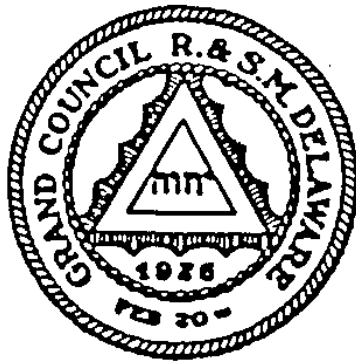


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF
DELAWARE



AT ITS
NINETY SECOND
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT THE
WILMINGTON SHERATON SOUTH HOTEL
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

MARCH 10, 2018 A.D. 3018, A. Dep.



**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
ANATOL TONY MAXWELL**

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The Ninety-Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Wilmington Sheraton South Hotel, in New Castle, Delaware, on Saturday, March 10, 2017, A. Dep. 3017. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, John D. Hiott with prayer by Grand Chaplain William Stephey, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, A. Tony Maxwell 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	A. Tony Maxwell
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	John D. Hiott
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	G. Thomas Taylor, III
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Peter Tyrrell
I. Grand Chaplain	William Stephey, Jr.
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Michael P. Pizzola
I. Grand Marshal	John A. Eberly
I. Grand Steward	Christopher D. DeAngelo
I. Grand Sentinel	George Gadsby

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

James A. Pletz, 1993	John B. Dorsey, 1996
Mark E. Irwin, 1997	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999
James R. Herrington, 2005	Arthur A. Loveless, 2008
James B. Walsh, 2009	James G. Horn, 2012
Neal J. Sobocinski, 2013	Jay C. Bergstrom, 2014
Lionel D. Hunter, 2015	William F. Lott, 2016

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

G. Thomas Taylor, III
Peer Tyrrell, PIM

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

John A. Eberly, PIM

Deputy Master

JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

Geoffrey A. Fox
G. Thomas Taylor, III

Deputy Master
Principal Conductor of Work

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

James G. Horn, PMIGM
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. PMIGM

Deputy Master
Principal Conductor of 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 91st 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 by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Mark Irwin, as follows:

CONNECTICUT

Most Puissant Grand Master Clyde Kayser, II

MARYLAND

Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert Lumbert
Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert Malwitz
Most Excellent Grand High Priest Patrick Curtis

NEW YORK

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Bruce Testut
Right Excellent Grand Sentinel Joseph M. Hummel

PENNSYLVANIA

Most Puissant Grand Master Charles Bombich
Right Puissant Principal Conductor of the Work Gerald Cobb

VIRGINIA

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joe Gilbert Broce, Sr..

ONTARIO

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Donald Kline
Past Most Illustrious Grand Master David Hardie

Most Illustrious Grand Master Maxwell cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions. He stated that he hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware enjoyable.

DELAWARE MASONIC LEADERS

The following Masonic leaders of Delaware were then presented at the Altar and introduced by PMIGM Mark E. Irwin.

M.E. James G. Horn Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware
Puissant Sovereign
Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

S.K. William D. Stephey, Jr.	Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware
E. James B. Walsh	Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70, KYCH
K.C. David H. Laucius	Intendant General, Division of Delaware 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 92nd Annual Assembly.

RECEPTION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

The following representatives of General Grand Council were then received:

Northeast-South Regional Deputy General Grand Master James B. Walsh	
General Grand Steward	Mark Megee
Ambassador for Delaware	William F. Lott
Ambassador for Maryland	Patrick Curtis

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 were then introduced by Junior Past Most Illustrious Grand Master William F. Lott. M.I.G.M. Maxwell thanked them for their past endeavors and for their advice and assistance during the past year.

RECEPTION OF THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTER

Most Illustrious Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, Right Puissant Charles L. Hollinger, General Grand Treasurer and official representative of Most Puissant David Grindle, the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Maxwell most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware and invited him to the East.

RECEPTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Most Illustrious James A. Pletz, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, Right Worshipful Donald Rosenberry, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and official representative of Most Worshipful John Marinucci, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware. The Most Illustrious Grand Master directed symbolic Grand Honors to be given and presented the gavel of authority to Right Worshipful Rosenberry. He thanked the Companions for the reception and returned the gavel to Most Illustrious Maxwell so that he could proceed with the business of the Grand Council.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

Right Worshipful Donald E. Rosenberry, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, our guests from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master & Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer, Charles L. Hollinger, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master & Right Puissant Northeast (South) Regional Deputy Grand Master, J.B. Walsh, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master & Ambassador for the General Grand Council of Maryland, Patrick A. Curits, distinguished Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters in attendance, Most Excellent James G. Horn, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, Sir Knight Fred M. Palmer, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware, Most Illustrious Grand Masters of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, visitors and members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, and companions all, it is my great pleasure and privilege to welcome you to this Ninety-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware.

I have a special connection to York Rite. When I was in between careers in the late 1990's / early 2000's, life was rather challenging. Members of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 were very kind to me, welcoming and encouraging. They became my family. Back in the day, I never imagined that I might someday have an opportunity to serve as your Presiding Grand Officer. And now, somehow, another year has just flown by. I have enjoyed traveling this past year, and have also made several new friends in the Northeast region.

DISPENSATIONS

One dispensation was issued this year – granting a request to waive the waiting period between reception of petitions and balloting.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

September 27, 2017

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
Companion Peter Tyrell, I.M.

November 1, 2017

Adoniram Council No. 2
Companion John D. Hiott, P.I.M., R.I. Deputy Grand Master

December 5, 2017

Joppa Council No. 3
Companion Christopher D. DeAngelo, I.M.

December 28, 2017

Thrice Illustrious Masters Council #4
Companion Jay C. Bergstrom, P.I.M., M.I.P.G.M.

I was accompanied by Officers of the Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, several Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, and other faithful Companions. The proceeding of meetings and financial reports demonstrated that our Councils are in good order. And their hospitality was exemplary in all cases.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS

It was my privilege to travel, and represent the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware at the Annual Sessions of Grand Council in three of the other Grand Councils in the Northeast region, as follows:

3/17/2017	Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Washington, D.C.	Washington, DC
4/1/2017	Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Rhode Island	Warwick, RI
4/25/2017	Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania	Grantville, PA

I cannot put in words how rewarding it is to travel, meet with our counterparts, establish and continue new friendships across the Northeast region. I will cherish those opportunities to have made new friends and learn more about Cryptic Masonry in other states. I value your friendship and hope it will continue.

OTHER VISITATIONS

It was also my privilege to represent the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware in the various Masonic and Masonic-related bodies in Delaware. I particularly enjoyed attending the Grand Chapter of Delaware – Order of the Eastern Star, Informal Opening prior to the Installation of 2017 – 2018 Grand Officers, where the hospitality was exemplary. I was privileged to be introduced at the following meetings and events:

3/11/2017	Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Delaware	Grand Council Annual Session 2017	Wilmington, DE
3/11/2017	Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware	Grand Chapter Annual Session 2017	Wilmington, DE
3/25/2017	Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M.	49th Semi-Annual Communication	Wilmington, DE
4/27/2017	Delaware Consistory	Business Meeting	New Castle, DE
5/6/2017	Blue Hen Council #388 Allied Masonic Degrees	Business Meeting	Dover, DE
5/6/2017	Keystone Council #113 Allied Masonic Degrees	Business Meeting	Dover, DE
5/6/2017	Two-By-Two Lodge #15 Royal Ark Mariners	Business Meeting	Dover, DE
5/6/2017	Delaware Council #18 Knight Masons	Business Meeting	Dover, DE
5/6/2017	First State York Rite College #45	Business Meeting	Dover, DE
5/7/2017	Grand Chapter of Delaware - Order of the Eastern Star	Informal Opening	Dover, DE
5/23/2017	Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F.	Annual Convocation	Wilmington, DE
5/24/2017	Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M.	Grand Master-Elect's Unity Meeting	Wilmington, DE
10/1/2017	Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M.	Grand Master's Dinner Banquet	Rehoboth Beach, DE
10/2/2017	Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M.	212th Annual Communication	Rehoboth Beach, DE
10/5/2017	Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. & A.M.	Grand Masters Installation	Greenwood, DE
11/11/2017	Blue Hen Council #388 Allied Masonic Degrees	Business Meeting	New Castle, DE
11/11/2017	Keystone Council #113 Allied Masonic Degrees	Business Meeting	New Castle, DE
11/11/2017	Two-By-Two Lodge #15 Royal Ark Mariners	Business Meeting	New Castle, DE
11/11/2017	First State York Rite College #45	Business Meeting	New Castle, DE
11/11/2017	Delaware Council #18 Knight Masons	Business Meeting	New Castle, DE

1/14/2017	Grand York Rite Sessions Planning Committee	Planning Meeting	Newark, DE
1/16/2017	Armstrong Lodge No. 26, Unity Lodge No. 32 & High Noon Lodge No. 38	Combined Grand Lodge Visit	Newport, DE
1/20/2018	Introduction of Officers and Review of Units & Clubs	Banquet at Nur Shriners	New Castle, DE
3/9/2018	Commander's Dinner	Templar Feast	New Castle, DE
3/10/2018	Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Delaware	Grand Commandery Annual Sessions 2018	Wilmington, DE
3/10/2018	Chapter of Knights Preceptor	Annual Meeting 2018	Wilmington, DE
3/11/2018	Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Delaware	Grand Council Annual Session 2018	Wilmington, DE

NECROLOGY

This past cryptic year, 8 Companions have been called to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Two of these Companions are Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Irwin R. Murray (1954) and Charles T. Hart (2006). They are sorely missed by all in this grand jurisdiction. A memorial service for deceased Companions will be conducted by our Grand Chaplain later in this Grand Session.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

No new Companions were recommended to serve as Grand Representatives from Delaware this year.

As far as my records indicate, we did not receive a request for a Grand Representative from other jurisdictions.

CONDITION OF THE RITE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2017 – 2018 cryptic year passed with peace and harmony prevailing, although we unfortunately experienced a net loss of 19 members.

In the arena of membership recruitment, I recommend we petition the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar ... to develop a professional quality DVD – short in length, but illustrative of the depth and beauty of York Right Masonry. One that can be used by members of York Rite as a program at our symbolic lodges. I believe presentations like this are

extremely important for our future, and we need to develop more visibility as an organization.

... and regarding meeting attendance, we must provide good programs ... perhaps adding social events as way to foster fellowship, including our families.

I cannot thank Companion Mark E. Irwin, P.M.I.G.M, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder enough for all he does. I don't know how he finds the time to do this on top of everything he's responsible for.

In area of communication, we have utilized group emails to send meeting reminders, as well as our Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware Facebook Group. Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 Royal and Select Master also has a Facebook Group. Although not everyone is on Facebook, our younger members in particular, depend on computers and social media to keep in touch.

Very little personal information is needed to join Facebook and it is free. Facebook Groups are akin to bulletin board services – it allows one to share updates, post events, pictures, poll the group, and chat with everyone that is a member of the group. It is a channel that we can use to help communicate with our Companions.

Other Recommendations:

- 1) Collect email and cell phone information from your Companions and encourage them to consider utilizing Facebook and other means of electronic communication.
- 2) Conduct regularly scheduled brainstorming / planning meetings during the course of the year, including Officers of Grand Council and our constituent Councils – be inclusive, find out what the needs and concerns are of each Council, and work together towards improvement.
- 3) Encourage your officers to learn their work – new Companions are more likely to return to meetings if they see good work and a proficient conferral of degrees.
- 4) Create of Speaker's Bureau – a group of Companions who can deliver a presentation to our Councils and pound the pavement with our message.
- 5) Develop a way to make York Rite more visible, perhaps using apparel, perhaps getting involved in community activities.

CONCLUSION

It has been a great privilege to serve as your Grand President Officer during this past cryptic year. My sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks go to all of you, and again especially to Companion Mark Irwin, P.M.I.G.M., Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for his hard work,

tenacity, advice and encouragement. I also thank you for the hospitality at our Councils, hospitality at grand visitations across the Northeast region, as well as for the constant support, hard work and active participation of our Grand Council Officers, Committees and our Companions who are members of our constituent Councils.

... and special thanks to Companions Fred Palmer, Neal Sobocinski, Dave Laucious, Jay Bergstrom and J.B. Walsh for their advice, council and encouragement. In addition, I sincerely appreciate all the work and efforts by Companions Lonny Hunter and Jim Horn, as well as our Ladies in organizing these Grand York Rite Sessions and hospitality suite.

Finally, I congratulate Companion John D. Hiott, M.I.G.M. 2018 – 2019 and all the officers who will be elected to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware for the ensuing cryptic year – you are left in very capable hands. I look forward to their leadership -- please give your unconditional support and trust to Companion John D. Hiott as he assumes the East.

... coming full circle, I pass the mace for Good and Welfare one last time as your President Grand Officer with these words: The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware are a very important part of the Delaware Masonic family ... let us not forget, amid the cares and vicissitudes of active life, the bright example of sincere friendship, so beautifully illustrated in the lives of the founders of our degrees. May it strengthen the bonds of fraternal love between us, incite our hearts to duty, and our desires to wisdom. Let us exercise Charity, cherish Hope, walk in Faith. And may that moral principal, which is the mystic cement of our fellowship, remain with us and bless us. Amen!

Fraternally Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Tony Maxwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

A. Tony Maxwell
Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Here is the report of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2018.

The Grand Council checking account is with M&T Bank and the savings accounts in Capital One.

	2/1/2017	1/31/2018	Difference
Grand Council Operating Funds			
Checking	\$1,160.47	\$956.14	-\$204.33
Savings	\$12,316.38	\$12,365.64	49.26
Total	\$13,476.85	\$13,321.78	-\$155.07
Permanent Fund			
Savings	\$11,949.83	\$11,997.63	\$47.80
Total	\$11,949.83	\$11,997.63	\$47.80
Total Funds	\$25,426.68	\$25,319.41	-\$107.27

The Grand Council funds showed a decrease for the year. This was due entirely to the establishment of the membership database in the Grand Encampment's MMS. The initial cost was \$287.10 and the annual cost moving forward is about \$30. Without this cost, the Grand Council would have seen a gain for the year.

In conjunction with the other Grand Bodies and by the assistance of our Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, G. Thomas Taylor, we have established a York Rite Fund with a broker and will have diverse investments to help realize a greater more stable gain on our funds.

I appreciate the trust the Companions have placed in me and look forward to serving this Grand Council in the future.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Mark E. Irwin

Mark E. Irwin, PGC
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

Income		Expenses:	
Annual Returns	\$1,794.00	Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	\$712.50
Dues Cards	32.20	Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00
Interest Income	49.26	Grand Treasurer Honorarium	30.00
Rituals Sold	0	MIGM Aprons	173.00
CMMRF	0	Grand Recorder Office Expenses	51.25
		Postage	29.62
		Website	20.00
		Grand Sessions	622.80
		Membership Database	\$316.36
Total Income:	\$1,875.46	Total Expenses	\$2,030.53

This shows a net decrease for the year of \$155.07. The loss is due entirely to the one-time setup fee for the membership database. The annual cost to maintain is about \$30. I would note that one subordinate Council return was received late and is not included in this report (\$1,047.50).

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	GREET	REIN	AFFIL	ADJ	DEMIT	SUS	DIED	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	138	8	0	0	0	3	6	5	132	
ADONIRAM	39	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	39	
JOPPA	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	55	
T. I. M.	58	0	0	1	-10	0	2	1	45	45
TOTALS	290	10	2	1	-10	5	9	7	271	45
NET LOSS	19									

Each of the Councils had greetings this year. We need to continue our work to improve our recruiting of potential members in our lodges and

chapters.

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

All IRS filings were made and accepted.

I am pleased to report that the Proceedings of the 2017 Grand Assembly have been prepared and are available via the website. If any Companion does not have access to a computer and desires a hard copy, please let the Grand Recorder know and he will provide a printed copy.

The Grand Council database is in the Masonic Membership System (MMS). There is still work to be done to completely reconcile the data and this office continues to work with the Recorders on that.

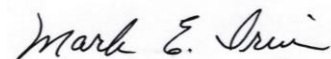
All Grand Council Proceedings obtained by the Grand Recorder are housed on the official Grand Council website which can be found at <http://degrandcouncil.deyrmasons.org/>. The cost continues to be \$100 for the web space and the Grand Council share is \$20.

Your Grand Recorder was humbled by being recognized at the General Grand Council Banquet in Portland, Oregon last August by receiving the Mordhurst Medal from the Most Puissant General Grand Master and the General Grand Recorder.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, I appreciate all of your support. 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 to the support and encouragement that I have received.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



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 Recorder 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 pray: Oh Lord, Heavenly Father, Great Architect of the Universe, Thou art the Living God, One of Life and Love. We humbly beseech thee, that thou shalt quicken our minds and hearts to ponder the shortness and fragility of human life and that through the Holy Spirit, thou shalt dispel all doubt and fear from us, that we shall be better to able to serve, not only each other, but the least of Your children and that we do so with honor and courage, that in doing so we serve You truly and justly that at the end of our earthly days, we might see and have eternal life. Amen

Today upon this altar erected unto God, we bring white carnations to remember our companions who have laid down their trowels and labors and now stand before the Throne of the Eternal One. We pause to mourn, reflect and remember those who had great influence upon us as individuals and our fraternity. Let us give pause and remember those by name who were important to us. May they rest in peace. We remember and bring a carnation in tribute to our two departed Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Irwin R. Murry and Charles T. Hart, our seven departed Companions and those departed from our Sister Grand and Local Councils wheresoever dispersed.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, O Great and Merciful God, hear our prayer for the souls of our departed Companions, embrace them, Your returning children. By Your Holy Spirit, the Great Comforter, allow us to remember with joy the time we had with them and with certainty, we pray to see them again in the endless eternal bounds of your holy kingdom, where the frailties of mortal life exist no more and the love and light of heavenly joy shall be lived forever and ever. Amen

William D. Stephey, Jr.
Grand Chaplain

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES COMMITTEE

To The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Delaware,
now in Session,

Your Committee on Constitution and Statutes is pleased to report that it has had no occasion to present a decision on behalf of this Grand Council this past Cryptic Year. This, we would hope, bodes well for our Grand Council.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was incorporated in the State of Oklahoma in March of 1986. The Foundation funds research at the Indiana University School of Medicine located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Initially focused on researching the cause(s) and eventually a cure for atherosclerosis and its complications, funding now includes additional research topics such as stroke, acute kidney injury, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and peripheral artery disease, among others. More information on the Foundation, the research it supports, and how to donate can be found at its website: www.cmmrf.org. Historically, this Grand Council's committee has been limited to encouraging all Companions to support the Foundation and its work, with most donations coming from memorial contributions coming in the form of memorials by constituent Councils. The committee also recommends that each Illustrious Grand Master have a fund-raising project to support this worthwhile charity.

John A. Eberly
Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

As the Grand Lecturer, I have had the opportunity to visit each of the Councils in our state, not only for the Grand Visitations but also on separate occasions. Although a few visits are hardly sufficient to make a definitive judgment, after visiting each Council I have observed that the opening and closing of Councils need improving. Most are struggling to perform properly their opening and closing work without the help of the ritual. I have also observed that the Councils cannot fill all their chairs. I would suggest that the Deputy Grand Master throughout his year, and before being installed as M.I.G.M, select capable companions, dedicated and willing to fill the Chairs to the best of their ability. The degree work that has been conferred by the Councils has been well done. This is a result of using the round robin method and selecting the better qualified ritualistic for the Degree Teams.

I would also recommend that the proper Ritual manual be reviewed and new ones obtained. The current one being used "1960 Ritual as adopted by the General Grand Council" is inconsistent i.e. new vs. old.

Neal J. Sobocinski, PMIGM
Grand Lecturer

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Permanent Fund Committee reviewed the report submitted by the Grand Treasurer for Fiscal Year ending January 31,2018.

The balance of the Permanent Fund was \$11,949.83 at the end of our current fiscal year, reflecting a growth of \$47.80 during the previous 12 month period. An account for the Permanent Fund was originally opened in 1997-1998 fiscal year and had a balance of \$392.56 on 2/15/98.

Its purpose is to assist in offsetting the expenses of the Annual Assembly and the Illustrious Grand Master during his term of office. The principal of this fund may not be spent and must remain for growth. Now that the fund is over \$10,000. 75% of the annual investment income may be spent; 50% annually and 25% accumulated for three years to assist in offsetting the cost of attending the Triennial Sessions of the General Grand Council International by the Illustrious Grand Master or his designated Proxy. At no time, regardless of how large the fund grows, can more than 75% of the annual investment income rolled over into the fund for growth.

Expenditures from this Fund can only be made following written request for same which clearly identifies the basis and reason for disbursement. These disbursements cannot exceed the fair and reasonable expense for the purposes so designated. No requests for expenditures were received this past year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Companions and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware.

William D. Stephey, Jr.
Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

The committee reports that all activities have been planned and successfully been executed for the weekend.

Lionel Hunter, PMIGM
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that the 2017 Proceedings have been created and posted on the Internet. In an effort to continue limiting the costs for the Grand Council, the Committee has decided to continue to publish them on the Internet for the benefit of all members.

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**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and all other Grand Officers and to the many friends and members of this Grand Body:

This is my report for the Hanby Trust Fund as of this date, 3/10/2018.

We have given the YMCA a total of \$49,269.

The property is in good shape. We plan on removing the stone cabin on Chestnut St. at the top of the hill. This will save us money.

The kids are enjoying themselves on the fields and in the pool.

Thank you for having me as your representative.

Again, we gave \$49,269 to the "Y".

Yours in faith,
Wayne T. Slack, PMIGM

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

Adult Leadership

Fred Palmer

Cryptic Mason of the Year

Michael P. Pizzola

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT

A stated Assembly of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 was opened at the Masonic Temple, 108 East Market Street, Newport, Delaware at 6:45 P.M. on Thursday evening, December 28, 2017 with the following Officers present and in their respective stations:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Jay C. Bergstrom, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	Mark. E. Irwin, M.I.P.G.M., p.t.
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Arthur A. Loveless, M.I.P.G.M.
Thrice Illustrious Recorder-Treasurer	William F. Lott, M.I.P.G.M., p.t.
Thrice Illustrious Steward	Michael Pizzola, P.I.M., p.t.
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Lionel D. Hunter, M.I.P.G.M.

Members of the Council present are as noted in the Register. Thrice

Illustrious Master Bergstrom welcomed all present and thanked them for coming out this evening.

M.I.P.G.M. Lott, acting Recorder, noted that he had received notification earlier this afternoon, that Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden James G. Horn had to care for his lady Joan who underwent hip replacement surgery today and would be unable to make it this evening. He thanked Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Irwin for stepping in and assuming the noted station.

The Recorder noted that Companion Hunter Walsh, the elected Illustrious Master of Joppa Council Number 3, was in attendance and moved that be elected a member of the Council. Said motion, being duly seconded, was unanimously approved.

The Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree was conferred upon this Companion by the above named Officers of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4.

Thrice Illustrious Masters Bergstrom then called upon the Most Illustrious Grand Master A. Tony Maxwell, to assist him in welcoming the newly affiliated Thrice Illustrious Master, who congratulated him on his election and presented him copies of the By-Laws of Thrice Illustrious Master Council Number 4, his permanent membership card and his Thrice Illustrious Master's jewel. The newly affiliated Companion was then called upon for remarks and he offered his sincere thanks and appreciation for this evening's reception.

The Recorder then, sadly, announced the passing this year of the following member of the Council - Thrice Illustrious Master Charles T. Hart. Prayer was offered by M.I.P.G.M. James Herrington on his behalf. The Altar was draped in honor of M.I.P.G.M. Charles Hart.

The Minutes of the December 28th, 2016 meeting and the Treasurer's Report were presented in brief and approved as presented.

It was regularly moved that the next meeting of the Council be held on December 27, 2018 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 be elected to serve Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4 for the ensuing year:

Thrice Illustrious Master
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
Thrice Illustrious Recorder

Jay C. Bergstrom
Jame G. Horn
Arthur A. Loveless
William F. Lott

Thrice Illustrious Treasurer

Mark E. Irwin

The following were then appointed as

Thrice Illustrious Steward

John A. Eberly

Thrice Illustrious Sentinel

Lionel D. Hunter

Each of the above named officers were then asked if they accepted their election and/or appointment and each, or their proxy, said yes. Thrice Illustrious Master Bergstrom then installed all in their respective stations, commencing at the conclusion of this session.

Thrice Illustrious Master Bergstrom then recognized the following distinguished Brethren who were in attendance.

Knight Companion David H. Laucius, Intendant General for the Division of Delaware, UGIC, Knights Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Right Worthy Mark E. Irwin, Chief Adept, Delaware College, SRICF.

Right Pussiant James B. Walsh, Deputy General Grand Master for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International for the Northeast Region - South.

Most Illustrious William F. Lott, Ambassador for Delaware for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Thrice Illustrious Master Bergstrom thanked Most Illustrious Companions Irwin and Lott and Illustrious Companion Pizzola for sitting in for the absent Illustrious Companions officers and their assistance in the evening's conferral.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master A. Tony Maxwell was then presented to the East, afforded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority. The Most Illustrious expressed his pleasure of being in Thrice Illustrious Master's Council Number 4, commended the officers on their work, and gain extended a hearty welcome to the new member. He encouraged the newly affiliated member to work zealously in his Council for the forthcoming year. Accompanying the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and recognized as such, were the following members of the Grand Staff:

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

G. Thomas Taylor

Grand Treasurer/Grand Recorder

Mark E. Irwin

Grand Captain of the Guard

Peter Tyrrell

Grand Conductor of the Council

Michael Pizzola

Grand Lecturer

Neil Sobocinski

A moment of silence was observed for Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Hart.

Thrice Illustrious Master Bergstrom recognized the following Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters:

James Pletz
John Dorsey
Mark E. Irwin, General Grand Master of the 3rd Veil of the General Grand Chapter.
James Herrington, General Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Council
Lionel Hunter
Neil Sobocinski
William Lott
Jay Bergstrom
Arthur Loveless
James B. Walsh

The labors of Thrice Illustrious Council Number 4 being with peace and harmony prevailing, the Most Illustrious Grand Master closed the Council in ample form at 8:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,
William F. Lott, MIPGM
Acting Recorder, TIM No. 4.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

A specific York-Rite Education workshop was not held this year, in part due to a lack of response and past participation. As a result, there is nothing to report.

It is recommended that before a new committee is appointed for next year the heads of the York-Rite Bodies meet and put forth a plan for future activities.

Fraternally submitted,
Neal J. Sobocinski, Grand Chapter Representative and Chairman
Mark E. Irwin, Grand Council Representative
Fred Palmer, Grand Commandery Representative

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Fraternally Submitted,
John A. Eberly

Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM
James G. Horn, PMIGM-Chairman

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was approved.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has reviewed the records of the Grand Council for 2017 and finds that Treasurer's report accurately reflects the accounts of the Council.

The account balances totaled \$25,319.41 at the end of the fiscal year. Receipts of the period totaled \$1,875.46 and expenses totaled \$2,030.53. The year resulted in a decrease of \$107.27 in net worth.

The decrease can be attributed almost in its entirety to the larger than expected bill for the annual sessions.

The committee recommends that the per capita remain the same at \$8.50. We propose the following budget for the 2018 Cryptic Year:

Description	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed
Per Capita Income:	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.50	\$8.50
Annual Returns-per capita	1,071.75	2,011.00	1,794.00	1,921.00
Dues Cards	55.50	98.30	32.20	35.00
Interest	52.21	48.27	49.26	50.00
Rituals		12.50		
Misc				
CMMRF		150.00		
Total Income	1,179.46	2,320.07	1,875.46	2,006.00
Expenses:				
Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	320.00	582.00	712.50	705.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00	75.00	75.00	150.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
MIGM Aprons	181.90	519.00	173.00	173.00
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	119.36	82.31	51.25	125.00
Postage	16.66	41.68	29.62	50.00
Website	40.00	20.00	20.00	55.00
Grand Sessions	320.00	140.00	622.80	500.00
Donations		50.00	50.00	50.00
Grand Council Collar & Jewels		2,145.00		0.00
Silver Trowel Jewels		115.00		0.00
Membership Database			316.36	30.00
Grand Session per capita				113.00
Misc				
Total Expenses	1,102.92	3,799.99	2,030.53	1,981.00
Income over Expenses	76.54	-1,479.92	-155.07	25.00

The only significant changes to the budget include providing a larger honorarium for the Grand Recorder.

We thank the Grand Recorder/Treasurer for his cooperation and for all he does for this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,
James B. Walsh, PMIGM, Chairman
Arthur Loveless, PMIGM
Sheldon Edwards, PMIGM

The committee moved that the Grand Council set the per capita to \$8.50 (Grand Council - \$5.50, Grand Sessions - \$.50, General Grand Council - \$2.50), that the report of the committee be accepted, and that the proposed 2018 budget be adopted.

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

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Right Excellent Bruce Testut, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of New York rose and offered his thanks for the hospitality and friendship shown him by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Grand Council of Delaware as well as to the other visitors and wished for a fruitful Cryptic Year for the Grand Council.

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Right Puissant General Treasurer Charles Hollinger rose and spoke to the Companions and relayed information from the triennium that had been held in Portland, Oregon in August. He extended the greetings from Most Puissant David Grindle, General Grand Master and wished the Companions well. He also thanked the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the hospitality shown him during the weekend and wished all the Companions well.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

Most Illustrious Grand Master Maxwell 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 Maxwell announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year.

M.I. Grand Master	John D. Hiott
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	G. Thomas Taylor, III
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Peter Tyrrell
M.I. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM

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

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Michael P. Pizzola
I. Grand Chaplain	William D. Stephey, Jr.
I. Grand Conductor of Council	John A. Eberly
I. Grand Marshal	Christopher D. DeAngelo
I. Grand Steward	George Gadsby
I. Grand Sentinel	James L. Ferguson

The elected and appointed Officers were installed by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Mark Irwin, with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master serving as Grand Marshal.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Hiott was presented with his Most Illustrious Grand Master's apron.

INCOMING MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

As I now have the responsibility of being the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, I would like to thank all the Companions that have voted for me. I will do my very best to keep up the great traditions of this Grand Council, your Grand Council. One of the most important items in the whole of Council and the York Rite, is Membership. I plan on visiting every Lodge in Delaware to spread the word about Council and the York Rite in general and see if we can increase our numbers, this is along with my Grand Visits. I also plan on visiting many out of state Councils. I would like to challenge the other leaders of the York Rite bodies to come with me, on as many visits as they can. I will visit with them, as much as time will allow. Remember this is your Grand Council and I am here to represent you. If you have any ideas that you feel may help, please send them to me and we will try to implement them.

Another area that I feel needs attention is our Permanent Fund. This is a subject that needs a lot of work, I'm not sure of how to improve it

yet, but I'm working on it and will come up with something before my year is out.

My theme for this year is, "York Rite, Brotherhood" as we go through our Masonic life we have "Brotherhood" and the "York Rite" is very important.

Again. I would like to thank all those who voted for me, and as I always say, "God Bless the United States of America and all who Serve and Defend Her"

So mote it be,
John D. Hiott

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	FINANCE
James G. Horn, PMIGM	James B. Walsh, PMIGM
Jay C. Bergstrom, PMIGM	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PMIGM
John A. Eberly	Michael P. Pizzola
GRAND LECTURERS	MEMORIALS
Neal J. Sobocinski, PMIGM	William D. Stephey, Jr.
John W. Merkley	Lionel D. Hunter, PMIGM
Lionel D. Hunter	
YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING	AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
Chapter-David H. Laucius*	James G. Horn, PMIGM
Council-William D. Stephey, Jr.	Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
Commandery-Fred Palmer	
CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES	PERMANENT FUND
Herbert J. Atkinson	G. Thomas Taylor, III*
	John D. Hiott
	William D. Stephey, Jr.
GRAND YORK RITE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION	
Council-Mark Irwin, PMIGM	GOV. ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST
Commandery-Fred Palmer	Wayne T. Slack, PMIGM
Chapter-Ken Weaver	

GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH	GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL BENEVOLENT FUND
Commandery-Ken Jaeger	John A. Eberly
Chapter-Hunter Walsh	James L. Ferguson
Council-G. Thomas Taylor, III	

VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	September 26, 2018
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	May 2, 2018
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	October 2, 2018
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 27, 2018

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date of the 93rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set for Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel beginning at 9:00 am.

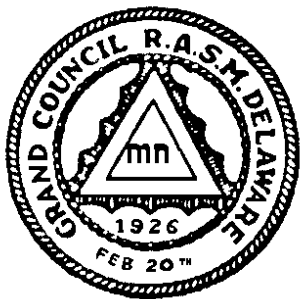
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:05 A.M. by the Most Illustrious Grand Master John D. Hiott.

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
2013	Neal J. Sobocinski	2014	Jay C. Bergstrom
2015	Lionel D. Hunter	2016	William F. Lott
2017	A. Tony Maxwell	2018	John D. Hiott

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
2009-13	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	2014-	Mark E. Irwin

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
2015	Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.	2016	James L. Ferguson
2017	John W. Merkley	2018	Michael P. Pizzola

**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
2015	Carl Wenke	2016	Marie Gruwell
2017	Nancy Evans	2018	Fred Palmer

**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	ALABAMA	Theordoe E. Youwer
Donald F. Taylor	ALASKA	Russell A. Kenderick
	ARIZONA	David W. Blood
	ARKANSAS	Wesley M. Newton
James A. Pletz	CALIFORNIA	Brett A. McDonald
Samuel L. Mellin	COLORADO	Darrell Tygart
Wayne T. Slack	CONNECTICUT	William F. Lott
John B. Dorsey	DIST. of COLUMBIA	Scott M. Applebee
	EASTERN CANADA	Cecil E. Decker
Donald D. Thomas	ENGLAND & WALES	Robert Keith Hind
Jon B. Cottrell	FLORIDA	Charles Lee Hollinger
	GEORGIA	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr	GERMANY	Walter E. Eichen
	GREECE	John D. Melidonis
	HAWAII	Thomas L. Wilkerson
	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
	KANSAS	F. Earl Riley
	KENTUCKY	William J. Brown
Franklin R. Townsend	LOUISIANA	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
	MAINE	Robert V. Damon
	MARYLAND	Clifton R. Friel
Warren F. Schueler, Sr.	MASSACHUSETTS	Wayne L. Robbins
Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	MICHIGAN	James M. Kiefer
	MINNESOTA	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	MISSISSIPPI	Phillip Wesley Hobson
Franklin R. Townsend	MISSOURI	Alvin Gerstenschlager
	MONTANA	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
	NEBRASKA	Abbott George Burkeu
John B. Dorsey	NEVADA	William G. Roberts
Neal J. Sobocinski	NEW HAMPSHIRE	Thomas G. LaBerge
	NEW JERSEY	Robert J. Sheridan
	NEW MEXICO	John E. Smith
	NEW YORK	Richard J. Kessler
Mark E. Irwin	NORTH CAROLINA	Nicholas W. Taylor
	NORTH DAKOTA	Cory R. Lien
James B. Walsh	OHIO	Michael Douglas Cecil
Jay C. Bergstrom	OKLAHOMA	Charles F. Gillentine
	ONTARIO	Donald Kline
G. Thomas Taylor	OREGON	Robert E. Hoffmaster
	PENNSYLVANIA	William L. Bryan
Randall C. Mullen	PHILIPPINES	Evaristo A. Leviste
	RHODE ISLAND	Raymond E. Hassell
	SOUTH CAROLINA	Wilson C. Hardee
	SOUTH DAKOTA	Milton Edny
	TENNESSEE	Earl Ronald Creech
James R. Herrington	TEXAS	Gary D. Dixon
	UTAH	William J. Westbrook
James Teal	VERMONT	Guy Oldenburg
	WASHINGTON	Vance Whippo
	WESTERN CANADA	John F. Dobell
	WISCONSIN	Clarence A. McElmurry
Wayne D. Mower	WYOMING	Mark D. Wells

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

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

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

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

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

G. Thomas Taylor, III	Illustrious Master
Peter Tyrrell	Deputy Master
Lawrence Biederman	Principal Conductor of the Work
Kenneth W. Jager, PIM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM	Recorder
Erich W. Krauss	Captain of the Guard
Joseph Dawson, III	Conductor of the Council
Kenneth Weaver, Sr.	Steward
	Chaplain
John Chobrda	Sentinel

GREETED

John Allen Bailey-Thompson	Alejandro Cataneda
Michael Luis Flores	John David Holden
Joseph Thomas Lank	Joseph Stephen Marvian
Erik Gabriel Vargas	Thomas Sandilands

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

Brian L. Hart	Barry C. Hughes
Michael Marra	

SUSPENDED

Harold J. Heitmann	Howard Griffith
H. Richard Hoffman	Charles Maas
Arthur Prella	Robert Welsh

DIED

Herber P. Fulmer, II	Charles S. Horn, III
Larry M. Speaks	Ellis E. Stern, Jr.
Lloyd H. Stover	

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

James Ferguson, PIM	Illustrious Master
John A. Eberly, PIM	Deputy Master
Maurice Little	Principal Conductor of the Work
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM	Recorder
Robert Lowes	Captain of the Guard
Charles Moller	Conductor of the Council
Albert Lambertson	Steward
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PMIGM	Chaplain
G. Richard Ward, PIM	Sentinel

GREETED

Jeffrey Haas

AFFILIATED

None

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

P. Donald Carey

Harold K. Brode

SUSPENDED

Frank Lind

DIED

Joppa Council No. 3
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Hunter R. Walsh	Illustrious Master
Geoffrey A. Fox	Deputy Master
G. Thomas Taylor, III	Principal Conductor of the Work
James B. Walsh, PMIGM	Treasurer
William F. Lott, MIGM	Recorder
John W. Merkle, PIM	Captain of the Guard
George Gadsby, PIM	Conductor of the Council
Rolando Chavez	Steward
Richard Mickles, PIM	Chaplain
Christian L. Dull, Jr., PIM	Sentinel

GREETED

Rolando Chavez

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Irwin R. Murray

Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

OFFICERS

Jay C. Bergstrom, MIPGM	Illustrious Master
James G. Horn, MIPGM	Senior Warden
Neal J. Sobocinski, MIPGM	Junior Warden
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM	Treasurer-Recorder
John A. Eberly, PIM	Steward
Lionel D. Hunter, MIPGM	Sentinel

AFFILIATED

Hunter R. Walsh

DIED

Charles T. Hart, PMIGM

Grand Council Register

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 2018 plus 4000 = 6018

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 2018 plus 3760 = 5778. 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 2018 plus 530 = 2548

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 2018 plus 1000 = 3018.

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 2018 = 900.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACTOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 2018 plus 1913 = 3931.

Prior to 1947, the Annual Assembly was always held on the first Wednesday in October. Most 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 Most 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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The Ninety-Third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware will be held at Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 9:00 A.M.

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**2017-2020
ELECTIVE**

David A. Grindle..... General Grand Master
Monty J. GloverDeputy General Grand Master
William G. Snyder General Grand P.C. of the Work
Charles L. Hollinger General Grand Treasurer
Bryan D. Bechler General Grand Recorder

APPOINTIVE

Rev. E. Jeffrey Craig.....General Grand Chaplain
Rev. Charles M. Roberts..... Assistant General Grand Chaplain
Rev. James R. Herrington..... Assistant General Grand Chaplain
John L. Belanger General Grand Captain of the Guard
Gheorghe Vilceanu General Grand Conductor of Council
Terrence L. Rybarczyk General Grand Marshal
Mark Megee..... General Grand Steward
John A. Bridegroom..... General Grand Sentinel

Charles A. McCollum. NE-North Regional Deputy General Grand Master
James B. Walsh. NE-South Regional Deputy General Grand Master