



DELAWARE CHAPTER
ORDER OF KNIGHTS PRECEPTOR

March 11, 2016 Minutes

At 3:45 P. M., March 11, 2016, Right Eminent Preceptor William Lott opened the Annual Conclave of Delaware Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor at the Doubletree Hotel, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware with the following officers present and in their proper stations;

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

Members, visitors and candidates present, 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 the meeting of March 6, 2014 and the Annual meeting of October 13. 2015, 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 \$321.57. 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.

The Recorder noted he was in receipt of applications, and accompanied fees, for membership from the following eligible Sir Knights:

Sir Knight Michael Downey
Grand Commander Arthur F. Hebbeler (Maryland)
Past Grand Commander James G. Horn
Sir Knight John Merkley
Sir Knight Kenneth Weaver

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 John Merkley of St. Andrew's Commandery Number 2, serving as the Exemplar, all the above, and previously elected Past Commanders Lionel Hunter and Randall Mullen being present, they were admitted into the Chapter for their reception as a Knight Preceptor.

Right Eminent William Lott then proceeded, in a truly exemplary manner, in leading the officers, in their respective stations, as noted above, in the conferral of the Order of the Knights Preceptor. Following the conferral, the Right Eminent Preceptor presented the new Knight Preceptors with copies of the By-Laws of the Chapter and a brief paper on the formation of Delaware Chapter. He also advised them 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. Past Sovereign Grand Preceptor John A. Habel, Jr. rose and expressed his pleasure of being with Delaware Chapter on this occasion and commended the officers on their exemplary work. Right Eminent James Golladay, Grand Prelate of the Sovereign Grand Chapter of Knights Preceptor, also expressed his pleasure of being with us and commended the officers for their proficiency and service to the Order.

The Right Eminent then called upon Prelate James Herrington to offer prayers and comments upon the passage of Charter and founding member, Past Grand Commander C. Granville McVey, which Past Grand Commander Herrington did in his own reverential manner.

A note in passing with regard to Past Grand Commander McVey. Grannie received the Sovereign Order of Knight Preceptor in New Jersey on March 5, 1993. After a diligent search by members of the Grand Commandery for a Chair Degree for the Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Delaware, it was determined that we would use the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor and the various steps were successfully taken to secure our Charter. Subsequent to our Chartering, Knight Preceptor McVey produced a Warrant, dated March 5, 1993, signed by Thurman C. Pace and

attested to by Wallace M. Gage for a Delaware Chapter Order of Knights Preceptor empowering it as a duly Constituted Chapter. We thus, in effect, have two Charters for our Chapter, One most recently issued by the current National Body and one issued by the original founding body. Delaware Chapter honors both.

Knight Preceptor Donald D. Thomas brought before the Chapter the possibility of the Chapter establishing an outstanding Commander's Recognition Award to be presented to a Commander of this jurisdiction for his exceptional year of service during his term as Commander. Eminent Preceptor Lott appointed a Committee of Past Grand Commanders Horn, Hiott, Sobocinski and Walsh to consider this proposal and come forth with a set of recommendations for the award should they find it to be an acceptable course of action to be taken by the Chapter. The first named to be Chairman with the request that their written report be submitted to him by January 2, 2017.

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

Preceptor	Knight Preceptor William Lott. PGC
Deputy Preceptor	Knight Preceptor James G. Horn. 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 Sobcinski.

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.

Time and place of the next annual session of Delaware Chapter was established in concert with the Grand Commandery of Delaware, immediately following their 2017 annual session at the Doubletree in Wilmington on March 12, 2017.

The Eminent Preceptor then called upon the Right Eminent Grand Commander Neal Sobocinski who expressed his 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 4:45 P.M., with Peace and Harmony prevailing. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Sobocinski with prayer by Knight Prelate Herrington.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald Thomas Recorder/Treasurer



Three 2016 Class Members

Lionel Hunter, John Merkley, Grand Commander Arthur Hebbeler, Maryland