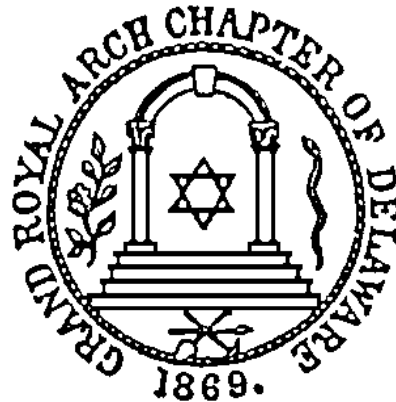


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF
DELAWARE



AT ITS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD AT THE
DOUBLETREE HOTEL BY HILTON
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 11, 2017, A.D. 2547



David H. Laucius
GRAND HIGH PRIEST 2016

DAVID H. LAUCIUS

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Right Eminent Laucius was born on November 9, 1951 in Wilmington, Delaware, the third son and fourth child of Joseph Francis and Lucy Elizabeth Laucius. He attended public schools in the City of Wilmington through the Eighth Grade. From the ninth through the twelfth grade, he attended the Brandywine School District graduating from Brandywine High School in 1969. He attended the University of Delaware graduating in 1973 with a degree in Mathematics. He continued his education while working and earned a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Delaware in 1985.

He began his working career in the automobile and marine steel fabricating industries. He is currently employed by Orbital ATK, Inc., an aerospace and defense contractor, where he has worked for thirty-four years. He currently serves as Director, Contract Management for the Missile Products Division in Elkton, Maryland.

Right Eminent Laucius and Ellen Beth McGaughan were married in 1982. David and Beth currently reside in Newark Delaware.

He is member and Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 25 in Newark, Delaware. His Masonic Record is as follows:

Symbolic Masonry

- Raised in Hiram Lodge No. 25, Newark, Delaware (November 9, 1992)
- Past Master, Hiram Lodge No. 25, Newark, Delaware (1998)
- Past Grand Marshal, Grand Lodge of Delaware AF&AM (2004)

Capitular Masonry

- Past High Priest Brandywine Chapter No. 9, Wilmington, Delaware (2000)
- Secretary Brandywine Chapter No. 9 (2001-2007)

Cryptic Masonry

- Past Illustrious Master, Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware (2003)

Chivalric Masonry

- Past Commander, Trinity Commandery No. 3, Wilmington, Delaware (2005)
- Recorder, Trinity Commandery No. 3, Wilmington, Delaware (2010-present)
- Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Delaware (2011)

Scottish Rite

- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction, Valley of Wilmington
 - Past Most Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix (2008)
 - 33rd Degree (2009)

Appendant Organizations

- Past Sovereign Master, Delaware Council No. 388, Allied Masonic Degrees (2010)
- Past Celebrant, Delaware College SCRIF (2010-2011)
- Past Governor, First State College No. 45, York Rite Sovereign College of North America (2009)
- Past Commander Noah, Two-By-Two Lodge No. 15, Royal Ark Mariners (2013)
- Past Excellent Chief, Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons (2011)
- Past Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70 (2013)
- Order of the Red Cross of Constantine
 - Past Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave (2014)
 - Recorder, Delaware Conclave (2009-2013; 2015-2016)
 - Intendant General, Division of Delaware (2016-present)

Awards

- Bronze Service Award, General Grand Chapter (2006)
- Order of the Purple Cross, First State College No. 45, York Rite Sovereign College of North America (2009)
- Knight Commander of the Temple, Grand Commandery of Delaware (2014)

SPECIAL CONVOCATION OF GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE

A special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in ample form by Most Excellent David H. Laucius, Grand High Priest at 8:00 a.m. at the Newport Masonic Temple for the purpose of the Multi-Jurisdictional Chapter Festival. There were 18 candidates from Delaware, 7 from the District of Columbia, 2 from Maryland and 2 from Virginia.

The degrees were conferred by the various state representatives as follows:

Mark Master Degree	Virginia
Past Master Degree	District of Columbia
Most Excellent Master Degree	Maryland
Royal Arch Degree	Delaware

All degrees were conferred in an exceptional manner and showcased the differences between the conferrals by the various jurisdictions.

A lunch was served after the Most Excellent Degree sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Delaware after which the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by a team from Delaware with Most Excellent Donald D. Thomas, Past Grand High Priest sitting in the East..

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND CONVOCATION
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE**

The One Hundred Forty-Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 11, 2017, A. Dep. 2547. The Grand Chapter was opened at 1:00 PM by the Right Excellent Grand King James G. Horn, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain James R. Herrington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. MEGHP Laucius was escorted to the east, afforded Grand Honors, and proceeded to preside.

The following Grand Officers were in their respective stations:

GRAND OFFICERS

M.E. Grand High Priest	David H. Laucius
R.E. Grand King	James G. Horn
R.E. Grand Scribe	Fred Palmer
M.E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin
M.E. Grand Secretary	Mark E. Irwin
E. Grand Captain of the Host	John D. Hiott
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	Michael Ratcliff
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Marshal	Jared I. Card
E. Grand Master of the Third Veil	William K. Brown
E. Grand Master of the Second Veil	William D. Stephey, Jr.
E. Master of the First Veil	Cesar E. Aniceto
E. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington, PGHP
E. Grand Sentinel	George Gadsby

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Donald D. Thomas, 1978	John B. Dorsey, 1989
Wayne M. Schutz, 1992	Sheldon L. Edwards, 1997
Franklin R. Townsend, 2004	Mark E. Irwin, 2007
H. Richard Hoffman, 2008	James R. Herrington, 2009
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., 2011	Neal J. Sobocinski, 2012
James B. Walsh, 2013	Lionel D. Hunter, 2014
Charles T. Hart, 2015	

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NO. 1

Ruben H. Kelly	High Priest
Michael J. Ratcliff	King

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4

Fred Palmer	Scribe
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DELTA CHAPTER NO. 6

Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.	High Priest
William D. Stephey, Jr.	King
Jay C. Bergstrom	Treasurer

HOPE CHAPTER NO. 7

Christopher DeAngelo	High Priest
Geoffrey A. Fox	Scribe
James B. Walsh	Treasurer
William F. Lott	Secretary

KENT CHAPTER NO. 8

John A. Eberly	High Priest
Lionel D. Hunter	Secretary

BRANDYWINE CHAPTER NO. 9

Mark K. Button	High Priest
John B. Dorsey	Treasurer

DAYLIGHT CHAPTER NO. 10

Steven Leishman	High Priest
Peter Tyrrell	Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 148th Annual Convocation was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

ADMISSION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, as listed in the Grand Chapter Register, were admitted by courtesy.

RECEPTION OF REPORTS

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Grand Secretary was authorized to give Reports in brief, subject to the will and pleasure of the Grand High Priest and the consent of the members present. Except as may be noted herein, all Reports were received, accepted and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings.

REGRETS

Regrets were received by Most Excellent Daniel A. Witschey, Grand High Priest of West Virginia.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

The Grand Secretary has been advised, by the respective Secretaries of the Constituent Chapters, that the Companions, as noted in the RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS, have been duly elected and installed in their respective Chapters. As such, in addition to the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Past Grand High Priests, and the Past High Priests of the Constituent Chapters of Delaware, these so named Companions are thus entitled to seats in Grand Chapter as representatives of their Chapters.

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 Excellent Grand High Priest Mark Irwin, as follows:

CONNECTICUT

Most Excellent Richard Eppler
Most Excellent William F. Lott
Excellent Clyde Kayser, II

Past Grand High Priest
Past Grand High Priest
Grand Master of the 2nd Veil

Most Puissant J. Andrew Birdsall
Illustrious John Birdsall

Most Puissant Grand Master
Grand Marshal

MARYLAND

Most Excellent Robert Malwitz
Most Excellent Robert Lumbert
Most Illustrious John Rafine

Past Grand High Priest
Past Grand High Priest
Most Illustrious Grand Master

NEW YORK

Most Excellent Bruce Testut
Excellent Joseph Hummel

Grand High Priest
Grand Sentinel

VIRGINIA

Most Excellent Daniel Surface
Right Excellent James Nunn

Grand High Priest
Administrative Aide to GHP

Each of the distinguished Visitors was greeted and received by M. E. Grand High Priest Laucius, who thanked them for joining us this weekend and sincerely hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware enjoyable.

RECEPTION OF MASONIC LEADERS OF DELAWARE

Most Illustrious A. Tony Maxwell

Most Illustrious Grand Master
Cryptic Masons in Delaware

Right Eminent Fred Palmer

Grand Commander

Knights Templar in Delaware

Knight Companion David H. Laucius

Intendant General

Division of Delaware, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

Eminent Neal J. Sobocinski

Eminent Prior

Jesse Green Priory #70, Knights of the York Cross of Honour

Right Worthy Mark E. Irwin

Chief Adept

Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Right Excellent Gene Fricks

Deputy General Grand High Priest
Northeast Region

Most Excellent Mark E. Irwin

Ambassador for Delaware

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

The Past Grand High Priests in attendance were received in the Grand Chapter Convocation and were introduced by Past Grand High Priest Lionel Hunter. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Laucius thanked them all for their service and advice to him during the year. They were afforded Grand Honors.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Most Excellent Companion Laucius then called up the Convocation while Ambassador to General Grand Chapter, Mark E. Irwin, conducted the Right Excellent General Grand Scribe, Steven G. Tiner who was the Representative of the General Grand High Priest, Louis E. Bartrand into the Convocation where he was presented to the altar. Most Excellent Companion Laucius welcomed him to this Grand Convocation and had him escorted to the East where he was afforded Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Chapter. Right Excellent Companion Tiner thanked Most Excellent Laucius for the honor, but returned the gavel to him so he could preside over his Grand Session.

RECEPTION OF THE GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

Most Worshipful Dale T. Irwin, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was escorted into the Grand Chapter and presented at the altar to Most Excellent Grand High Priest Laucius. The Most Worshipful was invited to the East, afforded Symbolic Grand Honors. Most Worshipful Irwin extended a warm welcome to the visitors and all present, and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in this Grand Jurisdiction. He thanked all for making the weekend a great success and said he saw the York Rite turning the corner.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

Most Worshipful Grand Master Dale T. Irwin, Right Excellent Steven Tiner General Grand Scribe, Officers and members of this Grand Chapter, distinguished and honored guests, Brothers and Companions all, I welcome you to this Annual Grand Convocation. We thank you for your attendance.

My year as Grand High Priest has passed much too quickly. It has been a rewarding year and, although there was so much more that I would have liked to have done, it has been rewarding. It provided me with new friendships, new perspectives, an increased awareness of the talent and dedication contained within our Masonic fraternity, and a renewed optimism regarding the Craft in general and our Grand Chapter in particular.

That said, it was with sadness that I began my year. The year should have belonged to Terry Van Gorder, but it did not. The Great Architect took Terry from us early in the calendar year prior to our Grand Sessions last March and he did not have the opportunity to serve as our Grand High Priest. Terry was a role model for all who met him. He was a strong, patient, and just man. He lived his Masonic principles. In 2004, I had the privilege of traveling with Terry up and down the State when we both had the privilege to serve on the Grand Staff. The loss of Terry was a loss to both Craft and Capitular Masonry. It was a loss we all shared.

During my year, I remembered Terry at each of our Visitations but, although they are all we have at times, words are all too often inadequate. During my year I also tried to provide a simple but consistent message to our Companions: exercise your Masonic privileges, enjoy your Brothers and Companions, attend Lodge and Chapter, give of your time, improve your ritual, be generous and support RARA.

There were twenty-two exaltations in 2016 not including the results for Daylight Chapter whose Annual Return at the time this is written has not been received. Of note, on February 27, another nine companions were exalted during Delta Chapter No. 6's Communication, which starts 2017 on a positive note.

There are many to whom I owe gratitude: the Past Grand High Priests who were always there to provide guidance and support; the members of the Grand Staff who provided their time, support and friendship and who were always willing and eager to support our endeavors; and, Mark Irwin, our Grand Secretary who was indispensable, always working to keep me informed and organized. I also have to extend my fullest appreciation to the sitting High Priests who welcomed my Staff and me into their Chapters and who so capably hold the nucleus of Capitular Masonry in their hands. Lastly, I thank my wife, Beth, for accepting my frequent absences and for her on-going support.

Dispensations

Four dispensations and two waivers of jurisdiction were granted. One request for waiver of jurisdiction was requested.

- Dispensation was provided on March 12, 2016 to 1) waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigation, and balloting on candidates; 2) waive the usual waiting period between the several Capitular Degrees; 3) hold Special Convocations for the purpose of balloting on petitions provided proper notice is given to all members and the Grand Secretary; and 4) allow all Chapters to move their Charters to the location of any Capitular Festival for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions provided proper notice is given to all members and the Grand Secretary.
- Dispensation was provided on August 13, 2016 to allow all Chapters to take their candidates to the Newport Masonic Temple for the Multi-Jurisdictional Festival and 1) to allow conferral of degrees on Delaware candidates by a

jurisdiction participating in the Festival and 2) to allow a Delaware Degree Team to confer degrees on candidates from other jurisdictions.

- A request for waiver of jurisdiction was issued on September 13, 2016 to the Grand Chapter of Maryland to ask that two brothers from Union Lodge No. 48 in Elkton, Maryland be allowed to pursue Capitular Degrees in Delaware
- A waiver of jurisdiction was provided on September 13, 2016 to the Grand Chapter of Maryland to allow two brothers to petition Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17 in Salisbury, Maryland.
- Dispensation was provided on September 15, 2016 to all Royal Arch Chapters in the Grand Jurisdictions of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia to be balloted upon within the jurisdiction of Delaware.
- A waiver of jurisdiction was provided on October 23, 2016 to the Grand Chapter of Maryland to allow one brother to petition Chesapeake Royal Arch Chapter No. 17 in Salisbury, Maryland.
- Dispensation was provided on September 13, 2016 to allow Brandywine Chapter to open at 6:00 on October 6 to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Official Visitations to Constituent Chapters

At the start of the year, Grand Visitations were scheduled for each Chapter on prescribed dates and these dates with one exception remained unchanged. The one change effected during the year was to allow Washington and Lafayette Chapter No. 1 and Delta Chapter No. 6 to host a joint Grand Visit. Other than this one exception, all visits occurred as originally scheduled. I supported all but one of the Grand Visitations. I was unable to support the visit to Kent Chapter due to an unplanned work commitment that required out of town travel. I would like to thank Grand King Jim Horn for filling in that evening. (I note that I personally did pay a visit to Kent Chapter on February 2 when the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees were conferred.)

The dates of the Grand Visitations were:

April 7, 2016	Brandywine Chapter No. 9	Wilmington
April 19, 2016	St Johns No. 4	Newark
May 11, 2016	Daylight No. 10	Newport
September 12, 2016	Delta No. 6 and Washington and Lafayette No. 1	Newport
November 2, 2016	Kent No. 8	Dover
December 6, 2016	Hope No. 7	Georgetown

Official Visits to Sister Jurisdictions

I regret that I was unable to support the Grand Sessions for most of our sister jurisdictions due to employment commitments and other scheduling conflicts. For that, I apologize. I was able to make three out of state sessions

March 19, 2016	Grand Chapter of DC	Washington
October 28, 2016	Grand Chapter of Maryland	Ocean City
March 3, 2017	Grand Chapter of New Jersey	Toms River

Additionally, Past Grand High Priest Lionel Hunter represented me at the Grand Sessions in New York for which I thank him.

Northeast Regional York Rite Conference

I attended the Northeast Regional York Rite Conference held in Mansfield, Massachusetts on September 10, 2016. Several other Companions from Delaware were present and I found the presentations useful and informative.

Multi-Jurisdictional Festival

Delaware hosted the Multi-Jurisdictional Festival this year. It was held on September 17 in Newport. Degree teams and candidates from Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia participated. Virginia conferred the Mark Master Degree; the District of Columbia the Past Master Degree; Maryland the Most Excellent Master Degree; and Delaware the Royal Arch Degree. All four Capitular Degrees were conferred during the day in a very proficient and impressive manner. A total of twenty-seven candidates were exalted including nineteen from Delaware. I offer my thanks to my fellow Grand High Priests from the participating jurisdictions, to the state coordinators and to the degree teams. In particular, I would like to thank Past Grand High Priest H. Richard Hoffman for coordinating the event and Past Grand High Priest Donald D. Thomas and the entire degree team for conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

Order of the High Priesthood

The Council of Anointed High Priests was held on December 28, 2016 in Newport where the newly elected High Priests were anointed. The degree work was excellent and I am certain the Grand King looks forward to working with these new High Priests.

Other Activities

April 2, 2106	Semi-Annual Communication , Grand Lodge of Delaware	Newport
April 15, 2016	First Annual United Table Lodge, Grand Lodge of Delaware AF&AM, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Delaware	Dover
May 7, 2016	York Rite Appendant Bodies	Dover
May 8, 2016	Eastern Star Grand Session	Dover

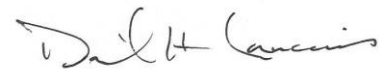
June 3, 2016	Annual Assembly, United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine	Buffalo, New York
July 23, 2016	Jesse Green Priory KYCH	Dover
October 10, 2016	Grand Lodge of Delaware	Rehoboth
October 29, 2016	York Rite Appendant Bodies	New Castle
November 5, 2016	Northeast Regional Red Cross of Constantine	Grantville, Pennsylvania
November 7, 2016	York Rite Planning Council	Newport
December 12, 2016	Societas Rosecruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis	Rehoboth
December 28, 2016	Order of the Silver Trowel	Newport
January 12, 2017	York Rite Planning Council	Newport
January 28, 2017	Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1 – Mark Master Degree	Wilmington
February 2, 2017	Kent Chapter No. 8 – Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degree	Dover
February 27, 2017	Delta Chapter – Royal Arch Degree	Newport

Recommendations

I offer no recommendations. I do suggest that each Chapter and each Companion communicate the value that Capitular Masonry offers to others within the Craft. The value we offer consists of that which is related to increased Masonic knowledge and that which is related to friendship, fellowship and mutual trust and support in accordance with our Masonic tradition. We need to broadcast our story.

Lastly, I want to wish my successor, Jim Horn, the best of years. Royal Arch Masonry in Delaware could not be placed in better hands.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,



David H. Laucius
Grand High Priest

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Here is the report of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017.

The Grand Chapter's checking account is with M&T Bank and the savings and Permanent Fund are with Capital One.

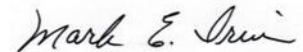
	02/01/2016	1/31/2017	Difference
Grand Chapter Operating Funds			
Checking	\$5,121.17	\$1,548.17	-3,572.83
Savings	\$26,748.10	\$30,459.98	\$3,711.88
Total	\$31,869.27	\$32,008.32	\$139.05
Permanent Fund			
Savings	\$18,426.16	\$18,582.96	\$156.80
Total	\$18,426.16	\$18,582.96	\$156.80
Total Funds	\$50,295.43	\$50,591.28	\$295.85

All bills were paid as directed by the Grand Secretary's office and authorized by the Grand High Priest. Money has been transferred to savings from checking to provide some interest until the money is needed.

I will be working with the Finance Committee and the Permanent Fund Committee in looking at alternative savings vehicles for the longer-term funds to garner greater returns than are currently being realized.

I appreciate the trust the Companions have placed in me and look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Chapter.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Mark E. Irwin, PGHP
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Your Grand Secretary is pleased to make this report to this Grand Chapter. 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 Secretary's office and an accounting for all bills paid.

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income		Expenses:	
Annual Returns	\$2,509.75	Gen. Gd. Chapter Per Capita	\$696.00
Rituals	143.30	Annual Convocation	490.00
Shipping-Reimb.	8.44	Grand Secretary Honorarium	125.00
Interest Income	211.88	Grand Secretary Office Expenses	8.42
Multi-State Festival	550.00	Postage	109.85
		Rituals	80.00
		Website	12.00
		Grand High Priest Apron	692.00
		Multi-State Festival	846.05
		Donations	50.00
		Jewels - PGHP	175.00
Total Income:	\$3,423.37	Total Expenses	\$3,284.32

This shows a net gain for the year of \$139.05. There was a purchase of 4 Grand High Priest aprons to cover all who had not received one during their term of office. The annual cost moving forward will be about \$175.

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

CHAPTER	START	EXALT	REIN	AFFIL	ADJ	DEMIT	SUS	DIED	TOTAL
Wash & Laf	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56
St Johns	59	6	1	1	0	0	0	1	66
Delta	73	10	0	0	-6	1	0	2	74
Hope	62	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	59
Kent	45	2	0	0	0	1	2	5	39
Brandywine	44	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	46
Daylight*	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
TOTALS	364	26	1	2	-6	3	3	14	367

***Estimate**

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

All IRS filings were made including the Grand Chapter. I contacted the IRS due to previous filings being rejected in their system. The problem is a glitch with the IRS' new system. I was able to file the 990-N form at the beginning of this month by calling the IRS.

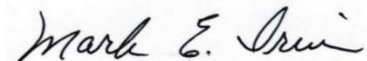
Work was completed on establishing the Grand Chapter database in the York Rite Information System (YRIS), and as of February 15th, now houses the entire membership of the Grand Chapter. This will provide for a much easier means of tracking and reporting of the membership moving forward. I thank all who provided information to help make the information as accurate as possible. There is still work to be done and I ask each of the chapters for their cooperation as we validate and maintain the membership data.

Your Grand Secretary has digitized all of the Proceedings for the Grand Chapter available to him and published them on the Official Grand Chapter website. (<http://degrandchapter.deymasons.org/>). The cost continues to be \$100 for the web space and the Grand Chapter share is \$20. You can now access all Grand Chapter Proceedings from the founding in 1869 to 2008. I am working with my predecessors to get 2009-2015 added to the site.

To our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, 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, PGHP
Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reviewed the report submitted by the Grand Treasurer for Fiscal Year ending January 31, 2017. All figures as stated in the report reflect the amount shown as checks paid, withdrawals and deposits/credits on our bank statements.

There is one recommendation:

- Continue to make direct contact with our subordinate Chapters with reminders to submit their reports, payments, and any other information requested to the Grand Chapter in a timely fashion.

Our project budgeted is shown below and based on:

- Figures collected from the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

The committee proposes an increase of \$1 to the per capita for Grand Chapter bringing the amount to a total of \$6.50 per member.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Michael H. Downey, PHP
Finance Committee

2017 Grand Chapter Budget

Description	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed
Per Capita Income:	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$6.50
Annual Returns-per capita	339.25	2,509.75	2,366.00
Rituals	31.80	143.30	75.00
Shipping-Reimb	3.22	8.44	10.00
Interest Income	131.50	211.88	150.00
Multi-State Festival		550.00	
Total Income	505.77	3,423.37	2,601.00
Expenses:			
Gen. Gd. Chapter Per Capita	343.00	696.00	728.00
Annual Convocation	405.00	490.00	500.00
Grand Secretary Honorarium	125.00	125.00	125.00
Grand Secretary Office Expenses	137.98	8.42	50.00

Postage	44.40	109.85	50.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium			30.00
Rituals	110.00	80.00	100.00
Website	48.00	12.00	55.00
PGHP Aprons		692.00	200.00
Multi-State Festival		846.05	0.00
Donations		50.00	50.00
Jewels-PGHP		175.00	0.00
Membership Database			308.40
Grand Session per capita			182.00
Bank Fees	29.95		
Total Expenses	1,243.33	3,284.32	2,378.40
Income over Expenses	-737.56	139.05	222.60

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The By-Laws Committee received no referrals from constituent Chapter for changes to their by-laws this Capitular year, and has no recommendation for this Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,
John A. Eberly, Chairman

CONTINUANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Grand Secretary regularly moved, and it was duly seconded, that this Grand Chapter, in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies meeting this weekend, continue with the Liability Insurance coverage program. The cost will be \$49.69 per body. *Motion carried.*

REPORT OF THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

Most Worshipful Grand Master Dale T. Irwin, Right Excellent General Grand Scribe Steven G. Tiner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest David H. Laucius.

The Board of Governors of the Albert T. Hanby Trust which two of the five committee members were present, Wayne T. Slack and Sheldon Edwards, met on December 13, 2016 in the PNC Bank Building on Delaware Ave. in Wilmington. Representatives of the PNC Bank and the YMCA of Northern Delaware were in attendance.

The PNC Bank advised us on the financial condition of the Hanby Trust which always very impressive. However, this year it was somewhat a little less than the previous year due to the involved financial markets. This lesser condition still gave us the ability to grant a sum of \$50,000 to the YMCA of Northern Delaware for assisting the less fortunate children of Delaware.

The YMCA of Northern Delaware each year invites the Board of Governors of the Hanby Trust to attend a picnic on the Trust property in the Claymont area of approximately 99 acres and has been well developed by the “Y”. The Governors are usually introduced with the other dignitaries associated with the YMCA and PNC Bank.

I wish to thank our Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, Companion, David H. Laucius for my appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP
Governor

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

This represents the report of the Education and Leadership Committee for 2016-2017. No formal sessions were held to improve York Rite Leadership this year. That said, Grand Visitations as always communicated Masonic principles in general and focused on the need to 1) improve our ritual, 2) encourage attendance at our Communications, Assemblies and Conclaves, and 3) endeavor to grow the York Rite within our Masonic fraternity.

The Grand Lodge did offer and provide training to improve Masonic knowledge and leadership skills in the Craft lodges. That training does flow indirectly to the York Rite as many of our presiding and upcoming officers receive this training.

Of note, the Northeastern Regional Conference attended by the Grand High Priest and the Most Illustrious Grand Master as well as other York Rite leaders within the State was of value. It provided information regarding currently available programs and training materials. In particular, the Educational Bureau of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International offers various materials of interest to the York Rite for nominal cost. Additionally, an “Operations and Training Manual for Chapter Officers” is available from the General Grand Secretary. In the absence of a budget, the committee did not avail itself of this opportunity. In the future, we recommend that the committee be provided with a budget to allow it to hold York Rite specific training sessions.

Fraternally submitted,
David H. Laucius, Grand Commandery Representative and Chairman
Neal J. Sobocinski, Grand Chapter Representative
Mark E. Irwin, Grand Council Representative

REPORT OF THE RARA COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee, Past Grand High Priest Lionel D. Hunter approached the altar with the Grand Secretary and received donations from several Chapters in support of the General Grand Chapter's charity.

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Most Excellent Bruce Testut, Grand High Priest from New York rose and offered his thanks for the hospitality and friendship shown him by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter of Delaware as well as to the other visitors. He spoke of education and that "Together We Build" by growing our Blue Lodges. By doing this we can in turn build the York Rite.

REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal was presented to Excellent Companion William D. Stephey, Jr. of Delta Chapter #6. The award was presented at the Friday evening banquet to Companion Stephey by Right Excellent Steven Tiner, General Grand Scribe.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to be able to review the report of Most Excellent Grand High Priest David H. Laucius that has been presented to you today.

The committee congratulates the Grand High Priest for meeting the time schedule imposed on him by this chairman and Grand Secretary, so that ample time would be available to review this address and report.

We find the dispensations granted by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest well within the prerogatives of his office and amply covered in our constitution and code. We thus, without reservation, recommend their approval.

Our Grand High Priest report contained no recommendations to which jurisprudence needs to respond.

We express our gratitude to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest for accepting six of our sister jurisdictions to be our Companions near their Grand Chapter. We are confident that those worthy Companions will attend to the duties now incumbent on them with great fidelity.

The committee would like to express delight of the very successful multi-state festival again hosted this year by Delaware. At which a total of twenty-seven candidates were exalted including nineteen from Delaware.

We also commend him for his attendance and representation of this Grand Jurisdiction at the Northeast Regional York Rite Conference held in Mansfield, Massachusetts on September 10, 2016.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest was able to attend three sister jurisdictions and P.G.H.P Lionel Hunter, representing the M.E.G.H.P., attended one. We are disappointed in his inability to attend more but understand the commitment to work. We do encourage the incoming Grand High Priest to make every effort to attend our sister jurisdictions as the exchange of information and friendship are most rewarding and will benefit our Companions in Delaware.

The committee is pleased to see that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest made an official visitation to each constituent Chapter, as well as visits to additional Masonic originations that are to numerous to mention here but are listed in his report.

We also want to acknowledge with pleasure, the support that has been forthcoming from his wife Beth to our Grand High Priest for this past year.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,
Neal J. Sobocinski, PGHP, Chairman
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. PGHP
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. PGHP

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. We pause to remember those, some of whom were giants among their peers, others more ordinary men. Let each of us pause and remember by name those men important to us. (pause) May they rest in peace.

We remember, and bring a carnation in tribute to: our departed Most Excellent Grand High Priests, especially our most recently departed Charles Granville McVey; our three departed High Priests; our departed Companions; and those departed from our Sister Grand and Local Chapters, 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 of all bodes, and especially those 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, PGHP
Grand Chaplain

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

The M.E. Grand High Priest recognized R.E. Companion, Steven G. Tiner, representative of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, who brought warm fraternal greetings to the assembled Companions. He also thanked the R.E. Grand High Priest for the hospitality and friendship shown to him. He spoke of the various awards of the General Grand Chapter and talked of the importance of the Royal Arch Mason degree and that we should be marketing it to our Blue Lodge brethren.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

The M.E. Grand High Priest discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of the Grand Chapter for all their efforts during the past year.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M.E. Companion Laucius announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Capitular year. The results of the Election, by unanimous ballot cast by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, were as follows:

M.E. Grand High Priest	James G. Horn
R.E. Grand King	Fred Palmer
R.E. Grand Scribe	John D. Hiott
M.E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGHP
M.E. Grand Secretary	Mark E. Irwin, PGHP

The Grand High Priest-elect made the following appointments:

E. Grand Captain of the Host	Jared I. Card
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	William F. Lott
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	G. Thomas Taylor, III
E. Grand Marshal	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Master of the 3 rd Veil	Michael P. Pizzola
E. Grand Master of the 2 nd Veil	Hunter R. Walsh
E. Grand Master of the 1 st Veil	Cesar E. Aniceto
E. Grand Chaplain	James R. Herrington, PGHP
E. Grand Sentinel	Christopher DeAngelo
E. Grand Lecturer	Michael Ratcliff

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in ample form by PGHP Mark E. Irwin with PGHP Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. serving as Grand Marshal.

APPOINTMENTS

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then directed the Grand Secretary to read the Committee appointments for the ensuing year, the first named to be the Chairman of each committee:

Jurisprudence

Neal J. Sobocinski, PGHP*
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGHP
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP

Credentials

H. Richard Hoffman, PGHP*
James Ferguson

Grand York Rite Annual Meeting

Commandery -Lionel D. Hunter, PGHP*
Chapter – David H. Laucius, PGHP
Council - William D. Stephey, Jr.

Grand Y.R. Leadership & Education

Chapter – Neal J. Sobocinski, PGHP*
Council - Mark E. Irwin, PGHP
Commandery – Fred Palmer, GK

Permanent Fund

Lionel Hunter, PGHP*
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGHP
Charles T. Hart, PGHP

150th Anniversary of Grand Chapter

Lionel Hunter, PGHP*
Mark E. Irwin, PGHP
Fred Palmer, GK

Grand York Rite Youth

Council – G. Thomas Taylor, III*
Commandery – Harold Heitmann
Chapter – Hunter Walsh

Finance

Cesar Aniceto*
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGHP
Michael Downey

By-Laws

John A. Eberly*
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGHP
John Hiott

Ritual

Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP*
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP
Jay C. Bergstrom

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Lionel Hunter, PGHP
Kings of all Chapters

F. Irving Crow Award

Lionel D. Hunter, PGHP*
Charles T. Hart, PGHP
Neal J. Sobocinski, PGHP

Governor-Albert T. Hanby Trust

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP*

Memorials

James R. Herrington, PGHP*

Printing & Portrait and Jewel

Mark E. Irwin, PGHP*

Distinguished Service Medal

Lionel Hunter, PGHP*
Charles T. Hart, PGHP
David H. Laucius, PGHP

VISITATION SCHEDULE

The Grand High Priest directed the Grand Secretary to read the following schedule of visitations to the Constituent Chapters:

Washington and Lafayette No. 1	October 26, 2017
St. John's No. 4	November 21, 2017
Delta Chapter No. 6	September 11, 2017
Hope Chapter No. 7	December 5, 2017
Kent Chapter No. 8	November 1, 2017
Brandywine Chapter No. 9	May 4, 2017
Daylight Chapter No. 10	April 12, 2017
Anointed High Priests	December 28, 2017

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

On motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the date and place of the 150th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was set at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 10, 2018, at a place to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Chapter, M.E. Grand High Priest Horn wished for all safe travels home and closed in ample form at 3:30 PM.



ATTEST:

Mark E. Irwin

Mark E. Irwin, PGHP
Grand Secretary

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1869	*Daniel C. Godwin,	1871	*Allen V. Lesley
1872	*John R. McFee	1873-74	*George W. Stone
1875-76	*Willis Holden	1877	*Jacob F. Mynich
1878-79	*Alfred G. Coe	1880-81	*John W. Lawson
1882-83	*Thomas Davidson	1884-85	*John Otto, Jr.
1886-87	*William C. Baggerly	1888-89	*Joseph A. Bond
1890-91	*John L. Clark	1892	*Francis L. Carpenter
1893-94	*George W. Andrews	1895	*Eugene Massey
1896-97	*Virginius V. Harrison	1898	*Lewis W. Flinn
1899-1900	*Harry Galbraith	1901	*Joseph Row
1902-03	*J. Paul Lukens	1904	*J. Harmer Rile
1905	*John Oliver	1906	*Harry W. Lowe
1907	*Thomas J. Jacobs	1908	*Alfred M. Clower
1909	*A. Henry Berlin	1910	*Stuart J. Horn
1911	*Albert F. Polk	1912	*Samuel H. Benson, Jr.
1913	*Walter W. Bacon	1914	*Alexander J. Taylor
1915	*Asa Bennett	1916	*John W. Macklem
1917	*George S. Scott	1918	*Leon Walker
1919	*W. Frank Sharp	1920	*George L. Dickerson
1921	*W. Harry Lewis	1922	*George A. Salmon
1923	*Charles A. Willin	1924	&John E. Krauss
1925	*West A. Trotter	1926	*George O. Fearon
1927	*J. Wallace Woodford	1928	*Frank L. Long
1929	*Obadiah Clark	1930	*William O. Wingate
1931	*Harold W.T. Purnell	1932	*Harry V. Holloway
1933	*John P. LeFevre	1934	*Henry S. Young
1935	*Calvin E. Afflerbach	1936	*Herman H. Hanson
1937	*Cornelius E. Beatty	1938	*Frank L. Harrar
1939	*Joseph T. Maxwell	1940	*Charles R. Cannon
1941	*George E. Vandegrift	1942	*Stephen E. Hamilton
1943	*Andrew J. Bock, Jr.	1944	*Charles S. Cahoon
1945	*Joseph O. Willis	1946	*Harvey W. Bentley
1947	*William H. Cantwell	1948	*F. Irving Crow
1949	*J. Ralph Carey	1950	*R. Earle Dickey
1951	*Harry R. Craig	1952	*James Carswell
1953	*Harry W. Loose	1954	*Irwin R. Murray
1955	*J. Henry McDonnell	1956	*Alfred E. Pool
1957	*Charles E. Green	1958	*Claude P. Davidson
1959	*A. Warren Wheatley	1960	*Rhey H. Smith
1961	*Raymond A. Howard	1962	*Powell E. Craig
1963	*Ernest H. Martyn	1964	*Warren W. Edinger, Jr.
1965	*Samuel A. Wise	1966	*Chester G. Dahlstrom

1967	*John S. Proud	1968	*Richard H. Thomas
1969	*Chester C. Coffin	1970	#Lawrence B. Jones
1971	*John J. McClearnen	1972	*Bruce C. Ward
1973	John J. Goodier	1974	*C. Ray Scarborough
1975	*Charles W. Barkins	1976	*Clifton A. Lutz
1977	*James E. Peo	1978	Donald D. Thomas
1979	*George Kuba	1980	*James H. Hutchins
1981	*Raymond M. Savage	1982	*Henry G. Law
1983	James A. Pletz	1984	*George K. Harris, Jr.
1985	*Lewis J. Blackwell	1986	*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.
1987	*C. Granville McVey	1988	*Richard A. Scarlott
1989	John B. Dorsey	1990	*Richard W. Garland
1991	*T. Eugene Womach	1992	Wayne M. Schutz
1993	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1994	*William J. Littel
1995	C. William Tulloch	1996	*Albert J. Miller
1997	Sheldon L. Edwards	1998	*Haywood I. Buck, Jr.
1999	*Richard L. Weaver	2000	Carl V. Dreisbach
2001	*R. Nelson Biggs	2002	*Archie W. Bethard
2003	*Robert E. Wasson	2004	Franklin R. Townsend
2005	*Walter F. Lokey	2006	*William B. Neal
2007	Mark E. Irwin	2008	H. Richard Hoffman
2009	James R. Herrington	2010	*Robert A. Benson
2011	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.	2012	Neal J. Sobocinski
2013	James B. Walsh	2014	Lionel D. Hunter
2015	Charles T. Hart	2016	David H. Laucius
2017	James G. Horn		

PAST GRAND TREASURERS

1869-74	*Stilman A. Hodgemen	1875	*James H. Cameron
1876	*James Ponder	1877	*James M. Jones
1878	*William W. Lobdell	1879	*Alfred D. Warner
1880	*Joseph W.H. Watson	1881	*James H. Price
1882	*Winfield S. Quigley	1883	*Joseph A. Bond
1884	*Wilmer Palmer	1885	*John B. Book
1886	*James S. Dobb	1887	*Francis W. Carswell
1888	*Benjamin F. Bartram	1889	*Mark L. Garrett
1890	*J. Parke Postles	1891	*Thomas O. Cooper
1892	*Lewis B. Jervis	1893	*George H. McCall
1894	*William L. Crossan	1895	*Harry W. Lowe
1896	*Harrie H. Campbell	1897	*J. Jackson Pierce
1898	*J. Harmer Rile	1899	*Thomas G. Pennington
1900	*George M. Fisher	1901	*William M. Eaton, Jr.
1902-06	*John B. Martin	1907-18	*Thomas Reardon

1919-40	*George S. Scott	1941-52	*James McMillan
1953-66	*James Carswell	1967-70	*Ernest H. Martyn
1971-79	*Raymond A. Howard	1980	*C. Ray Scarborough
1981-86	*Chester C. Coffin	1987-91	*Henry G. Law
1992-94	*C. Granville McVey	1995	Donald D. Thomas
1996-2000	*C. Granville McVey	2001-03	G. Thomas Taylor, III
2003-08	*Richard A. Scarlott		
2016-	Mark E. Irwin		

PAST GRAND SECRETARIES

1869	*Albert T.A. Torbert	1870-71	*William F. Godwin
1872-79	*John P. Allmond	1880-85	*Henry B. McIntire
1886	*William Marshall	1887-1914	*James H. Price
1915-23	*Stuart J. Horn	1924-43	*John W. Macklem
1944-56	*Marshall M. Carpenter	1957-61	*Alfred E. Coe
1962-70	*Raymond A. Howard	1971-72	#Lawrence B. Jones
1973-74	Donald D. Thomas	1975-80	*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-	Franklin R. Townsend		
2015-	Mark E. Irwin		

* Deceased & Withdrawn # Suspended

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

1952	*Alfred E. Pool	1953	*James A. Lewis
1954	*Harold A. Shaub	1955	*Joseph R. Pittard
1956	*Jesse E. Farlow	1957	*Thomas R. Saunders
1958	&Martin C. Rauh	1959	*Clarence W. Thompson
1960	*Ernest M. Rogers	1961	*Joseph P. Miller
1962	*Thomas L. Sheldon	1963	*James R. Hanna
1964	*Harry H. Conner	1965	*G. Willard Millman
1966	*Willard S. Dickerson	1967	#Lawrence B. Jones
1968	*Charles J. Brodie	1969	&George S. Flumerfelt
1970	*E. Paul Wootten	1971	*Clifton A. Lutz
1972	*Ralph Cassel	1973	*Paul E. Hurter
1974	*George S. Buhl	1975	*Harry E. McBride
1976	*George Kuba	1977	*Samuel B. Rash, Jr.

1978	James A. Pletz	1979	*Wilfred T. Mason
1980	*James L. Crouse	1981	*Robert E. Stewart
1982	Wayne M. Schutz	1983	C. William Tulloch
1984	*Ray A. Schell	1985	Samuel L. Mellin
1986	*Lambert E. Argo	1987	*J. Norman Nicklas
1988	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1989	Franklin R. Townsend
1990	Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr.	1991	*Harry D. Newell
1992	*John F. McBride	1993	*Archie W. Bethard, III
1994	*William H. Athan	1995	#John N. Phillos
1996	*James A. Johnson	1997	David F. Coady
1998	Frank M. Keiser	1999	*Charles J. Conley
2000	*Maurice C. Barnes	2001	*Vernon E. Lee
2002	None	2003	*Robert A. Benson
2004	*Maurice C. Barnes	2005	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
2006	Lionel D. Hunter	2007	David H. Laucius
2008	Wayne D. Mower, III	2009	*Terry A. Van Gorder
2010	G. Thomas Taylor, III	2011	John E. Bednash
2012	David L. Majors	2013	John A. Eberly
2014	None	2015	John D. Hiott
2016	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.		

F. IRVING CROW AWARD OF HONOR

1978	*Raymond A. Howard	1979	*Chester C. Coffin
1980	*Charles E. Green	1981	*William H. Cantwell
1984	*C. Ray Scarborough	1985	*James H. Hutchins
1986	Donald D. Thomas	1987	*Henry G. Law
1989	*Richard H. Thomas	1990	John G. Goodier
1991	*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	1992	*C. Granville McVey
1994	James A. Pletz	1995	Franklin R. Townsend
1996	*Richard A. Scarlott	1997	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
1998	*Maynard H. Mires	1999	Warren F. Schueler, Sr.
2000	*William J. Littel	2001	Not awarded
2002	John B. Dorsey	2003	Not awarded
2004	Wayne M. Schutz	2005	Not awarded
2006	Not awarded	2007	Not awarded
2008		2009	
2010	Mark E. Irwin	2011	
2012		2013	
2014		2015	Not awarded
2016	Not awarded		

* Deceased & Withdrawn # Suspended

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER No. 1
Wilmington

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869
Stated Convocation: Fourth Thursday of each Month
Except November
Closed: June, July, August and December

OFFICERS

Reuben H. Kelly	High Priest
Michael J. Ratcliff	King
Robert Papp	Scribe
Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PGHP	Secretary
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Saeed Shakshir	Principal Sojourner
Benjamin H. Shoop	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3 rd Veil
	Master of the 2 nd Veil
	Master of the 1 st Veil
	Chaplain
Connard R. Estep	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Charles A. Depfer	George Craig
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ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 4
Newark

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869
Stated Convocation: Third Tuesday of Each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Jared I. Card	High Priest
William Anthes	King
Fred Palmer	Scribe
Cesar E. Aniceto, PHP	Treasurer
Cesar E. Aniceto, PHP	Secretary
Ed Binasiewicz	Captain of the Host
Alexander Selimov	Principal Sojourner
James Hendrix	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3 rd Veil
	Master of the 2 nd Veil
	Master of the 1 st Veil
	Chaplain
	Sentinel

EXALTED

Bruce G. Fine	Bassem Y. Awad	William A. Keilsohn
Thomas E. Keller, Jr.	Thomas E. Keller, III	Arlynn Q. Hull, Jr.

REINSTATED

Ellis Stern, Jr.

AFFILIATED

Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

C. Granville McVey, PGHP

DELTA CHAPTER No. 6

Newport

Date of Charter: January 21, 1874
Stated Convocation: Second Monday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.	High Priest
William D. Stephey, Jr., PHP	King
Byrom I. Price	Scribe
Jay C. Bergstrom, PHP	Treasurer
Herbert J. Atkinson, PHP	Secretary
Thomas J. Atkinson	Captain of the Host
Fred M. Palmer, PHP	Principal Sojourner
Arthur A. Loveless, PGHP	Royal Arch Captain
Charles L. Porter, Jr.	Master of the 3 rd Veil
Philp M. Console	Master of the 2 nd Veil
Gerald W. Kissel, Jr.	Master of the 1 st Veil
	Chaplain
Michael J. Reider	Sentinel

EXALTED

Andrew J. Chas	Philp M. Console	Joseph W. Dawson
Thomas E. Keller, Jr.	Thomas E. Keller, III	Gerald W. Kissel, Jr.
William D. Kiger, IV	Erich W. Krauss	Joseph K. Walus
Henry G. Wolfe, Jr.		

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Christopher Emerson

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr., PHP

Vernon E. Lee, PHP

HOPE CHAPTER No. 7

Georgetown

Date of Charter: January 23, 1893

Stated Convocation: First Tuesday of each Month

Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

Christopher D. DeAngelo	High Priest
Hunter R. Walsh	King
Geoffrey A. Fox	Scribe
James B. Walsh, PHP	Treasurer
William F. Lott, PHP	Secretary
G. Thomas Taylor, III, PHP	Captain of the Host
John Merkley, PHP	Principal Sojourner
Michael P. Pizzola, PHP	Royal Arch Captain
George Gadsby, PHP	Master of the 3 rd Veil
Christian L. Dull, Jr., PHP	Master of the 2 nd Veil
James G. Horn, PGHP	Master of the 1 st Veil
Richard A. Mickles, PHP	Chaplain
W. Frederick Horn, PHP	Sentinel

EXALTED

Robert J. Karafin

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Thomas W. Campbell

SUSPENDED

Jason C. Thorton

DIED

Stephen B. Dellinger

Charles N. Jackson

KENT CHAPTER No. 8

Dover

Date of Charter: January 19, 1921

Stated Convocation: First Wednesday of Alternate Months

Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

John A. Eberly, PHP	High Priest
James Ferguson, PHP	King
Robert Lowes	Scribe
Lionel D. Hunter, PHP	Treasurer
Lionel D. Hunter, PHP	Secretary
G. Richard Ward, PHP	Captain of the Host
John Hiott, PHP	Principal Sojourner
Jonathan Rehm, Sr.	Royal Arch Captain
Andrew Doran	Master of the 3 rd Veil
John Maranucci	Master of the 2 nd Veil
Ryan Horsey	Master of the 1 st Veil
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP	Chaplain
Richard Shehorn	Sentinel

EXALTED

Charles Moller Maurice Little

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Robert Williams John Zucchero

DIED

Harold Brode Herman Cohee Marvin Cosden
David Harman Earl Good

BRANDYWINE CHAPTER No. 9
Wilmington

Date of Charter: January 15, 1966
Stated Convocation: First Thursday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Mark K. Button	High Priest
William McGahan	King
James D. Rouke	Scribe
John B. Dorsey, PGHP	Treasurer
Stefan F. Darczuk	Secretary
David H. Laucius, MEGHP	Captain of the Host
Neal J. Sobocinski, PGHP	Principal Sojourner
Michael H. Downey	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3 rd Veil
	Master of the 2 nd Veil
	Master of the 1 st Veil
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Chaplain
	Sentinel

EXALTED

Gene F. LoConte	Marc R. Koble	Brian L. Carney
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REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

William H. McGahan

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Scott C. Lengel	Joseph J. Brady
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DAYLIGHT CHAPTER No. 10

Newport

Date of Charter: March 12, 1994

Stated Convocation: 11:00 AM, Fourth Monday of each Month

Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Stephen A. Leishman	High Priest
Donald D. Thomas, PGHP	King
Tenney H. Wheatley, Jr., PHP	Scribe
Peter Tyrrell, PHP	Treasurer
Peter Tyrrell, PHP	Secretary
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Captain of the Host
	Principal Sojourner
	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3 rd Veil
	Master of the 2 nd Veil
Harry W. Hanavitz, PHP	Master of the 1 st Veil
	Chaplain
	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

None

**GRAND CHAPTERS RECOGNIZED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
DELAWARE**

ALABAMA	NETHERLANDS
ALASKA	NEVADA
ALBERTA	NEW BRUNSWICK
ARGENTINA	NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
ARIZONA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
ARKANSAS	NEW JERSEY
AUSTRIA	NEW MEXICO
BELGIUM	NEW SOUTH WALES
BRAZIL	NEW YORK
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON	NEW ZEALAND
CALIFORNIA	NORTH CAROLINA
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