

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF DELAWARE



AT ITS  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
HELD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE  
MARCH 8, 2002, AO 884

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**SHELDON L. EDWARDS, SR.  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
2002**

Sheldon Lee Edwards was born January 23, 1934, in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. He is the youngest of four children, born to Thomas and Alvretta Carey Edwards.

His Father was a carpenter boss, employed in the Anthracite Mining industry, a Master Mason of Acacia Lodge #579, Taylor, Pennsylvania, Keystone Consistory of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Irem Shrine Temple of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. The family moved to Delaware in January of 1942 to pursue employment opportunities.

Sheldon's second oldest Brother, became a member of Armstrong Lodge #26, A.F. & A.M. of Newport, Delaware.

Sheldon graduated from Henry C. Conrad High School in 1951, and began a career as a maintenance electrician, retiring from the Chrysler Corporation, Newark Assembly plant, October 29, 1995, with 37 years service.

In 1959, Sheldon was entered on November 30<sup>th</sup>, passed February 1, 1960 and raised March 14, 1960, the result of a petition signed by his Brother, Forrest C. Edwards, and Brother-in-law, Richard E. Crozier. His sister, Alvretta, is a member of Five Points Chapter No. 13, O.E.S., in Newport. Another Brother Thomas, now deceased, is the only other sibling not connected to the Masonic Fraternity.

Sheldon is the father of three children, Sheldon, Jr., Jeffrey, and Dianna. Dianna is a member of Naomi Chapter No. 20, O.E.S. in Stanton. Jeffrey was a member of Newport Chapter Order of DeMolay.

In 1988 he married Nancy L. Heintzelman, a member of Ruth Chapter No. 19, O.E.S. in Claymont, and is presently Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Delaware Order of the Eastern Star. She also was born in Pennsylvania, in Lewistown, of a Master Mason Father and Eastern Star Mother. Sheldon and Nancy now reside in Beech Hill, adjacent to the North Star area of New Castle County.

His further Masonic career is as follows:

**Blue Lodge:**

Entered	November 30, 1959	
Passed	February 1, 1960	
Raised	March 14, 1960	
President Chrysler Delaware Square Club		1964
Worshipful Master Armstrong Lodge		1977
Acting Senior Deacon		1995
Junior Warden	1996-97	
Lodge Organist		
High Noon Lodge #38 Charter Member		1978
Delaware Lodge of Research		1997
Junior Grand Deacon		2000-01

Grand Representative Minnesota

**Scottish Rite:**

Delaware Consistory	1961
Holder of Yellow Ribbon	(24 Candidates credited)
Master of Ceremonies Rose Croix	2001-02
Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. Nur Temple	1970
Shrine Club of Delaware	1971
Nur Temple Provost Guard Charter Member	1970
International Shrine Provost Guard	
Mid Atlantic Shrine Provost Guard	
Provost Marshal	
International Association of Turtles	

**York Rite:**

St. Johns Chapter #4, R.A.M. Life Membership	1978
Order of High Priesthood	1983
Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Delaware	1997-98
Gunning Bedford Council #1, R. & S.M.	1978
St. John's Commandery #1	1979
Adoniram Council #2, R. 7 S.M.	1991
Eminent Commander, St. John's #1	1992
Super Excellent Masters Degree	1993
Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree	1994
R.I. Principal Conductor of Work	1997
Cryptic Masons Youth Medal	1987
Joshua Association – Life Member –President	2002-03
First State York Rite College #45, Dover, Delaware	
Grand Master's Club	
Red Cross of Constantine Delaware Conclave	1997
Grand Representative:	
Royal Arch - to the Philippines	
Council - to Germany	
Knights Templar - to the Philippines	
Keystone Travelers 1990's Past Grand High Priests	
Most Illustrious Grand Master	1999-2000
Right Eminent Grand Commander	2001-02
Deputy General Grand High Priest for the North Eastern Masonic Region and General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International	1999-2002
Order of Old Saratoga (New York)	
Knight York Cross of Honor – Warder	2002-03
Royal Ark Mariners	
Allied Masonic Degrees	
Delaware Council No. 18 Knight Masons	
Honorary Memberships	
Royal Arch Mason: New York, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia	
Council: Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York	
Commandery: District of Columbia, Maine, New York, Vermont	

**Order of the Eastern Star:**

Initiated in Five Points Chapter No. 13, Newport	1960
Naomi Chapter No. 20, Charter Member	1961
Worthy Patron – Naomi Chapter	1971; 1981; 1985; 1988-89; 1994-95; 1997-98; 1999-2000
Holder of "A" certificate	
Grand Organist	1979-80; 1988-89; 2001-02
Worthy Grand Patron	1983-84
Grand Representative to Pennsylvania	1980

Member GRODELS (Grand Representative of Delaware)  
 Member Past Matrons & Past Patrons Naomi Chapter  
 Member Past Matrons & Past Patrons of Delaware  
 Member Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of Delaware  
 Appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Member  
 Shrine Hospital Committee 1997-2000  
 Honorary Memberships: Missouri, Puerto Rico, Illinois, West Virginia, Georgia,  
 Florida, Mississippi, Maryland,  
 Subordinate Chapter: Mizpah No. 2, St. John's No. 4, Adah No. 5, Radiant No. 6,  
 Sussex No. 7, Caesar Rodney No. 8, Georgetown No. 9, Newark No. 10, Kent No. 11,  
 Frankford No. 12, Five Points No. 13, Brandywine No. 14, Victory No. 15, Unity No.  
 16, Esther No. 17, Laurel No. 18, Ruth No. 19

**Job's Daughters:**

Associate Bethel Guardian – Bethel #13, Stanton  
 Honorary Memberships: Bethel No. 13, Bethel No. 3, Bethel No. 4, Bethel No. 5,  
 Bethel No. 11  
 Member Grand Guardian I.O.J.D. Delaware

**Order of DeMolay:**

Adult Secretary Advisor – Newport Chapter 1963  
 DeMolay Legion of Honor – Vice President 2002-03

Other Affiliated Bodies: Philalethes Society

Church Affiliation: Richardson Park United Methodist Church  
 Officers Held: Past Trustee, Past Lay Leader, Past President – Sunday School Class,  
 Past Chairman Altar Committee, Past President Methodist Men, Past Chairman  
 Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

**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 8, 2002, A.O. 884, at 1:00 P.M. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Irwin for the purpose of conducting the affairs of its Eleventh Annual Conclave. The following officers were in their respective stations:

R. E. Grand Commander	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	James R. Herrington
E. Grand Generalissimo	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
E. Grand Captain General	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.
E. Grand Senior Warden	
E. Grand Junior Warden	Maurice C. Barnes
E. Grand Prelate	R. Nelson Biggs
E. Grand Treasurer	C. Granville McVey, PGC-pt
E. Grand Recorder	Donald D. Thomas, PGC-pt
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

Eminent Sir Knight Biggs 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**

Howard L. Robertson, III	Eminent Commander
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**ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY NO. 2**

Jon B. Cottrell	Eminent Commander
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**TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3**

Charles T. Hart	Generalissimo
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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 Tenth Annual Conclave of March 9, 2001 was dispensed with and they were approved as will be 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 were received from the Grand Commanders of Massachusetts & Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

#### DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

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

#### MARYLAND

R.E. William B. Colburn	Grand Commander
V.E. Keith A. Brown	Deputy Grand Commander
R.E. Richard P. Naegele	Past Grand Commander
M.E. Carl Cicchetti	Grand High Priest

#### NEW JERSEY

R.E. Frank L. Blades	Grand Commander
R.E. Steve Lutz	Past Grand Commander

**PENNSYLVANIA**

R.E. F. Robert Witmyer	Grand Commander
V.E. John Lewis	Deputy Grand Commander
E. John K. March	Division Commander #3

**MAINE**

R.E. Gordon L. Kimball, Sr.	Past Grand Commander
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**OHIO**

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

R.E. Vincent A. Cowie	Grand Commander
E. Edwin F. Dingus	Grand Generalissimo

**VERMONT**

R.E. Thomas E. Grace	Grand Commander
E. Belford A. Belles	Grand Captain General

**VIRGINIA**

R.E. George D. Stevens	Past Grand Commander, Grand Representative
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**NEW YORK**

R.E. Kenneth Perry	Grand Commander
E. Oliver D. Mereness	Grand Representative

**MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND**

E. Dewey L. Smith	Grand Warder
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**DELAWARE APPENDANT BODIES**

M. E. R. Nelson Biggs	Grand High Priest
M. I. Archie W. Bethard, III.	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.
Pre. Dist. C. Granville McVey	Grand Governor, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

**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. Robert V. McDowell, III., 2000 - 2001

**GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE**

M. W. Warren F. Schueler, Sr., P. G. M.  
 M. W. Charles H. Lengel, Jr., P. G. M.  
 M. W. Herbert J. Atkinson, P. G. M.  
 M. W. James A. Pletz, P. G. M.  
 R. W. Eugene R. Small, Deputy Grand Secretary

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT**

Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo 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 was received.

Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and personal representative of Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Grand Master 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 Edwards. Sir Knight Fischer was presented the Sword of Authority to rule over this Grand Conclave. Sir Knight Fischer 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 James S. Russell, 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 Edwards. M. W. and Sir Knight Russell was then escorted through the line by the Grand Commander and presented the sword of authority. Most Worshipful Brother Russell 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**

Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Kenneth B. Fischer, Right Eminent Northeast Department Commander, David Goodwin, All Distinguished Guests, and Sir Knights All.

It is a privilege and honor for me to be able to welcome you and extend chivalric greetings to all of you, who have given of your time and efforts to share in our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Delaware. We are, also, pleased to have been able to participate with several of you in last evening's Templar Feast, sponsored by our St. John's Commandery No. 1, to which, I am deeply indebted for all their support and courtesies during this Templar year. I, also, want to commend St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2 and Trinity No.3 for their outstanding cooperation, and in all facets of Templarism that will be further elaborated on later in my report.

#### **Itinerary of the Grand Commander:**

March 9, 2001 – Grand Conclave and joint Grand Banquet  
 March 10, 2001 – Grand Council and Grand Chapter  
 March 16-17, 2001 – Grand York Rite Bodies, District of Columbia  
 March 29, 2001 – Brother hood Night, Nur Temple  
 April 7, 2001 – Grand Commandery – Connecticut  
 April 15, 2001 – Easter Sunrise Service, Alexandria, Virginia  
 April 27-30, 2001 – Grand York Rite Bodies, Maine  
 May 20, 2001 – St. Andrew's Ascension Day Service, Barratt's Chapel, Frederica, Delaware  
 May 27-29, 2001 – Grand Commandery – Pennsylvania  
 June 11, 2001 – Grand Commandery of Vermont  
 June 23, 2001 – St. John's Day, Newport, Delaware  
 July 30, 2001 – Trinity No.3, Official Visit, Wilmington  
 September 7-9, 2001 – Northeast Regional Conference, Auburn, Maine  
 September 13, 2001 – St. John's No. 1, Official Visit, Wilmington  
 September 16, 2001 – St. John's No. 1 Church Service, Masonic Home  
 October 2, 2001 – Grand Lodge Banquet, Wilmington  
 October 3, 2001 – Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Wilmington  
 October 4, 2001 – Grand Lodge Installation of Officers, Newark  
 October 5, 2001 – Grand Commandery – New Hampshire  
 October 10, 2001 – Knights Templar Golf Tournament, Rock Manor Golf Course, Wilmington  
 October 11, 2001 – Order of the Temple, St. John's No. 1, Wilmington  
 October 19-21, 2001 – Grand Commandery of Massachusetts & Rhode Island  
 October 26, 2001 – York Rite Reception for Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brandywine Lodge No. 33, Wilmington, Delaware  
 October 29, 2001 – Order of Malta, St. John's No.1  
 November 8, 2001 – Order of the Temple, St. John's No. 1  
 November 16, 2001 – St. Andrew's No. 2, Official Visit, Dover  
 December 21, 2001 – Christmas Observance, St. Andrew's No. 2  
 January 18, 2002 – Installation of Officers, St. Andrew's No. 2  
 January 19, 2002 – Medieval Feast – Newport, Delaware  
 March 2, 2002 – Grand Commandery of New Jersey  
 March 7, 2002 – Templar Feast, St. John's No. 1  
 March 8, 2002 – Grand Commandery of Delaware

In addition to the above I, also, honored virtually all invitations from affiliated Masonic bodies where they did not conflict with prior commitments.

**Letters of Regret:**

Letters of regret were dispatched to the following Grand Jurisdictions of Knights Templar: Kansas, Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky. All were due to conflicts with other Masonic related commitments.

**Necrology:**

This Templar year we experienced the loss of many Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction as well as those in Sister Jurisdictions. We sadly accept these losses and extend our sincerest knightly condolences to the families and other loved ones that remain with us. We know we can look forward with confidence to the time we will all be reunited with our Supreme Commander and Blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the Heavenly Commandery under His loving guidance and protection.

The total of our loss will be determined at the close of this Grand Templar year, and will be included in the report of the Necrology, whose ceremony will be presented at the appropriate time.

**General Orders:**

General Order No. 1, March 10, 2001 – A document of the election and appointment of Grand Commandery Officers, dates of Official Visits to the constituent Commanderies, and other sundry Grand Commandery appointments.

**Dispensations:**

The following dispensations were granted during this Grand Commandery year:

March 16, 2001 – to Trinity Commandery No. 3 granting permission to move their Charter, open a Conclave, receive and investigate, ballot on petitions presented, and confer degrees in Dover, Delaware.

To Trinity Commandery No. 3 granting permission to open a Conclave, receive, investigate, ballot on petitions, and confer degree work in Wilmington, Delaware on October 11, 2001.

**Grand Representatives Commissioned:**

August 9, 2001, near the Grand Commandery of Colorado, Sir Knight Harry A. Peterson.

**Recommendation of Grand Representatives:**

There were no calls this Grand Templar year for Grand Representatives.

**Northeast York Rite Conference:**

Auburn, Maine was the site of this year's conference, under the direction of Right Illustrious Northeast Jurisdiction Representative of

the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, Gordon Kimball. It proved to be a great educational experience, with many interesting Masonic facts presented by esteemed Brother and Companion Stewart W. Miner, P.C. and Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. The afternoon session was a joint session of all three York Rite Bodies, with Grand Encampment providing the leadership. The experience was well worth the time and effort expended by all.

**Delaware Commanderies Official Visitations:**

The visits to the constituent Commanderies were as follows:

St. John's No. 1	September 13, 2001 in Wilmington
St. Andrew's No. 2	November 16, 2001 in Dover
Trinity No. 3	July 30, 2001 in Wilmington

These visitations are always the highlights of a Grand Commander's year, and mine was no exception. The thing that impressed me most was the visitation of other Sir Knights to their Sister Commanderies, indicating the universal support that is prominent in Delaware Templarism. Though attendance was relatively good, the spirit and camaraderie always evident made up for any shortage of impressive numbers.

I am deeply indebted to all the Commanderies for the courtesies extended, and the respect for the office of Grand Commander and his always-faithful staff. Many thanks to you all.

**Visits to Sister Jurisdiction's Grand Conclaves:**

It at times seems to me that we oft times miss the greatest opportunity to promote our glorious craft by failing to make these visits when proceeding through the Grand Line to the Grand East. When visiting these Jurisdictions we learn, seemingly too late, what fraternal love and friendship that is generated at these impressive Conclaves.

The great experiences and warm fraternalism experienced by Lady Nance and I are, in our estimation absolutely invaluable. The courtesies extended left us almost sad to see each brief Conclave come to a close, but did leave us with great expectations for our next meeting with new friends and acquaintances that sometimes, though brief, felt like ages gone by. I have the warmest regard for all these Sir Knights, regardless of their rank and office.

**Other Masonic Related Visitations:**

As previously mentioned I attended virtually all meetings to which I had received invitations, provided they did not conflict with previous commitments. These included Job's Daughters, Order of DeMolay, Osiris Court, Grand Lodge of Delaware A.F. & A.M., Order of the Eastern Star, Shrine, Council, Royal Arch, Joshua to name but a few. At each of the functions I was treated with the utmost courtesy and warm fraternal love.

**Other Activities of the Grand Commandery:**

On January 19, 2002, the Medieval Feast was held, and engineered by Franklin R. Townsend, PGC and Robert Benson, who did an outstanding job with approximately 50 in attendance, at the Newport Masonic Temple, including Most Worshipful James S. Russell, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and his Lady Linda. All present were honored by their attendance and it added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Many thanks to Sir Knights, Franklin Townsend and Robert Benson.

The Grand Commandery Golf Tournament was held on October 10, 2001, at Rock Manor Golf Course in Wilmington, with 24 taking part. This was an effort by Sir Knight John B. Dorsey, PC, who has done an outstanding job for the past several years. I am forever grateful to John for his devotion and efforts on behalf of this Grand Commandery. The financial report of this project will appear in his report. Many thanks, John.

Three of our Past Grand Commanders, C. Granville McVey, James A. Pletz, and Donald D. Thomas, each year work quietly and with no fanfare to assist our various financial funds. They deliver telephone books and accumulate aluminum cans to add monetarily to our funds. These efforts by and large go unnoticed. I wish to thank them for the many years they have worked behind the scenes to the benefit of Templarism in Delaware.

The Ascension Day Service, on Sunday May 20, 2001, sponsored by St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2 was poorly attended, drawing only 7 Sir Knights, and 4 of their ladies, but was none the less inspirational, with the message by Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Rev. William Downing, and music by Aleta Esham. This yearly effort by St. Andrew's is to be most highly commended and given all the support that can be mustered by the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction.

**Special Awards:**

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor was awarded to Sir Knight Charles J. Conley, the Eminent Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 3. I know of no other Sir Knight more deserving of this than Sir Knight Conley. He is a devout and enthusiastic Mason, and is always ready to go the extra mile in performing whatever task he is asked to perform. For many years he has taken on the monumental task of receiving the annual reservations for the York Rite Bodies of Delaware Convocations, and arranging them on his computer to make reservations easy to handle, there by eliminating errors for visiting Companions and Sir Knights. Our hats off to him for this most prestigious honor.

With the sage advice and support of our Past Grand Commanders and Lady Nancy performing the computer graphics, a special award of

recognition was presented at the annual joint Banquet of the York Rite Bodies of Delaware. The certificate recognized Sir Knight T. Eugene Womach, who was called to a higher calling by the Supreme Commander, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, approximately five weeks before his Annual Conclave, as a Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Delaware. Past Grand Commander Womach was loved by all and is sadly missed by those who knew him.

**Recommendations:**

I have but one to offer for this Templar year.

I recommend that this Grand Commandery consider purchasing a proper banner to provide recognition at various public functions, such as: the Easter Sunrise Service at Alexandria, Virginia, each year under the auspices of Grand Encampment; our Annual Grand Conclave in the Wilmington Masonic Temple; and parades, such as the one held the past few years in Claymont at Christmas.

I shied away from asking a contingent of Knights Templar to march as the Parade Committee asks that each parade unit have a means of identification. However, I am proud to say that the Junior Past Grand Commander, Robert McDowell, did march in uniform with the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

I feel strongly we should always be prepared to meet high visibility appearances to the public.

**Acknowledgements:**

I want to extend my many thanks to all who have made this year the success I felt it has been.

First, to all those mentioned in this report, my deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

To R.E.P.G.C. Robert McDowell for pinch-hitting for me at the Grand Conclave Knights Templar of Maryland, for which I had a conflict of commitment.

James R. Herrington, Deputy Grand Commander, for representing me at the Conclave in Connecticut, even though I was able to attend their Grand Banquet.

To all my Grand Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Committee Members, Past Grand Commanders, and the Sir Knights who elected me to serve this chivalric year.

To our Grand Recorder, P.G.C. Mark E. Irwin, for his devotion to duty despite his busy schedule, and in addition to his efforts doing the Delaware Supplement, with the assistance of P.G.C. Robert McDowell,

P.G.C. Donald D. Thomas, and Past Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Harold T. J. Littleton.

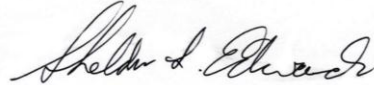
A Commander can only be as successful as those he is chosen to lead, so I must credit any successful and positive progress to the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction.

The last two to join the ranks that contributed to this Great Templar year, My Lady Nancy was my constant companion, and most capable helpmate. Without her extraordinary support, I would not have been able to perform the responsibilities of this exalted station. Her love and support is always welcome to this Grand Commander. Our Lord and Blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ, who sustains us, and delivers us from all harm, and whose birth makes possible our world of Templarism.

**The State of our Grand Commandery:**

Although, we are dwindling in numbers, I believe that our cause being just and noble we can, with confidence, be assured that we will survive, till the time, know only to our Blessed Saviour, when He returns to this, His earthly dominion, and claims His Beloved Children.

Yours in the Faith,



Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.  
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**

*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 this 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.

Here is an accounting of the income received and expenses supported with vouchers by this office.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<b>Income:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Annual Returns	2721.00	Annual Conclave	701.15
Holy Land Donations	1111.00	Copier/copies	30.10
Insurance	416.00	Engraving	10.00
Medieval Dinner	330.00	Grand Commander cap/mantle	196.60
Perm. Fund Donations	14.00	Grand Commander expense (1)	93.21
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>4543.30</b>	Grand Encampment Per Capita	1491.50
		Grand Recorder Honorarium* (3)	196.50
		Grand Treasurer Honorarium** (3)	78.60
		Insurance Share (2)	500.00
		Medieval Dinner	1050.00
		Grand Recorder Office Expenses	57.24
		Postage	200.14
		Printing/mailling proceedings	456.50
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5061.54</b>

(1) Funded by the Permanent Fund

(2) Mostly offset by income from other bodies

(3) Includes payment for previous year

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

SUMMARY	START	KNIGHT	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUSP	DIED	TOTAL
ST. JOHN'S NO. 1	190	6	5	0	3	3	4	191
ST. ANDREW'S NO. 2	152	2	1	0	3	2	4	146
TRINITY NO. 3	53	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
TOTALS	395	9	6	0	6	5	8	391
NET LOSS	4							

I am pleased that all Commanderies participated in knightings this year, but we must continue to improve that number. 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.



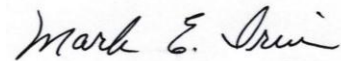
This would provide for timely submissions and save on a lot of postage spread across our Order. Weekly reports could be likewise disseminated using this method. The sheer volume of letters and postage that would be saved could provide the necessary dollars for an additional person or two to be enabled 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. Right Eminent Commander you indeed have a full plate and have represented Delaware well both in Grand Commandery and General Grand Chapter. My best to you and Nancy in the future in all your endeavors. I know between General Grand Chapter and Nancy's ascension as Worth Grand Matron, your plate will continue to be full. Congratulations on a successful year and all the best in the future.

Lastly, thanks to all the Sir Knights for the honor you have bestowed on me, it has been trying at times. My new position at Social Security makes my task most difficult and I regret that I was unable to be present at this Grand Conclave. I extend my deepest gratitude to Right Eminent Donald D. Thomas for covering the Grand Recorder duties today. It is greatly appreciated.

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 COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

This committee wishes to thank all Sir Knights who have assisted their Commandery by securing additional members. We must continue to stress the importance of teamwork and the benefits for each Commandery if all members made an attempt to secure at least one petition in the next year.

This past year we had a beginning membership of 395 Sir Knights. We increased membership with 9 Knightings and 6 Reinstatements but 6 Demits, 5 Suspensions, and 8 Deaths resulted in an ending membership of 391 for a net loss of 4.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,  
Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Chairman

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

No report received.

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

No report received.

### **REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

In Masonic Ritual we find many references to death, heaven and remembering of those who have in the words of Shakespeare shuffled off this mortal coil.

In one of my favorite pieces of scripture and it is found in the Third Degree Ritual, it begins; "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not nor the years draw nigh, when thou shall say I have no pleasure in them", and ends with, "then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Life is Transitory. We are here in earthly form but a mere blink of an eye. We who are the present Trustees of this God given earth are obligated to offer a recall to memory of those we admire for their contribution to our beloved craft from the least to the most they have all given for those who follow.

Let us pray:

Supreme Grand Commander of Heaven and Earth, we come before you, at this gathering, to rekindle our memories of those who have gone before us. In your infinite wisdom you have taken them to a far better place, and we who remain, sometimes find it difficult to understand earthly death, and why we are parted from friends and loved ones. Give us the strength and insight to trust and obey, so that

when our trials, here on this terrestrial ball, are brought to a conclusion, we will find ourselves welcome to your Heaven and Eternal Life. Amen

The time has come for us to take a few moments to remember those of our precious fraternity.

The time we offer their memory is pitifully small compared to the many years they devoted to our various Commanderies. Some have been gone long periods of time, and some a moment in time. They have given much, to we, who follow in their footsteps. They were assets to our communities and nation; to families who grieve their passing. Let us all strive to remember daily their unselfish giving, and those loved ones left behind.

As further evidence of our love and esteem, we offer some small tokens to help us ease our own neglect that may prey on our minds at this solemn occasion.

A white flower in memory of our deceased of Grand Encampment.

A white flower in memory of our deceased Grand Commanders.

A white flower in memory of our deceased Constituent Members.

A white flower in memory of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions wheresoever dispersed.

A red flower in honor of our Supreme Grand Commander, Jesus Christ, our ever living God.

Let us pray:

Grand Architect of that house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens, be with is who recall those smiles, friendly clasps of the hands, and warm words that were so often exchanged with those for which we make this tribute. Help us to accept your calling of these our fraters until we may be privileged to meet you face to face. All this we ask in Thy Name. Amen

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Nelson Biggs

### **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 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation financial summaries have only to date a partial record of accomplishments documented for this jurisdiction. The precise total remains elusive at this period of time.

The general final results for the Annual Campaigns for the following years were as follows:

1999 - \$4, 186.78  
 2000 - \$3,614.58  
 2001 - \$3,098.15

Keep in mind, Sir Knights, it requires everyone's attention and charitable monetary commitment support of this philanthropy. The major emphasis of this campaign will be to achieve a significant increase in donations over that received during the previous campaigns listed above. If you haven't made your individual commitment at this time, be generous in your donation as every dollar helps. Become one of those generous Christian Knights who care and give enough to make it possible for "OTHERS TO SEE" as "THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE GIFT OF SIGHT." The Knights Templar Eye Foundation stands like a beacon of light in the ever encroaching darkness.

May the God, who is the Giver of all we have, make each of us the "Giver of Sight" to those in need through our voluntary contribution support for the 34<sup>th</sup> Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The designated Committee would like to express our sincere "thanks" to each Sir Knight in Delaware for their efforts in supporting this great humanitarian charity and hope it will be a success this year.

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

### **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 2001 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:

- Delaware DeMolay - \$750.00
- Delaware I.O.J.D. - \$750.00
- Grand Lodge Leadership Retreat - \$390.00

This Retreat is a welcomed opportunity to share a rich educational experience with their Brethren of the Craft Lodge. Representatives of this Grand Commandery and the other York Rite Bodies should not miss it. For this purpose, the last grant includes the tuition fees for one representative from Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery to attend this retreat.

Overall our expenditure to the worthwhile organizations noted were \$1890.00 a reduction from previous years because of the significant reduction in earnings. We need to be prepared to experience the same shortfall this forthcoming year. Overall we continue to do rather well as our net worth at year end 2001 was \$57,384.36 versus \$55, 356.31 at year end 2000, a 3.6% increase.

Although we sometimes feel we are at a total loss to offer all the support that is requested of the Committee, I would like to that we are satisfying, as best we can, those demands. It is, however, very difficult to so judge. Regardless, I would continue to suggest to you, my Fraters, that the plan initiated several years ago is working 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**

No report received.

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

##### Grand Commandery Golf Tournament

The Grand Commandery Golf Tournament was held on October 10, 2001, at Rock Manor Golf Course in Wilmington with 24 taking part. This was an effort by Sir Knight John B. Dorsey, P.C., who has done an outstanding job for the past several years. I am forever grateful to John for his devotion and efforts on behalf of this Grand Commandery. Many thanks John.

##### Medieval Feast

On January 19, 2002, the Medieval Feast was held, and engineered by Franklin R. Townsend, PGC and Robert Benson, who did an outstanding job with approximately 50 in attendance, at the Newport Masonic Temple, including Most Worshipful James S. Russell, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware and his Lady Linda. All present were

honored by their attendance and it added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. Many thanks to Sir Knights, Franklin Townsend and Robert Benson.

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

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

Your Committee on the Permanent Fund of this Grand Commandery is pleased to submit the following Report. By the very nature of the manner in which the fund is managed, we are pleased to report again an increase in the net worth of the fund from \$7988.75 at the end of the year 2001 to \$8824.44 about a 10% increase. I would note that this increase does include the triennial accumulation to be given to the presiding Grand Commander during the year of the triennial. Although this growth is a rather tidy amount, we note with some regret that it is primarily due to a very generous donation by a single member of this Grand Body to whom we express our sincerest thanks. The remaining accumulation, which we note is somewhat less than that received from that single donation, is from earned interest and sale of Aluminum Cans. We would again repeat that the rules for this fund explicitly state that the presiding Grand Commander is expected to have a program to benefit the Permanent Fund. Rather sadly this has proven to be the exception rather than the rule. The Fund is rapidly approaching a \$10, 000 point, we would challenge the incoming Grand Commander to make that occur during his term of service.

The Committee would also like to make note that the rules adopted by this Grand Commandery give notice that it is not necessary to distribute any of the monies of this Fund. This particular Committee Chair would offer his own personal opinion that the doling out of monies is not a given. He would argue that if no new independent effort is made by the presiding Grand Officer to raise funds then there should likewise be no distribution of the earnings for that year.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC, KCT

### **REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE**

No report received

### **REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert E. Wasson, P.C.

**REPORT OF THE 2000 GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF  
DELAWARE GRAND CONCLAVE COMMITTEE**

Fraternally submitted,

The Committee

**REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

In recognition of many years of devoted service, to the Grand Commandery, Trinity Commandery No. 3 nominates:

**Charles J. Conley**

For the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. He is deserving of this honor for at least the following two reasons. First, he has served with skill and zeal as the permanent member of the Grand York Rite Sessions Arrangements Committee for many years. As such he provides continuity to these activities. By keeping excellent records on cost, attendance, transportation, etc. he relieves the presiding Grand Officers of the tedium of details this allowing them to concentrate on the work of the Grand Body at the Annual Session. Secondly, he has been a participating member of the Telephone Book Delivery project, which has generated funds for the Knights Templar Eye foundation Annual Campaign. This has resulted in Trinity Commandery contributing in excess of \$10.00 per member for each year since it was formed.

Fraternally submitted,  
Robert V. McDowell, III, PGC Chairman

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

Right Eminent Grand Commander and fraters of this Grand Commandery, your Committee on York Rite Leadership and Education is pleased to report on a most successful year. As has been noted in the past, the challenge to this Committee is one common across all York Rite Bodies and thus the reason that several years ago we enacted legislation within Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery for a common Committee across those three bodies. We also recognized at that time that we share a like charter with the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite and would continue to work with those bodies in this area. This effort has paid off handsomely this year as we join with the Grand Lodge in the first Retreat weekend sponsored by this Grand Lodge – “A Leadership Retreat – Your Journey to the East.” A weekend at Dewey Beach wherein Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, Sublime Princes and their Ladies will join together to be well FUELED with Fun, Unity, Education and

Leadership. This represents a magnificent opportunity for all Appendant Bodies to join and learn together.

The Committee is very proud of this accomplishment and is indebted to those of the Grand Lodge who have made this possible. The particulars – April 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup> at Ruddertown, Dewey Beach, cost – a very nominal \$70 per person registration fee including all Retreat materials, meals, gratuities, hospitality and entertainment – an absolute bargain. Hotel arrangements may be made at the Best Western Gold Leaf. Further particulars can be obtained from the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC



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

The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to have had the opportunity to review the report of Right Eminent Grand Commander Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. The report reflects the enthusiasm and dedication of an enlightened leader and we commend him for his stewardship during this past year.

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

We are grateful to the Grand Commander for commissioning a Sir Knight from a sister jurisdiction to be our Grand Representative near his Grand Commandery. We trust that this Sir Knight will discharge the duties incumbent on him with fidelity.

We commend our Right Eminent Grand Commander for his diligence in having Delaware well represented at the Conclaves of nine of our sister jurisdictions. He was unable to attend the Conclaves of Connecticut and Maryland yet he was ably represented by Deputy Grand Commander Herrington in Connecticut and Past Grand Commander McDowell in Maryland. He could not attend the Conclaves of New York and Virginia and appropriately expressed his regrets. We thank each of our sister jurisdictions for the courtesies extended to us through our Grand Commander or his representative. We believe that these inter-visitations strengthen the bonds of fraternal love in our organization, and form friendships that will endure throughout our lives.

We are pleased that our Grand Commander was able to attend the Northeast York Rite Conference in Auburn, Maine and share with the Sir Knights of Delaware much of what he learned there at his visitations within Delaware. He made official visitations to each Commandery and made additional visits to the constituent Commanderies frequently. His presence has been noted at many meetings and activities of other Masonic bodies where his participation has reflected great credit on this Grand Commandery.

Our Grand Commander has encouraged the religious activities of the Grand Commandery, being present at the Easter Sunrise service in Alexandria, VA; the Ascension Day service at Barrats Chapel; and the Christmas observances in Wilmington and Dover. He supported the Medieval Feast, the golf outing, fruit cake sale, and the can collecting project; each of which was established to raise funds for the Grand Commandery charities. Through these activities the Grand Commandery continued its support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, The Holy Land Pilgrimage, and the Permanent Fund.

Grand Commander Edwards is particularly sensitive to the need of recognition. Distressed that the Grand Encampment does not recognize our beloved T Eugene Womach as a Past Grand Commander, because he died while serving as Grand Commander. Our Grand Commander with the able assistance of his Lady Nancy created a Certificate which gives recognition to his service, and which will be presented at the Annual Banquet. The Grand Commander also endorsed the nomination of Sir Knight Charles J. Conley for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award that will be presented at the Annual Banquet. We commend the Grand Commander for his diligence in complimenting those who work for our Order as his encouragement has led to increased effort and devotion.

Grand Commander Edwards has offered only one recommendation and it does not require any action on the part of this committee. We concur with his recommendation to acquire a Banner for the Grand Commandery and urge that it be referred to the Finance Committee and to the Grand Commandery for consideration. We note that our Grand Commander took every opportunity to wear the Templar uniform in his public appearances, where appropriate, thereby displaying Templary for all to see.

Our reading of the Grand Commanders report suggests that the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery of Delaware had a very successful year. He notes that the credit for this success goes to many people including his Lady Nancy and most importantly to our Lord and Savior who sustains him in everything he does. We agree, Lady Nancy's presence and support has been a valuable addition to the Grand Commandery this year, and when we allow the Lord to work within us, all things are possible.

Sincerely and fraternally  
 Robert V. McDowell, III, P.G.C.  
 Charles W. Barkins, P.G.C.  
 James A. Pletz P.G.C., 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 JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE** **Administrative Matters**

### **Pending Legislation**

A proposal to amend Article XIV – FINANCE – Section 3 was presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave to waive the Grand

Commandery assessment for members of Constituent Commanderies whose dues were remitted by the Commandery.

The Section as revised would read:

Each Constituent Commandery shall pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery not less than Three Dollars (\$3.00) plus Grand Encampment fees for each Knight Templar member on the rolls of such Commandery on the first day of January in each year, **except if a Constituent Commandery has remitted the dues of a member, the Grand Commandery assessment is waived but the Grand Encampment fees must still be paid to the Grand Recorder for that member.** Such amount to be determined annually at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

The Jurisprudence Committee has studied this proposal and believes that it is in conflict with the Constitution as written. Without regard to the merits of remission of dues by any organization, it is inappropriate that a constituent Commandery by their vote can revise the amount of money owed to the Grand Commandery. Specifically the Grand Commandery in Article VI Section 5 of the Code “may require its several Constituent Commanderies to pay such portion as it may deem proper of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders, and in addition, such sum annually from **each** member of such Commanderies as it may deem necessary for the support of the Grand Commandery.” Further in Article XIV Section 3 it establishes the mechanism for collecting the necessary funds. The sum of money needed to support the Grand Commandery (the Budget) is established by the Finance Committee and approved by the voting members of the Grand Commandery in Annual Session. The per capita amount to be charged to each Commandery is based on the approved budget and the number of Sir Knights reported by the Constituent Commanderies and is approved by the Grand Commandery in Annual Session but in no case shall it be less than \$3.00. The remission of dues is quite properly the prerogative of the Constituent Commandery and should be encouraged by the Grand Commandery. However the proposed change imposes the cost of the beneficence on the Grand Commandery and the other Constituent Commanderies without having an opportunity to extend it with their vote. Jurisprudence recommends that the proposed change be rejected.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Donald D. Thomas, PGC, Chairman

#### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Your Committee on Finance for 2001-2002 reports that we have not examined the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. The records were not available until this week and there was insufficient

time to complete the audit. It is anticipated the audit can be completed with the next two weeks.

The Committee does recommend adoption of the Report of the Permanent Fund Committee and recommends that each incoming Grand Commander sponsor a fund raising project for the benefit of the Permanent Fund.

The Proposed Budget for 2002 is attached and mirrors that of 2001. It is recommended it be adopted.

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

### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2002 - 2003

Description	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Proposed	2002 Proposed
<b>Income:</b>	11,250.91	8,538.61	5,222.00	5,222.00
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Grand Encampment Per Capita	1,537.90	1,551.80	1,550.00	1,550.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium*	50.00	98.75	100.00	100.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium**	25.00	39.50	40.00	40.00
Grand Commander expense (1)	76.00	82.68	85.00	85.00
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	180.43	81.10	85.00	85.00
Copier/copies	17.83	399.99	50.00	50.00
Insurance Share (2)	500.00	500.00	550.00	500.00
Postage	41.09	44.75	50.00	50.00
Printing/mailling proceedings	505.08	456.50	550.00	550.00
Grand Commander cap/mantle	467.00	139.79	100.00	100.00
Rituals/manuals/constitution	99.50			
Education Committee		8.52	25.00	25.00
Refund Annual Report fee		18.90		
Annual Conclave (3)	6,748.80	323.89	325.00	325.00
KTEF	100.00			
Holyland Pilgrimage (4)	1,743.27	1,569.93	1,800.00	1,800.00
Medieval dinner (5)	1,275.00	709.00		
Grand Lodge for GWMNM	100.00			
DeMolay add	30.00			
St. John's Templar Feast	60.00			
Miscellaneous	60.00			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,635.80</b>	<b>7,369.57</b>	<b>5,395.00</b>	<b>5,260.00</b>

In 1999 and 2000

(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 not to exceed \$75.00 total.

\*\* Actual based on \$0.10/member not to exceed \$30.00 total.

*On motion regular made and seconded the proposed budget for 2002 - 2003, 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**

Right Eminent Grand Commander Edwards called upon Sir Knight Frank Blades, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of New Jersey. Sir Knight Blades on behalf of the other Grand Commanders, thanked the Grand Commander and the Sir Knights of Delaware for the hospitality and friendship.

### **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 rests in Trinity Commandery this year. After due consideration, Trinity Commandery has recommended that Eminent Sir Knight Arthur A. Loveless be nominated. Your committee concurs in that recommendation.

Your nominating committee regretfully reports that our Grand Treasurer Eminent Sir Knight G. Thomas Taylor has taken employment that will require him to be out of Delaware most of the time. Therefore Sir Knight Taylor will be unable to continue as Grand Treasurer. Sir Knight Taylor discharged his duties as Grand Treasurer with enthusiasm, as he is wont to do with every task he undertakes, and is most deserving of the utmost approbation of this Grand Commandery.

After diligent search, your committee has found that Eminent Sir Knight Richard A. Scarlott is willing to accept the responsibility for Grand Treasurer. Accordingly, we wish to place in nomination the following to serve as leadership for this Grand Commandery for the ensuing Chivalric year.

Right Eminent Grand Commander	James R. Herrington (3)
Very Em. Deputy Grand Commander	Charles H. Lengel (1)
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Harry M. Sullivan (2)
Eminent Grand Captain General	Arthur A. Loveless (3)
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Richard A. Scarlott
Eminent Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC

We note that next year the appointment to the Grand line will be the responsibility of St. John's Commandery, and we recommend that they be attentive to that duty.

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 13, 1999.

R. E. Grand Commander	Rev. James R. Herrington
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
E. Grand Generalissimo	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.
E. Grand Captain General	Arthur A. Loveless
E. Grand Senior Warden	Eugene R. Small
E. Grand Junior Warden	John Hiott
E. Grand Prelate	Herbert J. Atkinson
E. Grand Treasurer	Richard A. Scarlott
E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	Jon B. Cottrell
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Charles J. Conley
E. Grand Warder	Maurice C. Barnes
E. Grand Sentinel	John B. Dorsey

## REMARKS BY INCOMING

### R. E. GRAND COMMANDER JAMES R. HERRINGTON

I thank you for electing me Grand Commander for the ensuing Templar year. This is an honor and an opportunity that for many years, I did not even consider possible. Now the opportunity is here, and at a time of challenge both in our faith, and how we live that faith.

My theme for the year will be, "Live your faith; work for reconciliation." We openly proclaim that our Lord is "Price of Peace." Our Templar forbearers, as warrior monks, took up the sword to defend, and propagate the Christian faith. I trust similar activities will never be duplicated. Our "wars" are against ignorance, prejudice, estrangement, and violence. As we demonstrate our Lord's compassion, love and mercy, we work for His peace. As we stress our commitment to that which is right, and to that which is loving, we live our faith, even when it is unpopular.

If this sounds idealistic, it is. I do not believe that our Lord would want us to sacrifice our idealism for "getting along", or for opting for a

course of least resistance. We have some tough questions facing us. How do we love, in a society that can, and does, among other things, rationalize injustice as “good business?” The Templar knight wore the mantle which proclaimed who he was. Our behavior needs to proclaim who we are. I expect all of you have heard the old cliché, “What you do speaks so loudly, I can’t hear a word you are saying.” As I say, “Work for reconciliation,” I mean among all men, not just our Order. I affirm that it is work-hard work. Our Lord expects nothing less from us. May our Lord bless and keep us all. Amen

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Herrington  
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

St. John’s No. 1	Wilmington	May 9, 2002
St. Andrews No. 2	Dover	December 20, 2002
Trinity No. 3	Wilmington	July 27, 2002

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(First Named is Chairman)

#### JURISPRUDENCE

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

#### FINANCE

Charles J. Conley  
John B. Dorsey  
C. William Tulloch

#### K. T. EYE FOUNDATION

James A. Pletz  
Haywood I. Buck, Jr  
Albert H. Westerside

#### RITUAL AND DRILL (INSPECTIONS) MEMBERSHIP

Arthur Loveless  
Captain Generals  
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.  
Generalissimos

#### LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

Mark E. Irwin, PGC (2002-Chapter)  
Franklin R. Townsend (2003-Council)  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC (2004-Commandery)

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Robert E. Wasson (2002-Chapter)  
 Franklin R. Townsend (2003-Council)  
 Eugene R. Small (2004-Commandery)

**PERMANENT FUND**

Franklin R. Townsend, PGC (2002- St. John's)  
 Mark E. Irwin, PGC (2002-St. Andrew's)  
 Robert V. McDowell, III (2003-Trinity)  
 Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. (2003-St. Andrew's)  
 Donald D. Thomas, PGC (2004-Trinity)  
 John B. Dorsey (2004 - St. John's)

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

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

**AWARDS**

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGC  
 Commanders

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

James T. Elliott, Jr.  
 James L. Ferguson

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

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

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Jon B. Cottrell (2002 – Commandery)  
 Arthur A. Loveless (2003 - Chapter)  
 James R. Herrington (2004 - Council)

**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**

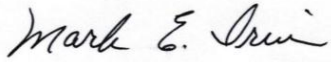
James R. Herrington, GC  
 Franklin R. Townsend, PGC  
 John B. Dorsey  
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 Commanders

The Twelfth Annual Conclave will be held in Wilmington, Delaware, at 1:00 P.M., on Friday, March 7, 2003.

There being no further business to claim the attention of this Grand Commandery, prayer was offered by the Grand Prelate, R. Nelson

Biggs, the Grand Commandery called to recess and the Sir Knights dismissed at 3:45 P.M.

Attest:



Mark E. Irwin, PGC  
Grand Recorder

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

\*\*\*\*\*The Annual Meeting of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation for the Division of Delaware was called to order at 4:20 P.M., on Friday, March 12, 1999 by R. E. Grand Commander Mark E. Irwin immediately following the recess of the Ninth Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery.

On behalf of Secretary-Treasurer Thomas, PGC, Past Grand Commander Townsend reported that during 1999, no loans had been granted and there were no loans currently outstanding. He referred the members of the Committee to the Report provided in Grand Commandery regards the activities of the Foundation over the past year as well as the changes made in the Investment Strategy of the Fund. He also reported that the affairs and books of the Foundation for 1999 had been audited by the Grand Commandery Finance Committee and found to be in order. Further, the Annual Report has been filed with the office of the Grand Encampment.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Irwin announced that the incoming Grand Commander, Robert V. McDowell, III had appointed the following as members of the Educational Foundation Committee:

Franklin R. Townsend, PGC, Coordinator and Chairman  
Donald D. Thomas, PGC, Secretary-Treasurer  
Frank A. Battaglia  
Chester C. Coffin

On motion duly made, seconded and approved, the Committee recommended that, due to lack of loans and low activity, no surety bond be obtained for the forthcoming period ending March 2001.

On motion duly made, seconded and approved, the 2000 Budget, reflecting a \$15.00 mailing expense, was approved. Nothing further claiming the attention of the Committee, the meeting was closed at 5:45 P.M.

Attest:

Donald D. Thomas, PGC, KCT  
Secretary-Treasurer

**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 -01
Charles W. Barkins, 1995-96	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 2001-02
* T. Eugene Womach, 1996-97	James R. Herrington, 2002-03

**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
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Henry G. Law, PGC, 1994-95	G. Thomas Taylor, III 2001
	Richard A. Scarlott, 2002

**GRAND RECORDERS**

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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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* 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
* Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	<b>FLORIDA</b>	William Robert Young
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* Carl V. Driesbach	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	Harry R. Brahmstadt
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* Robert E. Wasson	<b>KANSAS</b>	Barry G. Albin
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* 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
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* Richard A. Scarlott	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	Aldine Jack Tillotson
* William J. Littel	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	Stephen Lutz
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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
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* William J. Littel	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	Lee Roy Bruce
* Eugene R. Small	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	Lowell C. Holmgren
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* James R. Herrington	<b>WYOMING</b>	

\* - Present e - Excused



**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
	Generalissimo
Howard L. Robertson, III	Captain General
Jay C. Bergstrom	Senior Warden
Wayne T. Slack	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 2002 plus 4000 becomes 6002. 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 2002 plus 530 becomes 2532. 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 2002 plus 1000 become 3002. 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 2002 becomes 884. 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 2002 plus 1913 becomes 3915. 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 2002 plus 3760 becomes 5762. 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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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**2000 - 2003**

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2002 - 2003**

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 The Twelfth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights  
 Templar of Delaware will be held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market  
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