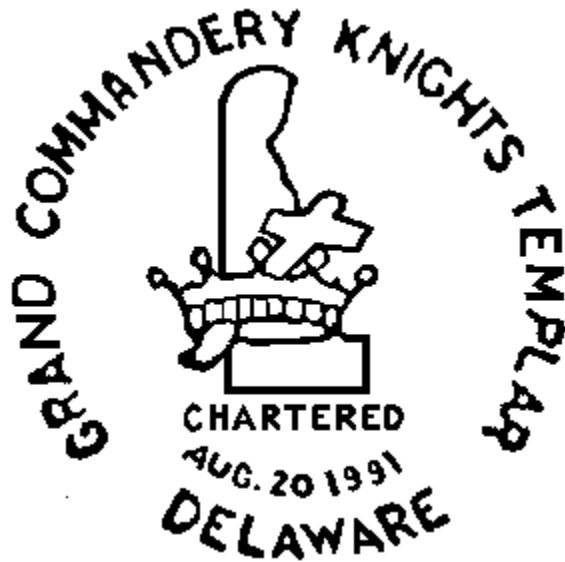


**GRAND COMMANDERY**

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

**OF**

**DELAWARE**



**2001**

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**WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

**MARCH 9, A.D. 2001, A.O. 883**

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**ROBERT V. MCDOWELL, III  
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Right Eminent Sir Knight Robert V. McDowell, III, was born October 29, 1927 in Colwyn, Pennsylvania, the son of Robert V., Jr. and Wihelmina J. McDowell. He grew up in Claymont, Delaware, was educated in Claymont public schools and now resides north of Wilmington, Delaware.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force in 1946 and 1947. Following military service, he attended Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania earning a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1953, a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1960 and a Master of Science in Engineering Management in 1966. His professional career consisted of various responsible engineering and managerial positions for a public utility with emphasis on power plant design and operations, retiring in 1991.

On August 4, 1962, he married Florence Emma Wakeling, a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and a retired teacher from the State of Delaware. They are the parents of two daughters, Florence Emma King a real estate agent in Southern Delaware, and Roberta Joan Coleman, a certified public accountant employed as a consultant by Deloitte and Touche. They have five grandsons, Robert, Daniel, Thomas and Samuel King and Eric Coleman.

He is a member of the United Methodist Church of the Atonement in Claymont, Delaware where he has been an usher for over 25 years, served several terms on the Administrative Board, held several offices and served on various committees.

He was raised a Master Mason in Brandywine Lodge No. 33, A.F.&A.M. in Claymont, Delaware on June 22, 1967. He served that lodge as Worshipful Master in 1976-1977 and as Secretary from 1977 to 1995 and as Trustee from 1995 to 1999. He was appointed Deputy Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A.F. &A.M. for 1981-1982.

He was exalted in Brandywine Chapter No. 9 Royal Arch Masons, Claymont, Delaware on October 24, 1981 and served as High Priest in 1995. He was greeted in Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, Wilmington, Delaware on November 14, 1981 and is currently serving as Illustrious Master. He was knighted in Trinity Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, Wilmington, Delaware on January 12, 1991 and served as Eminent Commander in 1994. He was elected and installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Delaware on March 10, 2000.

He completed the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Wilmington on April 28, 1968. He was Sovereign Prince in 1982-1983 and Commander-in-Chief in 1989-1990. He was Chairman of the award winning Family Life Program in 1993 and Chairman of the Board of Trustees in 1995-1996. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector, 33 degree, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council NMJ on September 24, 1991 at Indianapolis, Indiana. He was elected and installed an Active Member of the Supreme Council in Boston, Massachusetts on August 27, 1996 and the Deputy for Delaware in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 26, 2000.

He is a member of the following appendant bodies: Nur Temple – A.A.O.N.M.S.; Grand Guardian Council – IOJD of Delaware; Delaware Council No. 18 – Knight Masons; First State York Rite College No. 45; Delaware Conclave – Red Cross of Constantine; Delaware Lodge of Research; Scottish Rite Research Society; Philalethes Society; Royal Order of Scotland; Past President and Secretary of the Masonic Club of Delaware; and Past President of the Light Masters Square Club; Kent and Sussex Scottish Rite Club; Order of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of Delaware.

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF DELAWARE  
Special Conclave of July 28, 2000**

A Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Delaware was held on Friday evening, July 28, 2000 at 818 Market Street, Wilmington.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Robert V. McDowell, III, immediately following his official visitation to Trinity Commandery Number 3, called the Grand Commandery from recess to labor, at 9:15 P.M., with the following officers present:

Grand Commander	Robert V. McDowell, III
Deputy Grand Commander	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
Grand Generalissimo	James R. Herrington
Grand Captain General	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
Grand Senior Warden	Eugene R. Small
Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, PGC
Grand Recorder, p.t.	Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Grand Sword Bearer	John B. Dorsey
Grand Warder	William J. Littel
Grand Sentinel	G. Thomas Taylor, III

together with Eminent Commanders Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. and Herbert J. Atkinson of Trinity Commandery No. 3 and St. John's Commandery No. 1, respectively.

Right Eminent Grand Commander McDowell noted that this special Conclave was convened for the purpose of installing Sir Knights Eugene R. Small and G. Thomas Taylor, III, as Grand Senior Warden and Grand Sentinel respectively. For this purpose, the Grand Commander called upon Past Grand Commander James A. Pletz, as installing officer, and Past Grand Commander Donald D. Thomas as installing marshal. With proper dispatch, these officers undertook the duties assigned to them and returned the sword of authority to the Grand Commander who welcomed the newly installed Grand Officers to the Grand Line and bid them well in their assigned duties and responsibilities.

The purpose for which this special conclave of Grand Commandery having been accomplished, the Grand Commander called the Grand Commandery to recess at 9:30 P.M.

Fraternally submitted,  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC  
Acting Grand Recorder

### SPECIAL CONCLAVE OCTOBER 21, 2000

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Delaware was reconvened at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, October 21, 2000, A.O. 882, at 9:30 A.M. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Robert V. McDowell, III. The purpose of this Special Conclave was to confer the Orders of the Commandery in a special one day Commandery and Shrine Festival.

The individual Order were presented by Sir Knights from St. John's Commandery No. 1, St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2 and Trinity Commandery No. 3. Presiding in the East for each of the Orders were:

Illustrious Order of the Red Cross	P. C. Maurice C. Barnes
Order of Malta and the	P. G. C. Franklin R. Townsend
Mediterranean Pass	P. G. C. Donald D. Thomas
Order of the Temple - Part 1	E. C. Herbert J. Atkinson
Order of the Temple - Part 2	P.G. C. Franklin R. Townsend

They were supported by excellent teams of Sir Knights from St. Andrew's Commandery for the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and St. John's and Trinity Commandery for the remaining Orders..

The Orders were commenced at 10:00 A. M. and concluded at 3:15 P.M. The single Candidate was Brother Ralph Emory Snyder, petitioner to Trinity Commandery No. 3. Schedule conflicts prevented seven other candidates from attending. At the conclusion of the Order of the Temple, R. E. Robert V. McDowell, III, Grand Commander, expressed his warm greetings to Sir Knight Snyder and commended all the officers for their exemplary work and all those who had worked so diligently to enable this very special day. Sir Knight Snyder, already being a member of Nur Temple, the Shrine warm sands ceremony was not held.

Most Worshipful Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was then recognized and rose to convey his gracious welcome to the new Sir Knight and his deepest appreciation for the fine ritualistic portrayal that had been exemplified this day.

The labors of this Special Conclave being concluded, the Grand Commander, R. E. Robert V. McDowell, III, recessed the Grand Commandery at 3:15 P.M.

Fraternally submitted,  
Donald D. Thomas, KCT, PGC  
Acting Grand Recorder

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF DELAWARE**

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Delaware was reconvened at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday, March 9, 2001, A.O. 882, at 1:00 P.M. by Right Eminent Grand Commander McDowell for the purpose of conducting the affairs of its Tenth Annual Conclave. The following officers were in their respective stations:

R. E. Grand Commander	Robert V. McDowell, III
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr
E. Grand Generalissimo	James R. Herrington
E. Grand Captain General	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
E. Grand Senior Warden	Eugene R. Small
E. Grand Junior Warden	
E. Grand Prelate	
E. Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, PGC, KCT
E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	
E. Grand Sword Bearer	John B. Dorsey
E. Grand Warder	William J. Littel
E. Grand Sentinel	G. Thomas Taylor, III

Eminent Sir Knight James R. Herrington offered prayer for the deliberations and well being of the Grand Commandery, its officers, members and visitors. The Right Eminent Grand Commander then led the assembled Sir Knights in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMANDERIES**

**ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY NO. 1**

Herbert J. Atkinson	Eminent Commander
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**ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY NO. 2**

Archie W. Bethard, III.	Eminent Commander
Jon B. Cottrell	Captain General

**TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3**

Charles J. Conley	Eminent Commander
Charles Hart	Captain General

The Constitutional number of Commanderies being present, the Grand Commander declared the Conclave was in proper order for the work at hand.



Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, reading of the minutes of the Ninth Annual Conclave of March 10, 2000 was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in the Proceedings. Upon motion, made, seconded and approved, all Sir Knights in good standing were admitted by courtesy. The Grand Recorder was ordered, at the will and pleasure of the Grand Commandery, to receive all reports, not verbally presented, and publish them in the Proceedings of this Conclave. Except as may be noted herein, all reports presented herein were properly received, accepted and ordered printed in the Proceedings of this Annual Conclave.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Regrets that were received were reported.

### **RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

#### **DISTRICT of COLUMBIA**

V.E. W. Frederick Gore	Deputy Grand Commander
E. Robert B. Malwitz	Grand Captain General
R .E. W. Frederick Gore	Past Grand Commander
R.E. Urban T. Peters	Past Grand Commander

#### **MARYLAND**

R.E. Calvin W. Parker	Grand Commander
V.E. William B. Colburn	Deputy Grand Commander
E. Keith A. Brown	Grand Generalissimo
R.E. Edward A. Foreman, Jr.	Grand Recorder
E. Donald A. Adams	Grand Junior Warden

#### **NEW JERSEY**

R.E. Stephen Lutz	Grand Commander
R.E. Warren L. Pangborne	Past Grand Commander
R.E. Owen R. Henry	Past Grand Commander
E. Grand Captain General	Emilo P. Busko
E. William C. Godfrey	Grand Senior Warden
E. Charles A. Castley	Grand Junior Warden
Jack Daugherty	Grand Prelate
E. Ference Schubert	Past Grand Captain General
R.E. William Schoene	Past Grand Commander
M.E. Frederick I. Waldron	Grand High Priest

**PENNSYLVANIA**

R.E. Albert L. Kappler	Grand Commander
V.E. F. Robert Witmyer	Deputy Grand Commander
E. John Lewis	Grand Generalissimo
E. Walter G. DePrefontaine	Past Division Commander

**MAINE**

R.E. John O. Bond	Past Grand Commander
R.E. Gordon L. Kimball, Sr.	Past Grand Commander
E. Thomas A. Emery	Past Grand Warder

**OHIO**

E. James W. Wolfgang	Past Dep. Div. Commander, Grand Representative
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**CONNECTICUT**

E. Arthur M. Pugh	Grand Generalissimo
E. Edwin F. Dingus	Grand Captain General
E. Richard A. Eppler	Past Commander

**VERMONT**

R.E. Guy Oldenburgh	Grand Commander
R.E. Donald W. Gerrish	Past Grand Commander
R.E. Palmer Martin	Past Grand Commander
E. Daniel Ebbighausen	Grand Generalissimo
E. Belford A. Belles	Grand Senior Warden

**VIRGINIA**

R.E. George D. Stevens	Past Grand Commander, Grand Representative
E. Edwin R. Carpenter	Grand Generalissimo
E. Jay L. Cotner	Grand Standard Bearer

**NEW YORK**

R.E. Charles C. Mendell	Grand Commander
E. Walter H. Drummond	Grand Sentinel
E. John A. Sainz	Past Commander

**MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND**

R.E. Charles R. Austin	Grand Commander
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**DELAWARE APPENDANT BODIES**

M. E. Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr. Grand High Priest  
 M. I. William J. Littel Grand Master  
 Ill. Robert V. McDowell, III, 33° Active Member and Deputy  
 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.

Ill. Donald D. Thomas, 33° Active Member  
 Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.

K.C. Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. Rep. Dist. No. 4, Convent General,  
 K.Y.C.H.

Kt. James A. Pletz Eminent Prior, Jesse Green  
 Priory No. 70, K.Y.C.H.

Pre. Dist. C. Granville McVey Grand Governor, Y.R.S.C. N. A.  
 Bro. G. Thomas Taylor Active Member Supreme Council  
 International Order of DeMolay,  
 Executive Officer For Delaware

**KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE**

R. E. C. Granville McVey, PGC

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**

S. K. Chester C. Coffin  
 R. E. Franklin R. Townsend

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF DELAWARE**

R.E. Donald D. Thomas, 1993 - 1994  
 R. E. C. Granville McVey, 1994 - 1995  
 R. E. Franklin R. Townsend, 1997 - 1998  
 R. E. James A. Pletz, 1998 – 1999  
 R.E. Mark E. Irwin, 1999 - 2000

**GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE**

M. W. Warren F. Schueler, Sr., P. G. M.  
 M. W. Herbert P. Fulmer, II, P. G. M.  
 M. W. William J. Littel, P. G. M.  
 M. W. Herbert J. Atkinson, P. G. M.  
 M. W. James A. Pletz, P. G. M.  
 M. W. Albert H. Westerside, P. G. M.

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT**

Sir Knight John Oscar Bond, Sr., Right Eminent Past Department  
 Commander of the Northeastern Department of the Grand  
 Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was  
 received.

Sir Knight David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Northeast Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and personal representative of Most Eminent William Jackson Jones, was escorted into the Asylum and to the foot of the line by Past Grand Commander Donald D. Thomas, where he was received and escorted to the East by Grand Commander McDowell. Sir Knight Goodwin was presented the Sword of Authority to rule over this Grand Conclave. The Department Commander thanked the Grand Commander for that opportunity, but preferred, for the moment, to step aside and allow the Grand Commander to rule and govern this Grand Conclave.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER**

Most Worshipful Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was escorted into the Asylum by Sir Knight James A. Pletz, and conducted to the foot of the line where he was greeted by Grand Commander McDowell. M. W. and Sir Knight Lengel was then escorted through the line by the Grand Commander and presented the sword of authority. Most Worshipful Brother Lengel extended sincere fraternal greetings to the visiting Sir Knights and welcomed all to the First State. The Grand Master then returned the sword of authority to the Grand Commander so he might preside over his Grand Commandery.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

On direction of the Grand Commander, the Grand Representatives arose, and were greeted by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**

Most Worshipful Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware; Right Eminent David D. Goodwin, Northeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; Right Eminent Donald D. Thomas, C. Granville McVey, Franklin R. Townsend, James A. Pletz and Mark E. Irwin, Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery; Most Excellent Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Delaware; Most Illustrious William J. Littel, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Delaware; Right Eminent Grand Commanders from our Sister Jurisdictions and Distinguished Visitors.

It is my pleasure and honor to extend fraternal greetings and a warm welcome to each of you to this, our Tenth Conclave. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated as has your support throughout the entire past year. A special greeting is extended to all the officers of our sister jurisdictions who have done such a fine job in promoting and representing their own Grand Commanderies. As we have traveled together to attend each other's Grand Conclaves, I can, without reservation, say that you represent the cream of the crop of Masonic leaders. We hope that your visit with us here in Delaware, the state known as The Small Wonder, will be enjoyable. Many of you were here last September for the Northeast Conference.

Yes, you heard me right, this is only our tenth conclave. As I visited other jurisdictions, they were holding their 141<sup>st</sup>, 153<sup>rd</sup>, 178<sup>th</sup>, 187<sup>th</sup> and so forth. While we are still a new kid on the block and we are small, I feel that we are holding our own. I appreciated the warm reception I received as I traveled this past year.

#### DISPENSATIONS

September 11, 2000 – To St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2 to waive the two week waiting period for balloting on any petition received before their conclave on September 15, 2000.

February 20, 2001 – To St. John's Commandery No. 1 to change the time of meeting to 6:00 P.M. for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to permit timely conduct of a Templar Feast.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

This year I recommended no Sir Knights to serve as the Grand Representative of Delaware to another Grand Commandery.

I did, however, approve the recommendation of Sir Knight Barry G. Albin to serve as the Grand Representative of Delaware near the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

#### OFFICIAL VISITATIONS TO CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

One of the pleasant duties of the Grand Commander was to officially visit each of the three constituent Commanderies in Delaware. This was done per the following schedule.

July 28, 2000	Trinity Commandery No. 3 of Wilmington S.K. Arthur A. Loveless, Eminent Commander
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September 14, 2000 St. John's Commandery No. 1 of Wilmington  
S.K. Herbert J. Atkinson, Eminent Commander

November 14, 2000 St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2 of Dover  
S.K. Maurice C. Barnes, Eminent Commander

The Grand Commander and his staff were received in a cordial and proper manner. At each visitation I, as Grand Commander, and one of the other elected officers spoke on appropriate topics of interest to Knights Templar. The Grand Prelate spoke on a subject related to our religious activities. To update the members of the constituent Commandery on the Grand Commandery's activities, such as the Holy Land Pilgrimage, the Medieval Feast and the Golf Outing, several line officers spoke on activities in which they were involved.

#### VISITATIONS TO SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

A most rewarding duty of the Grand Commander is visiting our sister jurisdictions. Lady Florence and I made many new friends whom we will keep for the rest of our lives. During the past year, I was privileged to represent Delaware as the following Grand Commandery Conclaves. My wife accompanied me to all of them.

March 25, 2000 – District of Columbia, held in Washington, D.C., Right Eminent Grand Commander David B. Board presiding.

May 6-7, 2000 – Maryland, held in Ocean City, Right Eminent Grand Commander Richard P. Naigle presiding.

May 12-13, 2000 – Virginia, held in Falls Church, Right Eminent Grand Commander John R. Wigglesworth presiding.

May 19-21, 2000 – Pennsylvania, held in Erie, Right Eminent Grand Commander William E. Clepper presiding.

June 11-12, 2000 – Vermont, held in Ludlow, Right Eminent Grand Commander Donald G. Gerrish presiding.

September 15-17, 2000 – New York, held in Binghamton, Right Eminent Grand Commander David D. Goodwin presiding.

October 7-8, 2000 – New Hampshire, held in Merrimack, Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald H. Keyser presiding.

March 2-4, 2001 – New Jersey, held in Somerset, Right Eminent Grand Commander Frederick J. Berenbroick presiding.

Due to surgery and conflicting dates I was unable to attend the Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies of Connecticut, Maine and Massachusetts/Rhode Island. Delaware was represented in Connecticut by Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. and in Massachusetts/Rhode Island by Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Mark E. Irwin. There was no representation in Maine.

### COURTESY VISITATIONS

I attended and was received in many Masonic, Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies. The number is too numerous to list all of them, but these are a few that should be mentioned.

March 29, 2000 – Grand Lodge Brotherhood Night at Nur Temple.

April 23, 2000 – Easter Sunrise Service at Alexandria, Virginia along with the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sheldon L. Edwards, Eminent Grand Captain General Charles H. Lengel and 12 other Sir Knights.

May 7, 2000 – The Informal Opening of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of Eastern Star at their “The First State” session.

May 18, 2000 – Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington Council of Deliberation in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Wilmington.

June 4, 2000 – Ascension Day Service at Barratt’s Chapel near Dover. Accompanied by 17 Grand Staff members and their wives.

September 9, 2000 – Northeast Regional Conference at the Ramada Inn in Wilmington under the direction of our very own Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sheldon L. Edwards. Also in attendance were four Past Grand Commanders, two Past Commanders and the Grand Generalissimo.

October 4, 2000 – Grand Lodge of Delaware Annual Communication in Dewey Beach.

October 5, 2000 – Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Wilmington.

December 15, 2000 – Christmas Observance at St. Andrew’s Commandery No. 2 in Dover. Although, due to sudden illness, I was unable to attend, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sheldon L. Edwards was there to give my response.

December 25, 2000 – Christmas Observance by St. John's No. 1 and Trinity No. 3 Commanderies in Wilmington.

### NECROLOGY

Every year the Grand Architect calls some of our Sir Knights to the celestial home of many mansions assured to us by our Savior. This year 10 Sir Knights from Delaware Commanderies were called. A memorial service will be conducted later by the Grand Prelate.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

No. 1 Documenting the election and appointments of Grand Commandery Officers, dates of Official Visits to Constituent Commanderies and Grand Commandery Appointments.

No. 2 Notifying the Officers and Staff of the date and time of the Ascension Day Services at Barratt's Chapel.

No. 3 Reminder to Officers and Staff of the schedule of dates of the visits to Constituent Commanderies.

No. 4 Reminder to Officers and Staff of the date and time of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave.

### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership declined this year. We knighted only five, which was considerably less than the thirteen that were knighted last year. There was one restoration. In the loss column, there were two demits, five suspensions and ten deaths. Thus, we experienced a net loss of twelve. The Commandery/Shrine Festival was a great disappointment. While we had planned to have five or six candidates, only one was knighted and he was elected by Trinity Commandery No. 3 on the morning that the orders were conferred.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

The reports of the various committees will cover their respective activities. However, I would like to speak to a couple of events that I feel worthy of special commendation.

On June 20, 2000, Past Commander Sir Knight John B. Dorsey held the third annual Grand Commandery Golf Outing at Rock Manor Golf Course. Forty two Sir Knights and friends participated. Of the \$898.19 that was raised by the event, \$500 went into the Pilgrimage Fund and the remaining \$398.19 went into the Permanent Fund.



The other event that I want to mention is the Medieval Feast that was held in St. John's Lodge collation room on the evening of January 20, 2001. Fifty-two Sir Knights and their Ladies had a fine medieval type dinner and were entertained by the Renaissance Players. Sir Knights Franklin Townsend and Eugene Small conducted this event.

### RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

I have no legislative recommendations.

I do have the following suggestions:

That each Commandery develops programs that would include the member's wives. E.g. A couples dinner before the meeting and entertainment for the ladies while the men are in their meeting. This has proven effective in Brandywine Chapter No. 9.

That Festivals to confer Orders be discontinued for two years or until it can be determined they will be effective.

That the committee of ladies who are responsible for the Annual Conclave Ladies' Luncheon and the hospitality room be expanded to include the wives of the two top elected officers of all Grand York Rite Bodies. This will provide more help and a smoother transition from year to year.

That each of the three York Rite Grand Bodies budget \$100 for the Annual Conclave Friday Luncheon and the hospitality room expenses.

### CONDITION OF THE RITE

As I have traveled throughout the state of Delaware to visit our Commanderies and other Masonic bodies, I find there is still considerable interest in our great fraternity. However, I note that the number who attend meetings and participate in activities seems to become less and less. Relations between all Masonic Bodies in Delaware are excellent. This is to be expected as we find many of the same men actively providing the leadership in all.

There is a sense of comradery among the Presiding Grand Officers and the staffs of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, the Grand Commandery and Scottish Rite. The York Rite Planning Councils do an excellent job of scheduling degrees for the York Rite Bodies.

Financially, Delaware does not have the resources that many of our sister jurisdictions have. But, we are young and are suffering from early life growing pains. We are again able to send a minister on the Holy Land Pilgrimage and our support of the Eye Foundation continues to be outstanding. During last year's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Voluntary Campaign, Delaware Knights Templar contributed \$3,615, which is over \$9.00 per Sir Knight. Year after year, Trinity Commandery contributes, over \$10 per member to this philanthropy. While the permanent fund does not, as yet, provide enough earnings to support the activities we would like, it is growing. To this fund, I am contributing \$500.

### CONCLUSION

As my term of office draws to a close, I will soon turn the reins over to the capable Very Eminent Sir Knight Sheldon L. Edwards, whom I know will lead this Grand Commandery and Templary in Delaware to greater heights. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Knights Templar in Delaware. I have many fond memories of my travels, both in and out of the state to our sister jurisdictions. While I have not made all of my goals I can honestly say that I have given it my best. I wish to thank all the officers on my staff and the many committee members for their support and efforts. I further thank the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders for their guidance and tolerance, especially Sir Knight James A. Pletz who encouraged me to enter the elected Grand Line four years ago. He has been my confidant and traveling companion for many years. I most especially want to recognize and thank my wife, Lady Florence, who accompanied me on all of our out of state trips and silently tolerated my many absences. I especially thank her for the hours and efforts she has devoted to preparing for and working in the hospitality room that provided the luncheons at the Ramada Hotel today and will be open after the banquet tonight.

Fraternally submitted,



Robert V. McDowell, III  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

*On Motion, regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Grand Commander was received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.*

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The report of your Grand Treasurer this year is neither positive or negative. This may sound odd, but I will try to explain. Due to the

purchase of a new copier (which was shared by the other two Grand Bodies) coupled with a loss from the Medieval Dinner and the lowering of interest rates, and a transfer of \$500.00 to our Certificate of Deposit, our available funds (Unrestricted) had a loss of 9.7%. On the brighter side however, due to the generosity of the Sir Knights, our restricted funds, the Permanent Fund and Holy Land Pilgrimage increased substantially. With all factors considered, our total assets show an increase of \$1,571.79 or 6.95%. I therefore submit that with a careful watch on spending and investing, the coming year should show improvement in our funds.

This is my last report as your Grand Treasurer, for I stated last March that I would not stand for re-election at this Conclave. I stand by my conviction with the hope that I may have more time for other commitments. I wish my successor all the best and hope he enjoys this position as much as I have.

The following figures show the Finances for this year.

	IMMA SAVINGS	CHECK	FLEX CD TRANS.	PERM SAVINGS	PERM CD	HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
BALANCES						
2/15/00	3,716.32	457.13	7,500.00	612.50	6,592.89	2,091.55
DEPOSITS						
Receipts	4,634.88	7,130.15		493.19		1,692.88
Interest	59.45		361.71	18.40	354.45	54.84
Transfers	<u>361.71</u>		<u>500.00</u>	<u>354.45</u>		<u>500.00</u>
TOTALS	8,772.36	7,587.28	8,361.71	1,478.54	6947.34	4,339.27
	3,859.84					
DISBURSMENTS						
Operating Exp.		7,155.17				
Transfer to			361.71			
Check	4,022.19			82.68		1,569.93
Perm Fund Sav.	398.19				354.45	
CD	500.00					
Holy Land	500.00					
Balance						
2/15/01	3,351.98	432.11	8,000.00	1,395.86	6,592.89	2,769.34
SUMMARY						
ASSETS			2/15/00	2/15/01		Difference
IMMA			3,716.32	3,351.98		(364.34)
Checking			457.13	432.11		(25.02)
Flex CD (Trans)			7,500.00	8,000.00		500.00
*Perm Fund Savings			612.50	1,395.86		783.36
*Perm Fund Flex CD			6,592.89	6,592.89		0
*Holy Land Pilgrimage			<u>2,091.55</u>	<u>2,769.34</u>		<u>677.79</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			20,970.39	22,542.18		1,571.79
*Total Restricted			9,296.94	10,758.09		1,461.15
Total Unrestricted			11,673.45	11,784.09		110.64
PERCENTAGE CHANGE			6.95%			

Serving this Grand Commandery has been a pleasure this past year.

Fraternally submitted,  
C. Granville McVey, PGC, KCT  
Grand Treasurer

*On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.*

### REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

Your Grand Recorder is pleased to make his first report to this Grand Commandery. I thank all who have helped make the year easier especially our former Grand Recorder, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Donald D. Thomas. I have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

The Grand Treasurer has noted that our assets have again increased which can be attributed to his conscientious work and frugal means of managing our treasury. We owe Right Eminent Past Grand Commander McVey indeed a great deal of thanks for his efforts. He has been also most especially helpful to me by steering me on the right path when I became confused. Granny, I will miss working with you but you can count on future questions and I am sure you will be ever willing to help.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<b>Income:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Annual Returns	2721.00	Grand Encampment Per Capita	1551.80
Insurance	416.00	Grand Recorder Honorarium*	98.75
Festival Lunch	130.00	Grand Treasurer Honorarium**	39.50
Medieval Feast	364.00	Grand Commander expense (1)	82.68
DeMolay Bible	83.34	Grand Recorder Office Expenses	81.10
Golf Tournament	898.19	Copier/copies (2)	399.99
Snowflakes	66.00	Insurance Share (2)	500.00
Copier	266.66	Postage	44.75
Red Book	2.50	Printing/mailling proceedings	456.50
Holy Land Donations	1692.88	Grand Commander cap/mantle	139.79
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>6640.57</b>	Education Committee	8.52
		Annual Conclave	323.89
		KTEF	
		Holy Land Pilgrimage (3)	1469.00
		Medieval dinner (4)	1425.00
		Festival Lunch	160.00
		DeMolay Bible	125.00
		Transfer to Holy Land Fund	500.00
		Transfer to Permanent Fund	398.19
		Miscellaneous	
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7804.46</b>

(1) Funded by the Permanent Fund

(2) Mostly offset by income from other bodies

(3) Funded by the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund plus \$25.00 in Banquet Expense

(4) Offset some by income

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

SUMMARY	START	KNIGHT	AFFIL	REIN	DIED	DEMIT	SUSP	TOTAL
ST. JOHN'S NO. 1	193	3	0	0	4	1	1	190
ST. ANDREW'S NO. 2	162	1	0	0	6	1	4	152
TRINITY NO. 3	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	53
TOTALS	407	5	0	0	10	2	5	395
NET LOSS	12							

I am pleased that all Commanderies participated in knightings this year, but regret that our deaths were double that figure and were not helped by the demits and suspensions. Sir Knights, we must make a more conscious effort to improve our knightings. There are many Christian Masons in Delaware that should be sought out and invited to join our worthy Order.

In reviewing the last several reports, it is noted that deaths are continuing to run around 10 per year. This number cannot be helped, but we must redouble our efforts in the Demits and Suspensions. Every effort should be made by a personal visit to maintain these members.

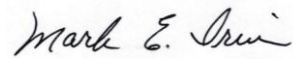
I would like to note that the use of the Internet and email this year has been invaluable. I appreciated those who have submitted reports or made request via email. Right Eminent Department Commander, I would encourage you to take to the Grand Recorder of Grand Encampment our desire to be able to send monthly reports via email. This would provide for timely submissions and save on a lot of postage spread across our Order. Weekly reports could be likewise disseminated using this method. The sheer volume of letters and postage that would be saved could provide the necessary dollars for an additional person or two to be enabled to regain their sight.

I would also encourage all Recorders to make timely filings of their monthly report. As has been stated in the past, failure to submit these timely can lead to additional costs for postage on the Knight Templar magazine.

Also, let me extend my appreciation to our Grand Commander for his diligence to his duties. Right Eminent Grand Commander, you bring credit to our order both here and in our sister jurisdictions. It was also a pleasure to represent you at the Massachusetts/Rhode Island Conclave in October. For the same reasons you missed it this year, I missed it the previous year and did appreciate the opportunity to make that visit. Right Eminent, I know that you will not rest for to long from your labors, but I trust that Florence and you can spend a few quiet evenings in the near future. All my best to you in the future.

Lastly, thanks to all the Sir Knights for the honor you have bestowed on me, it has been trying at times, but also very educational. I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Commandery. With your help, we will be a stronger Order.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



Mark E. Irwin, PGC  
Grand Recorder

*On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved the Report of the Grand Recorder was received and the portion dealing with Finance referred to the Finance Committee.*

### **REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE**

As Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, I am pleased to give a report that the Sir Knights of all the 3 Commanderies came through with voluntary contributions to send a Delaware minister on the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Encampment Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank 2 of the Companions who had special projects to raise funds for this trip:

The 1<sup>st</sup> is Sir Knight John B. Dorsey who worked hard to plan a golf outing on June 2, 2000. A total of \$1000.00 was raised, which was split with \$500.00 going to the Pilgrimage and \$500 to the Eye Foundation.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> is Right Eminent C. Granville McVey, PGC, who took a walk each morning and collected aluminum cans which were sold and all the funds going to the Pilgrimage Fund; a nice total.

The minister selected this year is John A. Mohan, who is a Lutheran minister at Hope Lutheran Church, New Castle, Delaware. He is 39 years old and married with 1 child. The trip this year will cost \$1,469.00. He is scheduled to leave March 12, 2001. He is delighted to have been selected and is willing to visit each Commandery and give a talk on his trip and experiences.

Fraternally submitted,  
William J. Littel, PC, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**

The committee is pleased to report that a good contingent of Sir Knights made the journey to Alexandria, Virginia for the Easter Sunrise Service. Delaware being one of the youngest Grand Commanderies again led the procession up Shooter's Hill. For those who have not attended, it is an experience that one will not soon forget. We urge all to attend this year's service.

Fraternally submitted,  
The Committee

### **REPORT OF THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

The Grand Prelate, or his representative spoke at each of the Three Commanderies during the year and was well received.

Each of the Commanderies participated in the annual Christmas observance with appropriate ceremonies. The Grand Commandery of Delaware was represented at the Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Shooter's Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. Ascension Day services were once again held at Barrett's Chapel and were well received.

The Grand Prelate has been available and ready to serve at the request of the Grand Commander and is grateful for the opportunity to serve this year.

Fraternally submitted,  
John A. Irwin  
Grand Prelate

## **CONTINUANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The Grand Recorder regularly moved, and it was duly seconded, that this Grand Commandery, in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies meeting this weekend, continue with the Liability Insurance coverage program. The cost remained the same at \$500 for all bodies.

### **REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation this year so far to date has been “sputtering” behind last year’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Campaign for the current time frame in the fund raising total amount documented for this Jurisdiction. The precise total remains elusive at this period of time.

Keep in mind, Sir Knights, it requires everyone’s attention and voluntary charitable support from this day and on to April 30, 2001 through personal monetary commitment in supporting this benevolent program achievement. Did you fulfill your obligation and make a donation to the said Foundation?

The gift of sight is a great gift from God! Your monetary commitment to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. can be an equally great gift because you are, “Helping Others to See”. Opportunity is knocking; please attend to the alarm.

The committee would like to express our sincere “thanks” to each Sir Knight for their fine efforts in their voluntary contribution for this “Great Humanitarian Philanthropy” and hope it will continue to be a success this year.

Fraternally submitted,  
Warren F. Schueler, Sr., PC

### **REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

Once again this year, despite several applications for loans this past year, no qualified applicants were presented and no loans have been made. There are also no outstanding loans. The Finance Committee has provided an audit of the 2000 Annual Report to Grand Encampment that was filed with Grand Encampment and found to be in order.



In compliance with the Grand Encampment rules governing the disbursements of moneys from this Fund we have this year provided Grants, out of current earnings, to:

- . 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Learning Center for Delaware - \$1000.00
- . Holy Land Pilgrimage - \$500.00
- . Delaware DeMolay - \$500.00
- . Delaware I.O.J. D. - \$500.00
- . Northeastern Conference - \$366.42

We again this year paid out of the Educational Foundation, a portion of the registration fee for the Northeastern Regional Conference for all Delaware Sir Knights and Companions that advised us they wished to partake in that meeting. In addition, we assisted in meeting some minor expenses of that meeting. Although the attendance at the meeting was good, it is not does not appear that this minor incentive did much to increase our participation in that meeting. I would note for the record, that Illustrious Warren F. Schueler, Sr., who was at the time the Deputy for Delaware for our Brethren of the Scottish Rite and Illustrious Robert O. Ralston, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and Most Excellent Sheldon L. Edwards, N.E. D. D. G. H. P. and Chair of the Northeastern Conference, all very graciously thanked the Grand Commandery for the support provided to those bodies.

Overall we increased our expenditure to the worthwhile organizations noted to \$2866.42 with only a minor decrease in our total net worth of \$55.38 (\$55,356.31 on 12.30.00 vs. \$55,411.69 on 12/30/99).

I would continue to suggest to you, my Fraters, that the plan initiated several years ago is working very well and you as Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction can take great pride in your support of the programs being assisted by this Foundation. I therefore personally commend and salute you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC, KCT  
Secretary/Treasurer, Educational Foundation

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND DRILL**

The members of this committee had no formal meeting this past year as should have been quite evident from our performance today.

Recommendation:

Each Commandery be responsible to present their Captain General with the copy of the Drill Regulations, Manual of Knight Templar Tactics and the Manual of the Sword, which I assume is in their possession. This could be recorded on an Equipment Sign-Out Sheet.

A reminder that the Ritual and Drill committee has been formed for the specific purpose of instructing, observing and overseeing the Ritual and Drills of the subordinate Commanderies under the command of the Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery. Periodic attendance by the committee at subordinate Commanderies would be beneficial

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles H. Lengel, Jr. - Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

The Fourth Annual Grand Commandery Golf Outing was held and resulted in nearly \$900 being raised for the charitable causes of the Grand Commandery. Another great time was had by all who participated and it is anticipated that this Outing will continue in the future. Since its inception, nearly \$4000 has been raised by this event.

Fraternally submitted,  
John B. Dorsey

## **REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE**

I am pleased to report that by the generous support and individual efforts of several Sir Knights, this fund continues to grow.

The following is a report of the Permanent Fund assets from December 31, 1999 to December 31, 2000.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

As of December 31, 2000

<u>Account</u>	<u>12/31/99</u>	<u>12/31/00</u>
Permanent Fund Savings	612.50	1,395.86
Permanent Fund CD	<u>6,592.89</u>	<u>6,592.89</u>
	7,205.39	7,988.75
Ending Balance 12/31/00		7,988.75
Net Increase		783.36

I thank Grand Treasurer C. Granville McVey for the accountability of the Fund and the disbursement of the funds.

Fraternally submitted,  
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PC, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE**

Regardless of how many times you learn a lesson, oft times you cannot win. The Annual Proceedings of this Grand Body were prepared and available to the printer in early Fall - just when the local and national elections were at their peak. Lesson learned -don't even try and compete with the fall politics- you cannot win.

Even with the competition of election material, the Proceedings have been printed and are in the process of being distributed to all sister jurisdictions, constituent bodies, Grand Lodge, Past Grand Commanders, Scottish Rite, Lombardy Hall and other interested parties. The distribution is, as noted in last year's Proceedings. This being the year in which the names of all members are published, the total costs are higher. The publishing and mailing of the Proceedings is one of the more significant annual costs of the Grand Commandery.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who submitted their reports in a timely manner and particularly those who did so in an electronic format. For those who were unable to do so, your reports were still deeply appreciated, are easily handled and we thank you for all your labors on behalf of this Grand Body. The work you have done is important not only to this Grand Body but also to those of our Sister Jurisdictions with whom we share these Proceedings.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
Donald D. Thomas, Grand Recorder, PGC  
C. Granville McVey, Grand Treasurer, PGC

## **REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Both of our youth organizations, namely the Order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters, have continued to serve in an exemplary manner in their involvement in numerous fraternal as well as public functions. Ritual work has greatly improved in each body.

As mentioned in last year's report, the DeMolay Executive Director's leadership efforts and devotion have paid big dividends to this body. When he started this assignment in 1996, he had 5 boys to work with. It is noteworthy to point out that in only 5 years, this number has increased to over 70 boys at this time. In the DeMolay Grand Master's initiation held on March 3, 2001, all 3 DeMolay Chapters participated in outstanding ritual work, in initiating 2 new candidates and 5 members who received the DeMolay degree. In addition, there was a large turnout of boys from 3 other jurisdictions including one DeMolay body from out of state.

The Job's Daughters Bethels seem to be collectively progressing nicely. One Bethel is scheduled to serve breakfast for our Grand Lodge meeting on March 24, 2001 in Dover.

With the tragedy of recent school shootings across our country, it seems that we need more members in these youth organizations to learn the leadership and moral skills to prevent further repetition of this kind of behavior. However, this cannot be accomplished without a much greater presence of competent adult advisors. This need is particularly strong in the DeMolay body. Therefore, this committee recommends that we strive to support our young people in this effort. If you are able to help, and can spare a little time to this worthwhile cause, please let us know. The returns from this effort will be amazing, and I can't stress enough the importance of this activity, and the satisfaction you will receive from helping out.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert E. Wasson, PC

## **REPORT OF THE 2001 GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF DELAWARE GRAND CONCLAVE COMMITTEE**

The responsibility of the committee included the banquet, ladies' luncheon, men's luncheon, buffet luncheon at the Ramada Inn in the hospitality rooms on Friday, March 9, and the facilities that provided the lodging of our distinguished guests.

Transportation was provided from the Ramada Inn to the Grand Lodge located at 818 Market Street and return at the specified time.

This year the men's' luncheon was catered by Joe Schwartz and food service personnel from his place of business in Salisbury, MD. We thank M.E. Carl V. Dreisbach Jr., Grand High Priest, for making these arrangements.

The committee would like to thank P.H.P. Franklin R. Townsend, his lady Joyce, and P.H.P. Howard Robertson, III for stepping in and printing the banquet programs. It was greatly appreciated. We also would like to thank the three Grand Presiding Officers, whose ladies and friends supplied the hospitality rooms in fine fashion.

The committee recommends that the incoming chairmen of the York Rite Annual Meeting Committee begin their planning as soon as possible, thereby avoiding any unexpected changes.

Some highlights that may be of interest: the banquet served a total of 201, the men's luncheon over 100 and the ladies luncheon 45.

The committee takes this opportunity to thank all who willingly gave of their time and talent to make the festivities of the weekend a success.

Fraternally submitted,  
The Committee

### **REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

The Awards Committee has advised each of the Commanders of the awards that are used to honor outstanding Sir Knights for service to our Order. Saint John's Commandery in a motion regularly made, seconded and passed nominated one of their number for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. This nomination was endorsed by the Commander and forwarded to the Grand Commander for his endorsement. This committee understands that the recommendation has been forwarded to Grand Encampment for consideration.

Fraternally submitted  
James A Pletz, PCG Chairman

## REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT, PLANNING AND EDUCATION

We had the opportunity to conduct only one training seminar this past year. It was held at 818 North Market Street on Saturday, August 19, and was very well attended. The topics covered a myriad of areas. The problem-solving segment of the program, run by Donald D. Thomas, was extremely well received.

A York Rite Leadership & Education Training Session was held on Saturday, August 19, 2000 at 818 Market St. at 10:00 A.M. There were 29 in attendance.

Chairman Franklin Townsend opened the meeting and introduced Carl V. Dreisbach-Grand High Priest, William J. Littel-Illustrious Grand Master, and Robert V. McDowell III- Grand Commander. He then led a group discussion on the desired qualities of a leader, the importance of planning, and the proper way to utilize a committee.

Grand High Priest Dreisbach distributed a copy of the Grand Chapter's By-laws and Constitution to each attendee and spoke on some of its important aspects.

Don Thomas then randomly divided the attendees into 5 groups to discuss and devise solutions to a hypothetical scenario [copy attached]. After approximately 20 minutes of consultation, the groups returned with the following suggestions:

### Group # 5

- Identify which members hold office in other Masonic bodies
- Stress that ritual must be done from memory
- Assign mentors to new officers and members
- Hold regular Educational sessions
- Procure good speakers on a variety of topics
- Appoint program committees or Chairman of the month
- Develop a community action plan

### Group #4

#### A. Develop Public Awareness

1. wear Masonic pins, hats, etc. in public
2. talk about Masonry at any appropriate opportunity

#### B. Develop Public Relations

1. Community Projects
2. Fund raisers for scholarships, charity, etc.

## Group #3

- A. Officer Education
  1. Ritual
  2. Purpose & History
- B. Leadership to provide
  1. adequate planning
  2. motivation
- C. Attempt to get all the membership involved
- D. Schedule programs that appeal to a wide number of members
- E. Publicize the York Rite among all Masonic bodies

## Group # 2

- A. Schedule social activities
- B. Provide interesting programs
- C. Involve the family
- D. Plan community service projects
- E. Stress ritual from memory
- F. Network with other Masonic groups i.e. Square Clubs

## Group # 1

- A. Promote Active recruitment
- B. Assign Mentors
- C. Communication [ calling trees, E-mail, etc.]
- D. Advertise and promote activities
- E. Refreshments and/ or dinners at all meetings
- F. Utilize Degree teams
- G. Hold regular schools of instruction
- H. Involve the family
- I. Instill Enthusiasm
- J. Encourage Visitations
- K. Become involved with the Community

Each discussion group was assigned an observer. The following is their reports:

- Group #5--Worked as a team. Developed solutions through a round-robin discussion.
- Group #4--There was no defined leader, all members contributed equally to the solutions.
- Group #3--Chose leader who covered the scenario point by point and the group discussed the positive and negative aspects of possible solutions.

- Group #2--Chose no leader, defined the problems and sought solutions from each member.
- Group #1--Chose leader and worked the problem in a positive manner and every member of the group participated.

The session was concluded at 12:15 P.M.

Fraternally submitted,  
Franklin R. Townsend  
Chairman

### **JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON THE ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER**

The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to have been able to review the Report of Right Eminent Grand Commander Robert V. McDowell, III that has been presented to you today and we commend him for his stewardship as Grand Commander.

We find the General Orders issued and the Dispensations granted by our Right Eminent Grand Commander well within the prerogatives of his office and amply covered in our Statutes. We thus, without reservation, recommend their approval.

We express gratitude to the Grand Commander for accepting one Sir Knight from a sister jurisdiction to be our Grand Representative near their Grand Commandery. We are confident that this worthy Sir Knight will attend to the duties now incumbent on him with great fidelity.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander is to be commended for seeing that Delaware and this Grand Commandery were well represented at the deliberations of seven of our sister jurisdictions and the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Due to health problems which necessitated his not traveling and conflicting dates, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. attended the Grand Commandery of Connecticut and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Mark E. Irwin attended the Massachusetts/Rhode Island Grand Commandery. We thank these jurisdictions for the hospitality and courtesies they have extended to us through our Grand Commander. We are confident that he and this Grand Commandery will benefit for many more years, from the knowledge and friendships he has acquired in these visitations.

The Northeast York Rite Conference was attended and appreciated by our Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, four Past Grand Commanders, two Past Commanders and a Generalissimo of a Delaware Commandery. This experience has been a benefit to them.



The Grand Commander this year continued to fulfill his many other Masonic obligations within this jurisdiction and in so doing reflected credit on the Grand Commandery.

Jurisprudence agrees with the Grand Commander that the special events this year deserve special thanks from the Grand Commandery. The Holy Land Pilgrimage and Eye Foundation continue to receive good support in Delaware and you are to be commended for your donation to the Permanent Fund.

The Grand Commander has not made any recommendations that require action by the Jurisprudence Committee.

We agree with the Grand Commander that the condition of Knight's Templar y in Delaware is good and that peace and harmony and comradery exist among the bodies of the fraternity.

We recognize and acknowledge with pleasure the support that was freely given to our Grand Commander by his wife Florence, during the past year, and for accompanying him on all his travels.

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

Right Eminent Grand Commander Robert V. McDowell has fulfilled the duties of his office with quiet integrity and in the opinion of this committee should be pleased with the results.

These few lines from Tennyson will serve as a closing for this report.

Strong Son of God, immortal Love,  
Whom we, that have not seen thy face,  
By faith, and faith alone, embrace,  
Believing where we cannot prove.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Richard A. Scarlott, PGG, Chairman

*On motions, regular made and seconded, it was regularly moved, seconded and approved that the Report of Grand Commander McDowell be received with thanks and ordered printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.*

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Your Committee on Finance reports that we have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of this Grand Commandery and find them in order. It is recommended that the Grand Recorder issue a voucher to the Grand Treasurer for each disbursement. The portion of the Grand Recorder's Report that deals with finances has presented the revenues and expenses on an itemized basis. This has been a recommendation in the past and it is reassuring to see this being adopted. The Annual Proceedings are the official record and this information should be preserved for posterity.

The books of the Permanent Fund have been reviewed and we find the disbursements to be in conformance with purpose of this fund. S. K. John B. Dorsey is to be commended for his fund raising activities. The Golf Tournament has been a success again. Many people make this a success but S. K. Dorsey is credited with initiating it.

The committee recommends acceptance of the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer for the year just ended. The proposed operating budget for next year is essentially the same as last year and its adoption is recommended as well.

It is recommended that the accounts of this Grand Commandery remain with the same financial institution for the next year. If changes are necessary, they should be brought before the Finance Committee for action until they can be brought before Grand Commandery. With a new Grand Treasurer about to be elected for the coming year and a new Grand Recorder being elected last year, this committee recommends the Grand Commandery proceed with caution before it decides to move any bank account or CD.

Every organized group of people needs different leaders and committee people from year to year. It benefits every organization to change committee people on a regular basis to present a fresh approach and to prevent a small group from assuming authority. I have served as Chair of the Finance Committee for several years and gladly turn the reins over to a new Chair.

The Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer are to be commended for their diligence, for all of their efforts and for their wisdom in guiding the finances of this Grand Commandery. The financial soundness continues to improve. This Grand Commandery owes the Grand Treasurer, Right Eminent C. Granville McVey, Past Grand Commander a deep debt of gratitude for his many years as Grand Treasurer, as the originator of the Permanent Fund concept and for his tireless efforts to make the Permanent Fund financially sound. This committee recommends that he be named Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Fraternally submitted,  
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.,  
PDGC,

### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2001 - 2002

Description	1997 Actual	1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Proposed
<b>Income:</b>	4,348.84	4,858.07	11,250.91	8,538.61	5,222.00
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Grand Encampment Per Capita	1,571.10	1,514.80	1,537.90	1,551.80	1550.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium*	75.00	75.00	50.00	98.75	100.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium**			25.00	39.50	40.00
Grand Commander expense (1)		63.96	76.00	82.68	85.00
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	141.19	29.19	180.43	81.10	85.00
Copier/copies		49.73	17.83	399.99	50.00
Insurance Share (2)	672.00	474.00	500.00	500.00	550.00
Postage		43.26	41.09	44.75	50.00
Printing/mailling proceedings	569.00	597.15	505.08	456.50	550.00
Grand Commander cap/mantle			467.00	139.79	100.00
Rituals/manuals/constitution	66.75	130.75	99.50		
Education Committee				8.52	25.00
Refund Annual Report fee		6.30	18.90		
Annual Conclave (3)		5,363.22	6,748.80	323.89	325.00
KTEF		20.00	100.00		
Holyland Pilgrimage (4)		1,668.74	1,743.27	1569.93	1,800.00
Medieval dinner (5)		1,195.00	1,275.00	709.00	
Grand Lodge for GWMNM			100.00		
DeMolay add			30.00		
St. John's Templar Feast			60.00		
Miscellaneous & Transfers		13.98	60.00	1,363.37	85.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,095.04</b>	<b>11,245.08</b>	<b>13,635.80</b>	<b>7,369.57</b>	<b>5,395.00</b>
Adjust expenses to proper year	48.00	-48.00			
Adjusted Annual Expense	<b>3,143.04</b>	<b>11,197.08</b>	<b>13,635.80</b>	<b>7,369.57</b>	<b>5,395.00</b>

In 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001

(1) Funded by the Permanent Fund through 1999.

(2) Mostly offset by Income from other Bodies

(3) Funded by the Banquet Committee

(4) Funded by the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund plus \$25.00 in Banquet Expenses.

(5) Offset by the same amount of Income

\* Actual based on \$0.25/member but not less than \$75.00 total.

\*\* Actual based on \$0.10/member but not less than \$30.00 total.

*On motion regular made and seconded the proposed honorariums for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, the proposed budget for 2001 -2002, the annual per capita and knighting fees and the Report of The Finance Committee were **APPROVED**.*

### **RECOGNITION OF THE R. E GRAND COMMANDER OF NEW JERSEY**

Sir Knight Steven Lutz, Right Eminent Grand Commander of New Jersey was called upon for remarks and thanked the Sir Knights of Delaware for their hospitality and friendship and congratulated the Grand Commander on the successful completion of his term of office.

### **RECOGNITION OF R. E. DAVID GOODWIN NORTHEAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

Sir Knight David Goodwin, Northeast Department Commander graciously addressed the Sir Knights assembled and extended his congratulations to this Grand Commandery on the conduct of its Grand Session. He commended the Red Cords for their fine attendance at this session and looked forward to their continued participation in all future Annual Conclaves.

### **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The honor of recommending a Sir Knight for the station of Grand Captain General fell to St. Andrews Commandery this year. After careful deliberation, St Andrews Commandery recommends Very Eminent Sir Harry M. Sullivan for consideration. Accordingly the nominating Committee of Grand Commandery wishes to place in Nomination the following slate of Officers to lead this Grand Commandery for the ensuing Chivalric year:

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr (1)
Very Em. Deputy Grand Commander	James R. Herrington (3)
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Charles H. Lengel (1)
Eminent Grand Captain General	Harry M. Sullivan (2)
Eminent Grand Treasurer	G Thomas Taylor
Eminent Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGK

The Nominating Committee notes that the honor of recommending falls to Trinity Commandery for the year 2001, and suggests that the Past Grand Commanders of Trinity look well to this responsibility.

Fraternally submitted,  
Franklin R Townsend, PGC, KTCH  
Charles W Barkins, PGC  
James A Pletz, PGC Chairman

### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

There being no further Committee reports upon the Recorder's desk, which required reading before this Grand Commandery, Right Eminent Grand Commander McDowell, discharged all of the Committees of this Grand Commandery with the sincere thanks of the Fraters of this Grand Commandery.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

R. E. James A. Pletz assumed the East as Grand Installing Officer and, assisted by Past Grand Generalissimo Richard A. Scarlott as Grand Marshal, proceeded to install a full line of Grand Officers as noted below. Said installation to be effective as of 12:01 A.M., Saturday, March 10, 2001.

R. E. Grand Commander	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Rev. James R. Herrington
E. Grand Generalissimo	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
E. Grand Captain General	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.
E. Grand Senior Warden	Herbert J. Atkinson
E. Grand Junior Warden	Maurice C. Barnes
E. Grand Prelate	R. Nelson Biggs
E. Grand Treasurer	G. Thomas Taylor, III
E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	Arthur A. Loveless
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr.
E. Grand Warder	Eugene R. Small
E. Grand Sentinel	John B. Dorsey

### REMARKS BY INCOMING

#### R. E. GRAND COMMANDER SHELDON L. EDWARDS, SR.

Right Eminent David D. Goodwin, N. E. Department Commander, Most Worshipful Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Grand Master of Mason in Delaware, All Distinguished Guests, Sir Knights:

As Masons we are taught never to enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessings of our Heavenly

Father. For this reason I will have the Eminent Grand Prelate lead us in prayer.

Though I am not unfamiliar with being installed as an officer of a statewide organization and the responsibility it entails, there is one observation I learned early as a leader of any organization. Any leader can only perform and accomplish tasks or duties equal to the personnel he is responsible for leading. In simpler words: Those a leader commands are the very ones who make him look good. This Grand Commandery is no exception.

This Templar year I will continue to do my utmost to support the programs that are essential to our welfare and prosperity. This effort, I can with full confidence know will be supported just as enthusiastically by my ever constant companion and supporter, Lady Nancy.

I will welcome all suggestions, input, and help, and all this coupled with the blessings of the Grand Architect of the Universe will, I am sure, reward us with a successful year.

My congratulation to our Junior Past Grand Commander and his Staff, and my newly installed staff.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.  
Grand Commander Elect

*Upon request of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder read the following Visitation and Inspection Schedule, together with the Committee Appointments.*

#### OFFICIAL VISITATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

<b>St. John's No. 1</b>	<b>Wilmington</b>	<b>September 13, 2001</b>
<b>St. Andrews No. 2</b>	<b>Dover</b>	<b>November 16, 2001</b>
<b>Trinity No. 3</b>	<b>Wilmington</b>	<b>July 27, 2001</b>

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

(First Named is Chairman)

**JURISPRUDENCE**

James A. Pletz, PGC  
 Charles W. Barkins, PGC  
 Robert V. McDowell, III, PGC

**FINANCE**

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PDGC  
 John B. Dorsey  
 C. William Tulloch

**K. T. EYE FOUNDATION**

Warren F. Schueler, Sr.                      Haywood I. Buck, Jr  
 Albert H. Westerside

**RITUAL AND DRILL (INSPECTIONS)      MEMBERSHIP**

Captain's General                              Charles H. Lengel, Jr.  
 Generalissimos

**LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION**

D. Thomas, PGC (2001-Commandery)  
 M. E. Irwin, PGC (2001-Chapter)

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

G. Taylor, (2001-Commandery)  
 R. E. Wasson (2002-Chapter)  
 F. R. Townsend (2003-Council)

**PERMANENT FUND**

D. D. Thomas, PGC (2001-Trinity)  
 John B. Dorsey (2001 - St. John's)  
 F. R. Townsend, PGC (2002- Trinity)  
 M. E. Irwin, PGC (2002-St. Andrew's)  
 Robert V. McDowell, III (2003-Trinity)  
 H. M. Sullivan, Jr. (2003-St. Andrew's)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

William J. Littel  
 Richard A. Scarlott, PGG  
 James A. Pletz, PGC  
 John B. Dorsey  
 Maynard H. Mires  
 Maurice C. Barnes

**AWARDS**

Robert V. McDowell, III, PGC  
 Commanders

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

James T. Elliott, Jr.  
 James L. Ferguson

**K. T. EDUCATIONAL FND.**

Donald D. Thomas, PGC, Sec'y-Treas.  
 Frank A. Battaglia  
 Chester C. Coffin  
 Franklin R. Townsend, PGC, Coord.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

A. W. Bethard (2001-Council)  
 J.B. Cottrell (2002 –  
 Commandery)  
 A. A. Loveless(2003-Chapter)

**RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**

The Rev. John A. Irwin  
 The Rev. J. R. Herrington  
 R. Nelson Biggs

**NOMINATING**

James A. Pletz, PGC  
 Franklin R. Townsend, PGC  
 Charles W. Barkins

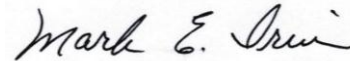
**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., GC                      John B. Dorsey  
 Franklin R. Townsend, PGC                      Eugene R. Small  
 Commanders

The Eleventh Annual Convocation will be held in Wilmington, Delaware, at 1:00 P.M., on Friday, March 8, 2002.

There being no further business to claim the attention of this Grand Commandery, prayer was offered by the Grand Prelate, John A. Irwin, the Grand Commandery called to recess and the Sir Knights dismissed at 4:05 P.M.

Attest:



Mark E. Irwin, PGC  
Grand Recorder

**ANNUAL MEETING - KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
DIVISION OF DELAWARE**

**REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Once again this year, despite several applications for loans this past year, no qualified applicants were presented and no loans have been made. There are also no outstanding loans. The Finance Committee has provided an audit of the 2000 Annual Report to Grand Encampment that was filed with Grand Encampment and found to be in order.

In compliance with the Grand Encampment rules governing the disbursements of moneys from this Fund we have this year provided Grants, out of current earnings, to:

- . 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Learning Center for Delaware - \$1000.00
- . Holy Land Pilgrimage - \$500.00
- . Delaware DeMolay - \$500.00
- . Delaware I.O.J. D. - \$500.00
- . Northeastern Conference - \$366.42

We again this year paid out of the Educational Foundation, a portion of the registration fee for the Northeastern Regional Conference for all Delaware Sir Knights and Companions that advised us they wished to partake in that meeting. In addition, we assisted in meeting some minor expenses of that meeting. Although the attendance at the meeting was good, it is not does not appear that this minor incentive did much to increased our participation in that meeting. I would note for the record, that Illustrious Warren F. Schueler, Sr., who was at the time the Deputy for Delaware for our Brethren of the Scottish Rite and



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Illustrious Robert O . Ralston, Sovereign Grand Commander for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and Most Excellent Sheldon L. Edwards, N.E. D. D. G. H. P. and Chair of the Northeastern Conference, all very graciously thanked the Grand Commandery for the support provided to those bodies.

Overall we increased our expenditure to the worthwhile organizations noted to \$2866.42 with only a minor decrease in our total net worth of \$55.38 (\$55,356.31 on 12.30.00 vs. \$55,411.69 on 12/30/99).

I would continue to suggest to you, my Fraters, that the plan initiated several years ago is working very well and you as Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction can take great pride in your support of the programs being assisted by this Foundation. I therefore personally commend and salute you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC, KCT  
Secretary/Treasurer, Educational Foundation

**GRAND COMMANDERS**

Henry G. Law, 1991-92	Franklin R. Townsend 1997-98
* C. Ray Scarborough, 1992-93	James A. Pletz, 1998-99
Donald D. Thomas, 1993-94	Mark E. Irwin, 1999- 00
C. Granville McVey, 1994-95	Robert V. McDowell, III, 2000
Charles W. Barkins, 1995-96	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 2001
* T. Eugene Womach, 1996-97	

**PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER**

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. 1993-94

**PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

Richard A. Scarlott, 1994-95

**GRAND TREASURERS**

* Harry V. Felmey, 1991-92	Donald D. Thomas, PGC, 1995-96
Richard A. Scarlott, 1992-94	C. Granville McVey, PGC, 1996-2001
Henry G. Law, PGC, 1994-95	G. Thomas Taylor, III 2001-

**GRAND RECORDERS**

C. Granville McVey, PGC, 1991-92	Henry G. Law, PGC, 1992-95
C. Granville McVey, PGC, 1995-96	Donald D. Thomas, PGC, 1996-00
	Mark E. Irwin, 2000-

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**

Under Grand Encampment  
\* F. Irving Crow, PC

Under Grand Commandery  
Chester C. Coffin, PC, 1992  
Franklin R. Townsend, 1994  
James H. Hutchins, PC, 1996  
William J. Littel, PC, 1999

**KNIGHTS COMMANDERS OF THE TEMPLE**

Henry G. Law, PGC  
C. Granville McVey, PGC  
\* C. Ray Scarborough, PGC  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC

\* Deceased

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<b>2001</b>		<b>2001</b>
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Randall C. Mullen	<b>ALABAMA</b>	Gerald E. Wilson
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Henry G. Law	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
* James A. Pletz	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Frederick L. Smith
Samuel L. Mellin	<b>COLORADO</b>	
* Chester C. Coffin	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	Harry Shank
* Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	<b>DIST. of COLUMBIA</b>	Caulder B. Morris
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C. William Tulloch	<b>GEORGIA</b>	Bobby B. Simmons
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Joseph H. Burns, Jr.	<b>IOWA</b>	Clyde E. Reasland
Frank A. Battaglia	<b>ITALY</b>	Ubaldo Bazzucchi
* Robert E. Wasson	<b>KANSAS</b>	Barry G. Albin
David B. Harman	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	Gary Thornberry
* Franklin R. Townsend	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	Howard F. Entwistle
* James A. Pletz	<b>MAINE</b>	Richard P. Day
* Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	<b>MARYLAND</b>	Eugene D. Racz
Henry G. Law	<b>MASS.- RHODE ISLAND</b>	John L. Berini
Albert J. Miller	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	Stanley O. Simons
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	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	
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* Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	<b>MONTANA</b>	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
* G. Thomas Taylor	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	Harry E. Waggener
* James L. Ferguson	<b>NEVADA</b>	J. J. McDonald, III
* Richard A. Scarlott	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	Aldine Jack Tillotson
* William J. Littel	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	Stephen Lutz
Frank A. Battaglia	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	Robert Keene
e Donald D. Thomas	<b>NEW YORK</b>	Oliver D. Mereness
e James A. Johnson	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	W. Frank Wood
* Richard A. Scarlott	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	Donald J. Laschkewitsch
* Mark E. Irwin	<b>OHIO</b>	J. William Wolfgang
Henry Y. Lutton	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	Glen Kinsley
Joseph P. Miller, Sr.	<b>OREGON</b>	Vernon O. Munson
* C. Granville McVey	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	William W. Umstead
* Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	John D. Estes
* William J. Littel	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	Lee Roy Bruce
* Eugene R. Small	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	Lowell C. Holmgren
* Robert V. McDowell, III	<b>TENNESSEE</b>	Jon Vernon Roithner
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	<b>TEXAS</b>	Leonard O. Pierce
* John D. Hiott	<b>UTAH</b>	Robert H. Cook

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James H. Hutchins  
\* John B. Dorsey  
\* Maurice C. Barnes  
Charles W. Barkins  
\* Warren F. Schueler, Sr.  
\* James R. Herrington

**VERMONT  
VIRGINIA  
WASHINGTON  
WEST VIRGINIA  
WISCONSIN  
WYOMING**

**\* - Present e - Excused**

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John B. Seward  
\* George Derrick Stevens  
James A. Mosley  
George J. Gruber  
George S. Boyd, III



**RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES****ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY NO. 1  
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: September 18, 1868

Stated Conclave: Second Thursday of each Month  
Closed: July and August**OFFICERS**

Herbert J. Atkinson	Commander
Howard L. Robertson, III	Generalissimo
Jay C. Bergstrom	Captain General
Wayne T. Slack	Senior Warden
	Junior Warden
Richard A. Scarlott, PC	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC	Recorder
Eugene R. Small	Prelate
Lionel D. Hunter	Standard Bearer
Richard L. Weaver	Sword Bearer
Frederick S. Roland	Warder
Benjamin H. Shoop	Sentinel
Kevin M. Winter	Guard
	Guard
	Guard

**KNIGHTED****REINSTATED**

NONE

**DEMITTED****SUSPENDED**

NONE

**DIED**

**ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY NO. 2  
DOVER**

Date of Charter: August 28, 1964

Stated Conclave: Third Friday of each Month

Closed: July and August

**OFFICERS**

Archie W. Bethard, III	Commander
William T. Wadkins, Jr.	Generalissimo
Jon B. Cottrell	Captain General
Robert P. Newnom	Senior Warden
Maurice C. Barnes, PC	Junior Warden
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PDGC	Treasurer
Jeffrey W. Hague	Recorder
Paul Bastian	Prelate
David B. Harman	Standard Bearer
Chester C. Coffin	Sword Bearer
P. Donald Carey	Warder
Charles W. Barkins, PGC	Sentinel

**KNIGHTED**

Robert R. Meade

**REINSTATED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

C. William Tulloch

**SUSPENDED**

Marlin A. Gillespie  
Albert C. Vopalecky

Bruce S. Hastings  
C. Joe Bounds

**DIED**

Edward J. Fields  
John R. Secord  
Freeman K. Smith

Wesley B. Davis  
Wilbur Bulkley  
Kenneth A. Sloane

**TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3  
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: August 19, 1991

Stated Conclave: January, April, July and October

**OFFICERS**

Charles J. Conley	Commander
Albert H. Westerside	Generalissimo
Charles T. Hart	Captain General
Herbert P. Fulmer, II	Senior Warden
Ronald C. Jamison	Junior Warden
C. Granville McVey, PGC	Treasurer
James A. Pletz, GC	Recorder
G. Thomas Taylor, III, PC	Prelate
David H. Laucius	Standard Bearer
William M. Hinde	Sword Bearer
William J. Littel	Warder
Harry Diehl	Guard
Anthony J. Amato	Guard
Melvyn E. Gregg	Guard

**KNIGHTED**

Ralph Emory Snyder

**AFFILIATED**

None

**SUSPENDED**

None

**DIED**

None

## MASONIC CALENDAR

Symbolic or Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it *Anno Lucis (A.L.)*, "in the Year of Light". Add 4000 years to the common era, thus 2000 plus 4000 becomes 6000. Symbolic Lodges hold *Communications*.

Capitular or Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis (A.I.)*, "in the Year of Discovery". Add 530 years to the common era, thus 2000 plus 530 becomes 2530. Royal Arch Chapters hold *Convocations*.

Cryptic Rite or Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple was completed, *Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.)*, "in the Year of the Deposit". Add 1000 years to the common era, thus 2000 plus 1000 become 3000. Cryptic Councils hold *Assemblies*.

Chivalric Masons or Knights Templars commence their era with the organization of their order, *Anno Ordinis (A.O.)*, "in the Year of the Order". From the Christian era take 1118, thus 1118 from 2000 becomes 882. Commanderies of Knights Templar hold *Conclaves*.

The Order of High Priesthood dates from the Year of the Blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek, *Anno Benefacto (A.B.)*. From the Christian era add 1913, thus 2000 plus 1913 becomes 3913. Councils of Anointed High Priests hold *Conventions*.

Scottish Rite Masonry dates as the Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, *Anno Mundi (A.M.)*, "in the Year of the World". Add 3760 years to the common era, thus 2000 plus 3760 becomes 5760. After September add another year. Scottish Rite Consistories hold *Reunions or Rendezvous*.

Shrinedom, or Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, mark time by cycles. Each 30 years from the Hegira of July 15, A. D. 622 constitutes a cycle, in which 19 of the years contains 355 days and 11 years contain 356 days. Shrine Temples hold *Sessions*.

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of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
of the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**2000 - 2003**

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