better equipped to do same. I am unaware if that was done or not.

Noting that, from the many comments, questions and inquiries made to me personally this past year, the spreading of Education and Knowledge is desperately needed in the three York Rite bodies meeting this weekend. The vacuum of knowledge is frightening. What is particularly disturbing is that a large number of the inquiries were covered in previous Educational seminars that we have held, or in the Constitution of the Grand Body. Lest I be called to present myself before a certain Judge in Delaware, it is not universal, but more apt to be true than not.

Although it is not a part of this Committee’s direct responsibilities, I would like to note, and commend, the work of Past Grand Commander Mark E. Irwin in taking as many of the Proceedings that he can find, and scanning them into a searchable format on the web. Although I personally do not agree with making these publically available, there is no doubt this is the way to go. I might counsel the Grand Bodies meeting this weekend that Mark is housing these on his personal website and consideration should be given by them, or one of our more affluent national bodies, of providing those resources be it on the Cloud or elsewhere.

For the Committee  
Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC

### **Special Report - Grand Council IRS Filing**

This is a combined report for all three of the York Rite bodies meeting this weekend.

Rough and rugged has been the road, long and tedious has been the journey, but sustained and favored by the assistance of Sir Knight and Companion Mark E. Irwin and several Companions and Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction, I can, at this time, report to you that all the York Rite bodies meeting this weekend, who had lost their IRS tax exempt status had, by year end 2012, applied for re-instatement.

It would be nice to know how we ever got ourselves into this mess. The representatives from the National bodies must be as frustrated as I have been for surely they have talked enough about the issuing of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and yet it has, in many cases in this Grand Jurisdiction, fallen on deaf ears. Although it would be nice to know why it happened, a more important concern is to make sure it never happens again. To that end, in each of these Grand Bodies, legislation is, or has been, introduced to make the Grand Recorder/Secretary responsible for insuring compliance to IRS regulations and report same to the Grand body at the annual session. I encourage you to pass this legislation. Legislation alone does not, sadly, guarantee compliance and I encourage each and every one of you to be diligent in seeing that this matter is reported upon annually and is indeed done.

Some further items must be noted.

Although all bodies have filed for re-instatement of their non-exempt status, only one, TIM 4, has been approved and that after a 2<sup>nd</sup> go round. Those applying may not be clear yet and someone needs to do the follow up.

The issue of our Group Exemption is not at all clear, particularly in the case of Grand Chapter. I personally believe the best approach is to individually file an e-postcard for each body.

Lastly, this experience has unveiled, to me, a frightening lack of good useable financial records and the understanding thereof in almost all the bodies affected. In only two cases, that of TIM 4 and Grand Chapter, were the responsible Treasurers, easily, and quickly, able to provide, in an accurate and complete manner, the necessary four years of financial data required for filing. In most cases it required three or

more go rounds to get the correct data. In one absolutely absurd case, after numerous promises to provide the information over almost a year, and never doing so, the Treasurer dropped the financial records on the Recorder's desk and walked away. Now admittedly, I am sure, he inherited a lousy set of records but he knew that at the outset. If it were not for the diligent work of Joyce McGinnis Townsend in putting together, and populating, several Excel spread sheets, they would never have been able to apply.

Mark and I undertook this task in September of 2011 and I personally thank him for his counsel and assistance. I do not believe we undertook it to make anyone's life difficult or miserable rather because we viewed it as a job that had to be done and we were willing to lend our assistance as needed. I personally thank all who have assisted and all those that have gone out of their way to express their appreciation. I am however struck by the comment of one Treasurer when we were discussing his submission, I believe, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and I was explaining to him why I was reluctant to report to the IRS what he had given me – his comment, as I recall, was – 'I hate it when you are right' I assume therefore he is overjoyed when I am wrong and I would suggest to that Sir Knight and Companion that I can put him in joyful glee if he comes to any degree in which I participate.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

## **JURISPRUDENCE REPORT**

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and presents its report on it.

The Committee is pleased to see that the Most Illustrious Grand Master made an official visitation to each of the constituent Councils. We join with our Grand Master in congratulating our Councils for the progress they have made in conducting their meetings.

We are pleased to see that our Most Illustrious Grand Master and his Lady, Joan were able to attend 8 of our sister jurisdictions Grand Sessions. I know that he gained much insight in the workings of other jurisdictions and hopefully has ideas to help our Grand Jurisdiction. We are also pleased that he represented the Grand High Priest and Grand Commander when needed. This shows the unity of the York Rite in Delaware.

The committee has reviewed the dispensation waiving waiting periods for balloting, although not noted in his address, of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and find it proper and within his authority and approve of it.

We do not see from his address whether any other events within the

state were attended such as Semi-Annual and Annual Communications of Grand Lodge. It is important for our Grand Council to demonstrate its unity and support for our Grand Lodge.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master did not make any recommendations in his address that require any action by this Grand Council

We thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for his service to this Grand Council this year and to his Lady, Joan who has supported him in his journey.

### **Administrative Matters**

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Donald D. Thomas submitted the following for consideration.

Amend Article 8 - POWER OF OFFICERS,

by adding the following:

In addition, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to receive from each Constituent Council of this Grand Council, and from the Grand Treasurer, such information, complete and compliant, to enable him to file all required federal government IRS filings on their behalf and report same to the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly.

The Committee has reviewed the proposal and finds it in order and recommends its adoption.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman  
Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM  
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

*Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was approved. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously voted for, the addition to the Constitution was approved.*

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

The Finance Committee has reviewed the records of the Grand Council for 2012 and finds that the Treasurer's report accurately reflects the accounts of the Council. The opening and closing balances agree with the statements and all receipts and expenditures were accurately recorded.

The account balances totaled \$26,563.20 at the end of the fiscal year. Receipts of the period totaled \$1,509.88. Interest earned totaled \$104.50. Expenses totaled \$1,327.05. The result is a decrease in net worth of \$162.67. This decrease was driven largely by the purchase of paraphernalia needed to support the Grand Staff. This expenditure is not expected to recur. The extraordinary low interest rates paid available from financial institutions have, and will continue to, negatively impact the finances of Grand Council. Grand Council will need to remain judicious in managing their expenditures.

### Grand Council Budget 2013

#### **Income**

Dues	\$908.00	227 Companions @\$4.00
Dues Cards	\$75.00	
Petitions	\$100.00	
Interest-Money Market	\$2.00	
Interest-CD 351	\$100.00	
Interest-CD 289	0	Rolls forward: not spent
Insurance	\$114.00	From Councils
Donations		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,299.00</b>	

#### **Expenses**

General Grand Council	\$227.00	227 Companions @ \$1.00
CMMRF	0	
Dues Cards	\$75.00	
MIGM Jewel	\$80.00	
Banquet	\$350.00	
Recorder	\$75.00	
Treasurer	\$25.00	
Insurance	\$114.00	
Proceedings	\$100.00	
Postage	\$50.00	
Supplies	\$83.00	
Misc	0	
Leadership Committee	\$20.00	
Ritual	0	
Refreshments	0	
Picnic	0	
MIGM Apron	0	In inventory
Parphenalia	100.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,299.00</b>	

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

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

M.I.P. F. Dean Lewis, Most Puissant Grand Master of Pennsylvania rose and congratulated the Most Illustrious Grand Master on his term of office and on behalf of the other distinguished guests for the hospitality shown them during the weekend.

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

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Right Puissant Charles Hollinger for his remarks. Companion Hollinger also extended his thanks for the courtesies extended to him. He also spoke of the excellent work being done by the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and encouraged continued support. He also explained how the General Grand Council has reorganized due to the untimely death of our Most Puissant General Grand Master George Sellars.

## **DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Horn 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 Horn 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	Neal J. Sobocinski
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Jay C. Bergstrom
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Lionel D. Hunter
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

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

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	William F. Lott
I. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington, MIPGM
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Harold Heitmann
I. Grand Marshal	A. Tony Maxwell
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	Bradley Driscoll



The elected and appointed Officers were installed by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark E. Irwin, with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. serving as Grand Marshal and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master James A. Pletz as Chaplain.

### **REMARKS OF THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER**

It is a great honor for me to be able to stand here today as you're Most Illustrious Grand Master. I am deeply humbled that you have selected me to lead Cryptic Masonry in Delaware. At this time, I ask each of you to answer the call to commitment in pledging your time and experience to the cause of Cryptic Masonry.

I also invite all of you to express your opinions as to what else we should undertake during this coming year for the good of the craft. We have enough experience and dedication among our members to do nearly anything, "the sky is not the limit, there are already foot prints on the moon".

The members I have selected to serve on my staff this year are all dedicated and active companions. They will all work to improve our Cryptic Masonry in Delaware.

I want to congratulate our outgoing Grand Illustrious Master James Horn for having a most successful year.

As Masons we are taught never to enter upon any great or import undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity, for this purpose I ask the Grand Marshal to conduct the Grand Chaplain to the altar where he may offer up prayer to help and guide this Grand staff.

Companions, I thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Neal J. Sobocinski  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

## 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, PMIGM  
Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM  
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

### **FINANCE**

Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM  
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM  
David H. Laucius

### **GRAND INSPECTORS**

Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM  
Jon B. Cottrell

### **MEMORIALS**

Charles T. Hart, PMIGM  
Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM  
Wayne T. Slack

### **YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING**

Chapter – Neal J. Sobocinski  
Chapter – James B. Walsh  
Council – Neal J. Sobocinski

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Charles T. Hart, PMIGM  
Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM

### **CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES**

James A. Pletz, PMIGM

### **PERMANENT FUND**

David H. Laucius  
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM  
Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM

### **ADVANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP**

Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM  
Jay C. Bergstrom

### **GOV. ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST**

Wayne T. Slack, PMIGM

### **GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH**

G. Thomas Taylor  
Christian L. Dull  
Jon B. Cottrell

### **GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL BENEVOLENT FUND**

James A. Pletz, PMIGM

## VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	April 24, 2013
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	May 1, 2013
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	April 2, 2013
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 30, 2013

## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set for Saturday, March 9, 2013, at a time and place to be determined by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

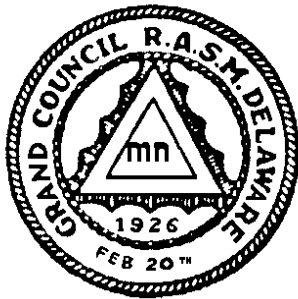
## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:15 A.M. by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

ATTEST:

*Mark E. Irwin*

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder



## MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

1926	*Harvey W. Bentley	1927	*Royden L. Hammond
1928	*George O. Fearon	1929	*John McMillan
1930	*Cornelius E. Beatty	1931	*Herman H. Hanson
1932	*Harry L. Holson	1933	*Clarence B. Hess
1934	*J. Wallace Woodford	1935	*Calvin E. Afflerbach
1936	*Thomas R. Saunders	1937	*John P. LeFevre
1938	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1939	*Harry W. Kennedy
1940	*George S. Buhl	1941	*Andrew J. Bock
1942	*R. Earle Dickey	1943	*William H. Cantwell
1944	*Charles S. Cahoon	1945-46	*Frank B. Newell
1947	*Harry R. Craig	1948	*James Carswell
1949	*M. Haswell Pierce	1950	*Walter L. Conway
1951	*George E. Vandegrift	1952	*J. Ralph Carey
1953	*Harry V. Holloway	1954	*Irwin R. Murray
1955	*Howard C. Barlow	1956	*Henry S. Young
1957	*J. Henry McDonnell	1958	*Stephen E. Hamilton
1959	*Percy W. Gardner	1960	*Alfred E. Yeaton
1961	*F. Irving Crow	1962	*Charles E. Green
1963	*Emerson Keeler	1964	*Raymond A. Howard
1965	*John J. McClearnen	1966	*Chester C. Coffin
1967	*Rhey H. Smith	1968	*Warren R. Gray
1969	*C. Ray Scarborough	1970	*Ernest H. Martyn
1971	*Samuel A. Wise	1972	*A. Warren Wheatley
1973	*James L. Crouse	1974	*John M. Johnson
1975	*E. Paul Wootten	1976	*Richard H. Thomas
1977	#James H. Durrill	1978	*Dallas E. Marvel
1979	*Charles W. Barkins	1980	*Paul E. Hurter
1981	*James H. Hutchins	1982	*Raymond M. Savage
1983	*Henry G. Law	1984	W. Thomas Musser
1985	Donald D. Thomas	1986	*Lewis J. Blackwell
1987	*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	1988	*Horace G. Patterson, Jr.
1989	C. Granville McVey	1990	*T. Eugene Womach
1991	*Richard A. Scarlott	1992	Maynard H. Mires, Jr.
1993	James A. Pletz	1994	*Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1995	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1996	John B. Dorsey
1997	Mark E. Irwin	1998	Franklin R. Townsend
1999	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	2000	*William J. Littel
2001	*Albert H. Westerside	2002	*Archie W. Bethard, III
2003	Wayne T. Slack	2004	*Charles J. Conley
2005	James R. Herrington	2006	Charles T. Hart
2007	Richard L. Weaver	2008	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
2009	James B. Walsh	2010	Gilbert E. Greenfield
2011	Robert A. Benson	2012	James G. Horn

## GRAND TREASURERS

1925-27 *John McMillan	1927-33 *Harvey W. Bentley
1933-52 *John McMillan	1953-66 *James Carswell
1967-68 *Paul Yearsley	1969-80 *Alfred E. Yeaton
1981-86 *Chester C. Coffin	1987-91 *Henry G. Law
1992-94 C. Granville McVey	1995 Donald D. Thomas
1996-00 C. Granville McVey	2001 G. Thomas Taylor, III
2002-03 John B. Dorsey	2004-08 Wayne T. Slack
2009- Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	

## GRAND RECORDERS

1925-38 *Marshall M. Carpenter	1938-39 *Harvey W. Bentley
1939-56 *Marshall M. Carpenter	1957-64 *Alfred H. Coe
1965-70 *Raymond A. Howard	1971-72 #Lawrence B. Jones
1973-75 *John J. McClearnen	1976-80 *Henry G. Law
1981-91 *C. Ray Scarborough	1992-94 *Henry G. Law
1995 C. Granville McVey	1996-99 Donald D. Thomas
2000-02 Mark E. Irwin	2003-04 James T. Ruby
2005-07 Franklin R. Townsend	2008 Wayne T. Slack
2009- Mark E. Irwin	

\* - Deceased # - Suspended

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

1975 *Chester C. Coffin	1976 * Raymond A. Howard
1977 * James L. Crouse	1978 * Henry G. Law
1979 * C. Ray Scarborough	1980 * Robert Parke, Jr.
1981 * Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1982 * Lewis J. Blackwell
1983 * J. Norman Nicklas	1984 * Richard A. Scarlott
1985 C. Granville McVey	1986 * John A. Irwin
1988 James A. Pletz	1989 * James Richardson
1990 Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1991 * Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1992 John B. Dorsey	1994 John N. Phillos
1996 James T. Elliott, Jr.	1997 Maurice C Barnes
1998 Eugene R. Small	1999 David F. Coady
2000 *James A. Johnson	2001 Jon B. Cottrell
2006 James G. Horn	2007 Robert A. Benson
2012 John D. Hiott	2013 John A. Eberly

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

1983	* Marion C.T. Townsend	1984	* J. Norman Nicklas
1985	David B. Craig, Jr.	1986	*James H. Hutchins
1987	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1988	Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.
1989	James A. Pletz	1990	Franklin R. Townsend
1991	* Walter D, Wagner	1992	Eugene R. Small
1993	George W. Taylor	1994	Robert R. Hiddeman
1996	Donald E. Rosenberry	1997	G. Thomas Taylor
1998	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1999	J. David Goss
2001	Edwin Newth	2002	Carol & Herb Fulmer
2006	Bronwyn Millman	2007	George C. Dutton
2012	Ron Keller	2013	David Painter

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

\*Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Near Delaware</u>	<u>State or Province</u>	<u>From Delaware</u>
Eugene R. Small	<b>ALABAMA</b>	George H. Busby
Donald F. Taylor	<b>ALASKA</b>	Russell A. Kenderick
	<b>ARIZONA</b>	David W. Blood
	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	Wesley M. Newton
James A. Pletz	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Brett A. McDonald
Samuel L. Mellin	<b>COLORADO</b>	Darrell Tygart
Wayne T. Slack	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	William F. Lott
John B. Dorsey	<b>DIST. of COLUMBIA</b>	Scott M. Applebee
C. Granville McVey	<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>	Cecil E. Decker
Donald D. Thomas	<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	Robert Keith Hind
Jon B. Cottrell	<b>FLORIDA</b>	Charles Lee Hollinger
	<b>GEORGIA</b>	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr	<b>GERMANY</b>	Walter E. Eichen
Charles T. Hart	<b>HAWAII</b>	Thomas L. Wilkerson
Harry D. Newell	<b>IDAHO</b>	M. William Echo
James T. Elliott, Jr.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	James W. Patton
G. Richard Ward	<b>INDIANA</b>	Robert F. Price
Wayne T. Slack	<b>IOWA</b>	George R. McCormick
	<b>KANSAS</b>	F. Earl Riley
	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	William J. Brown
Franklin R. Townsend	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
W. Thomas Musser	<b>MAINE</b>	Robert V. Damon
	<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
	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	Billy Frank Smith
Franklin R. Townsend	<b>MISSOURI</b>	Alvin Gerstenschlager
Lucien T. Lenhart	<b>MONTANA</b>	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	Abbott George Burkeu
John B. Dorsey	<b>NEVADA</b>	William G. Roberts
Neal J. Sobocinski	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	Thomas G. LaBerge
	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	Robert J. Sheridan
David B. Harman	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	John E. Smith
	<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>	Cory R. Lien
James B. Walsh	<b>OHIO</b>	Henry A. Dodson
Jay C. Bergstrom	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	Charles F. Gillentine
Charles T. Hart	<b>ONTARIO</b>	Donald Kline
G. Thomas Taylor	<b>OREGON</b>	Robert E. Hoffmaster
	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	Edward L. Helgerman
Randall C. Mullen	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Evaristo A. Leviste
	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	Raymond E. Hassell
John N. Phillos	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	Wilson C. Hardee
	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	Milton Edny
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	<b>TENNESSEE</b>	Earl Ronald Creech
James R. Herrington	<b>TEXAS</b>	Vernon I. Bartlett
Robert J. Lomax	<b>UTAH</b>	William J. Westbrook
James Teal	<b>VERMONT</b>	Guy Oldenburg
Gilbert E. Greenfield	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	William C. Cannon
	<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>	John F. Dobell
	<b>WISCONSIN</b>	Clarence A. McElmurry
Wayne D. Mower	<b>WYOMING</b>	Charles Gregg

**GRAND COUNCILS    RECOGNIZED BY  
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE**

<b>ALABAMA</b>	<b>MONTANA</b>
<b>ALASKA</b>	<b>NEBRASKA</b>
<b>ARIZONA</b>	<b>NEVADA</b>
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>
<b>COLORADO</b>	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	<b>NEW YORK</b>
<b>DISTRICT of COLUMBIA</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>
<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	<b>OHIO</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>
<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>ONTARIO</b>
<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>OREGON</b>
<b>HAWAII</b>	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>SCOTLAND</b>
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>
<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>TENNESSEE</b>
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>UTAH</b>
<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>VERMONT</b>
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>WESTERN CANADA</b>
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>WISCONSIN</b>
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>WYOMING</b>
<b>MISSOURI</b>	

Grand Recorder names and addresses can be found at the General Grand Council Website:

<http://www.ggccmi.org/index.php/grand-council-secretaries>



**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**

Bradley Driscoll	Illustrious Master
A. Tony Maxwell	Deputy Master
Terry Van Gorder	Principal Conductor of the Work
James R. Herrington, MIPGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Recorder
William Stephy	Captain of the Guard
Milton Landis	Conductor of the Council
Michael Ratcliff	Steward
Michael Downey	Chaplain
Joseph L. Kaufman	Sentinel

**GREETED**

Michael Meano	Joseph Mcaleese
Philip Parke	John Bednash
Forrest Boetcher	Barry Hughes
Arthur Prella	Michael Downey
Michael Calvarese	Jerry Brooke

**REINSTATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

Philip Parke	Terrence Miller
David Rodeheaver	

**SUSPENDED**

Sean Crocker	Sean Haley
Jason T. Hewes	Jeffrey Hewes
Clayton Hewes, III	Clayton Hewes, IV

**DIED**

R. Nelson Biggs	Albert Hart
Raymond Townsend	Ronald Wilant

**Adoniram Council No. 2**

Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Wednesday of each Month  
except October – Second Wednesday  
Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

John D. Hiott	Illustrious Master
John A. Eberly	Deputy Master
Jonathan Rehm	Principal Conductor of the Work
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Recorder
Thomas Morrison	Captain of the Guard
James Ruby	Conductor of the Council
C. William Tulloch	Steward
Charles H. Workman, III	Chaplain
Frank C. Lind	Sentinel

**GREETED**

Jonathan Rehm	Ryan Horsey
John Zucchero	James Blake
Thomas Splanger	Andrew Duran
Phillip Webb	

**AFFILIATED**

None

**REINSTATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

Jesse Collier

**SUSPENDED**

Charles Ware	Michael Benton
Jason Passon	Jason Leone
Joshua Crompton	David Chidester

**DIED**

Benjamin Betts	Richard Ennis
Herschel Poore	A. Barrett Cullen
D. Julian Massey	

**Joppa Council No. 3**

Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month

Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

William F. Horn, Jr.	Illustrious Master
William F. Lott	Deputy Master
Richard A. Mickles	Principal Conductor of the Work
James B. Walsh, MIPGM	Treasurer
James B. Walsh, MIPGM	Recorder
Christian Dull, PIM	Captain of the Guard
George Gadsby, PIM	Conductor of the Council
G. Thomas Taylor, III, PIM	Steward
Walter F. Overington	Chaplain
William Brittingham	Sentinel
William F. Lott	Assistant Recorder

**GREETED**

Adam A. Blood

**REINSTATED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

None

**SUSPENDED**

None

**DEMITTED**

None

**DIED**

Chester C. Coffin, MIPGM

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

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

**OFFICERS**

Herbert J. Atkinson, PIM  
James A. Pletz, MIPGM  
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM  
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM

Illustrious Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer-Recorder  
Steward  
Sentinel

**AFFILIATED**

Bradley Driscoll  
Frederick Horn

John D. Hiott

**DIED**

## 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 2013 plus 4000 = 6013

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 2013 plus 3760 = 5773. 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 2013 plus 530 = 2543

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 2013 plus 1000 = 3013.

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 2013 = 895.

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 2013 plus 1913 = 3926.

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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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2013**

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The Eighty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware will be held at a location to be determined, on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 9:00 A.M.

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**2011-2014  
ELECTIVE**

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**APPOINTIVE**

Rev. Charles M. Roberts..... General Grand Chaplain

Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr..... Assistant General Grand Chaplain

Rev. James R. Herrington.....Assistant General Grand Chaplain

Gary D. Skillern.....General Grand Captain of the Guard

Donald L. Himes... .. General Grand Conductor of Council

Brian J. Hastings..... General Grand Marshal

Larry N. Flowers, Sr..... General Grand Steward

James A. Fischer..... General Grand Sentinel

Robert Malwitz..... Chief of Staff

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