



DELAWARE CHAPTER
ORDER OF KNIGHTS PRECEPTOR

October 16, 2014 Minutes

At 5:45 P. M., October 16, 2014, Right Eminent Preceptor William Lott opened Delaware Chapter of Knights Preceptor at the Dover Masonic Temple. 1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, Delaware, for a called convention of the Chapter with the following officers present;

Preceptor	Right Eminent William Lott. PGC
Deputy Preceptor	Right Eminent C. Granville McVey. PGC (sitting as Sentinel)
Master of Templars	Right Eminent James A. Pletz, PGC
Prelate	Right Eminent James R. Herrington, PGC
Treasurer/ Recorder	Right Eminent Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Marshal	Right Eminent Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC

Right Eminent Preceptor Lott welcomed all the officers and expressed his sincere appreciation of them attending this evening's meeting.

In view of the fact the all of the members had received a copy of the minutes of our Charter meeting of March 6, 2014. It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented without reading.

Motion was adopted.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$200.00, indicative of the membership fees of the initial members of the Chapter and the nine petitioning members. A copy of the Report was on the Recorder's desk and the Treasurer moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Report be accepted as presented.

Motion was Adopted.

The Treasurer noted, hat to minimize the labors of his office, the funds of the Chapter, with the concurrence of the Right Eminent Grand Commander James B. Walsh and the Grand Treasurer, Mark E. Irwin, had been deposited with the Grand Commandery funds under our own account but using their EIN. This saves the Treasurer of Delaware Chapter the necessity of obtaining an EIN and filing Federal tax returns. This procedure has been followed by other Chapters.

The following amendments to the Chapter By-Laws, having been presented, prior to this meeting, to the membership for their consideration, were regularly moved and seconded for consideration:

Amend Paragraph 4, Section II

In the absence, or disability of the Preceptor, the Deputy Preceptor shall preside over the convention of the Chapter; in the event of the absence, or disability, of both of those officers the Master of Templars shall preside, ~~ete.~~ *in the event of the absence, or disability, of all of those officers the Seneschal shall preside.* In the event all four of the senior officers are absent, or unable to preside, the most recent Past Preceptor may preside.

Adopted

Amend Section V

Membership in the Chapter is open to all Knights Templars in Delaware who have been duly elected to preside over a Delaware Commandery, or those who have completed their year of service as a Commander and are a member of a Commandery in Delaware. Election to membership is based upon a completed application, received by the Recorder, ~~thirty (30) days~~ in advance of a called, or special, convention of the Chapter. Election is by unanimous clear secret ballot of all present at the meeting. A rejected petitioner may reapply after a one year period of time.

Adopted

The Recorder noted he was in receipt of applications, and accompanied fees, for membership from the following Past Commanders:

Past Commander John B. Dorsey
Past Grand Commander Charles T. Hart
Past Grand Commander John D. Hiott
Past Grand Commander Mark E. Irwin
Past Grand Commander David H. Laucius
Sir Knight Antol Maxwell

Sir Knight Randall Mullen
Sir Knight Neal Sobocinski
Right Eminent Grand Commander James B. Walsh

These petitions being in order were all unanimously elected to membership in Delaware Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor. With Right Eminent Grand Commander James B. Walsh serving as the Exemplar, all the above, with the exception of Sir Knight Mullen (Philippines) and Sir Knight Laucius, being present, they were admitted into the Chapter for their reception as a Knight Preceptor.

Right Eminent William Lott then proceeded in leading the officers, in their respective stations, as noted above, in their first conferral of the Knights Preceptor Order, on this Charter Class of seven Past Commanders, in a most exemplary manner. Following the conferral, the Right Eminent Preceptor presented all the Knight Preceptors present with their membership cards, copies of the By-Laws of the Chapter and a brief paper on the formation of Delaware Chapter. He also presented to Right Eminent Grand Commander Walsh, and all the founding members of the Chapter, a membership Certificate (copy attached) and advised the remaining new members that their Certificate would be presented to them at the next meeting of the Chapter that they attended.

The Preceptor than called upon each of the installing team of Chapter Officers for their remarks, and each responded accordingly, before offering his own thoughtful comments to his fellow officers and his deep appreciation to the new members for their gracious participation. He then called upon the Right Eminent Grand Commander, who expressed his great pleasure in seeing a Past Commander's Order established in Delaware and his deep thanks for being the Exemplar for this Class. He commended the officers on their work and wished all the members great success in all their future endeavors.

Right Eminent Preceptor Lott announced that the next meeting of the Chapter would be held in conjunction with the annual session of the York Rite bodies on, or about, March 13, 2015.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the Chapter, it was closed at 7:00 P.M., with Peace and Harmony prevailing. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Walsh with prayer by Knight Prelate Herrington. Several of the Knights Preceptors present, then joined with the Fraters of St. Andrew's Commandery for their stated Conclave and Grand Commanders visitation.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald Thomas Recorder/Treasurer

**KNIGHT PRECEPTORS
CLASS OF OCTOBER 16, 2014**

J. B. Walsh

A. Maxwell J. Hiott M. Irwin N. Sobocinski J. Dorsey C. Hart

