



DELAWARE CHAPTER  
ORDER OF KNIGHTS PRECEPTOR

March 13, 2015 Minutes

At 4:00 P. M., March 13, 2015, Right Eminent Preceptor William Lott opened the Annual Conclave of Delaware Chapter of Knights Preceptor at the Doubletree Hotel, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware with the following officers present and in their proper stations;

Preceptor	Right Eminent William Lott, PGC
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

Members, visitors and candidates present numbered twenty, as shown by the Register.

Right Eminent Preceptor Lott welcomed all the officers and expressed his sincere appreciation of them attending this Annual 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 and the called meeting of October 16, 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 \$230.25. 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 following amendments to the Chapter By-Laws, having been presented to the membership for their consideration, prior to this meeting, were regularly moved and seconded for consideration:

## 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 presiding** or who have **presided** ~~completed their year of service~~ as a Commander **and are a member of a Commandery, or Preceptory, recognized by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America** ~~in Delaware~~. Election to membership is based upon a completed application, received by the Recorder 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 eligible Sir Knights:

Past Commander Herbert J. Atkinson  
Past Grand Commander Jay Carl Bergstrom  
Past Commander John A. Eberly  
Past Commander James L. Ferguson  
Past Commander George Gadsby  
Past Commander Lionel D. Hunter  
Past Commander H. Richard Hoffman  
Past Commander Fred Palmer  
Sir Knight Philip E. Parke, Sr.  
Sir Knight Samuel R. Smith, III  
Past Commander William D. Stephey  
Sir Knight Philip R. Webb

These petitions, being in order, were all unanimously approved and said Sir Knights elected to membership in Delaware Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor. With Sir Knight Philip E. Parke, Sr., Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery Number 1, serving as the Exemplar, all the above, with the exception of Sir Knight Lionel D. Hunter (in hospital with a stroke) being present they, and Past Commander David H. Laucius, were admitted into the Chapter for their reception as a Knight Preceptor.

Right Eminent William Lott then proceeded, in a most exemplary manner, in leading the officers, in their respective stations, as noted above, in the conferral of the Order of the Knights Preceptor on this concluding Charter Class of twelve Sir Knights. Following the conferral, the Right Eminent Preceptor presented all the Knight Preceptors present with their membership

cards (with the exception of Past Commander H. Richard Hoffman), copies of the By-Laws of the Chapter and a brief paper on the formation of Delaware Chapter. He also presented to Eminent Commander Parke, and several of the Charter members present, a membership Certificate and advised the remaining new members that their Certificate would be presented to them at the next meeting of the Chapter that they attended.

Right Eminent Preceptor Lott then called upon the members of this Charter Class for any comments, several of whom expressed their thanks and appreciation and all of which welcomed the opportunity to be of further service to Templary in Delaware. Preceptor Lott then recognized the new three presiding Commanders in Delaware, Sir Knights Parke, Smith and Webb commended them on their service, bid them well for the forthcoming year and offered to them the assistance of this Chapter.

Right Eminent Jeffrey Burcham, Mid-Atlantic Department Commander for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, commended the Sir Knights of Delaware for establishing this Chapter of Knights Preceptor and shared with them that it has been most successful in Virginia and the officers of your Chapter were to be commended for their work.

Upon request, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates:

Preceptor	Knight Preceptor William Lott. PGC
Deputy Preceptor	Knight Preceptor C. Granville McVey. PGC,
Master of Templars	Knight Preceptor William D. Stephey, Jr.
Seneschal	Knight Preceptor Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
Treasurer/ Recorder	Knight Preceptor Donald D. Thomas, PGC

There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved and seconded that the above named officers be elected by a unanimous ballot cast by Grand Commander Walsh.

So approved.

Knight Preceptor Lott then appointed the following officers:

Prelate	Knight Preceptor James R. Herrington, PGC
Marshal	Knight Preceptor Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC
Sentinel	Knight Preceptor James L. Ferguson

Knight Preceptor Lott thanked all for assuming their respective stations and in form, traditional to Delaware, they were duly installed.

The Eminent Preceptor then called upon the Right Eminent Grand Commander, James B. Walsh, who again expressed his great pleasure in seeing a Past Commander's Order established in Delaware and commended the officers on their work this afternoon.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the Chapter, it was closed at 5:15 P.M., with Peace and Harmony prevailing. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Walsh with prayer by Knight Prelate Herrington.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald Thomas Recorder/Treasurer



**MARCH 13, 2015 CHARTER CLASS**