

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Delaware
Summary 26th Annual Conclave

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware was reconvened by Grand Commander A. Tony Maxwell at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, March 10, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton in Wilmington, Delaware, for the 26th Annual Conclave. All constituted Commanderies were properly represented.

Sir Knight William D. Hartman, Grand Prelate and Personal Representative of Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master was duly received into Grand Commandery by the Grand Commander.

Most Worshipful Dale Irwin, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was received in the Grand Commandery and escorted through the lines by the Grand Commander.

R.E. Grand Commander Tony Maxwell presented his activities for the year in his address. He offered recommendations to improve communications by incorporating new mediums such as Facebook and email. He also encouraged the Sir Knights to continue improving their ritual work. In addition, he challenged all to do what they can to promote Templary in Delaware.

Grand Commandery experienced a net loss of 2 in total members this year and the total membership stands at 269. There were 13 Knightings, 5 demits, 1 suspension and 9 deaths. The total assets of the Grand Commandery increased by \$3,400.04, due to the collection of previous year's annual returns.

Grand Commandery approved continuance of the Liability Insurance Coverage provided in conjunction with Grand Council and Grand Chapter. The cost to each subordinate body is \$49.70.

Proceeds from the masonic theme Henry Rifle were \$640 towards the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The winner drawn for the rifle was Joseph Dawson, III.

There was a report of the Delaware Chapter Knight Preceptors that was established during the 2014 annual conclave. A meeting was held after the Grand Commandery session with 2 new candidates. Any Past Eminent Commander and all incoming Commanders are encouraged to receive this degree. The initiation fee for life membership is \$10.

The budget was approved and the per capita was set at \$6 plus Grand Encampment fees of \$9 for a total of \$15 per member. The budget included providing for continuing a website to host essential documents for the Grand Commandery such as Proceedings and the current Constitution. That website is operational and is the official website of the Grand Commandery. It can be reached at <http://degcom.deyrmasons.org/>.

Sir Knight Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr. was honored with the Knight Templar Cross of Honor for all his hard work in all of Masonry but especially in the Commandery. Sir Knight Weaver received the award at the banquet from R.E. William Hartman.

Grand Commandery was honored to have representatives present from eight of the sister jurisdictions. Right Eminent Scott Gothe, Grand Commander of New Jersey, responded for these esteemed Sir Knights. Right Eminent Grand Prelate William Hartman expressed his pleasure of being in Delaware and brought

the greetings of the Most Eminent Grand Master and shared the importance of supporting the various charities of Commandery and most especially the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The following officers were duly elected or appointed, and installed to serve this Grand Commandery for the ensuing Chivalric year:

R. E. Grand Commander	Fred Palmer
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	William D. Stephey, Jr.
E. Grand Generalissimo	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Captain General	Randall C. Mullen
E. Grand Senior Warden	Lionel Hunter
E. Grand Junior Warden	Mark Button
E. Grand Prelate	Kenneth Weaver, Sr.
R.E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
R. E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	John W. Merkley
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Michael P. Pizzola
E. Grand Warder	Samuel R. Smith, III
E. Grand Sentinel	Philip E. Parke, Sr.
Aide to the Grand Commander	Lawrence Biederman

R.E. Grand Commander Palmer set his theme for the year as Chivalry. He cited Sir Knight Calvin Price who although was informed he had little time left, did not stop working to improve his Commandery. He exemplified Templarism and should inspire all to work hard to help the Commandery the best that you can.

The 27th Annual Conclave is scheduled to be held on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at a place to be determined.

Fraternally submitted,



Mark E. Irwin, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder

The above summary of the 26th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware, has been prepared for the benefit of the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction in accordance with Standing Resolution No. 1 of this Grand Commandery. It is to be read at the first Conclave of each constituted Commandery following its receipt. Grand Representatives are invited to use as much of the above as they wish in their correspondence with our Sister Jurisdictions.