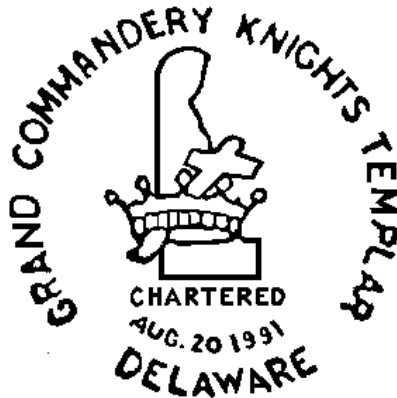


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF DELAWARE**



**AT ITS
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 8, 2008, AO 890**



**G. THOMAS TAYLOR
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
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**THE GRAND COMMANDERY
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The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Delaware reconvened at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market St., Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday, March 8, 2008, A.O. 890 at 1:00 PM by Right Eminent Grand Commander Depfer for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the 17th Annual Conclave. The following officers were in their respective stations:

R.E. Grand Commander	G. Thomas Taylor
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander	Jay C. Bergstrom
E. Grand Generalissimo	Charles T. Hart
E. Grand Captain General	Wayne T. Slack
E. Grand Treasurer	Excused
E. Grand Recorder	Franklin R. Townsend
E. Grand Senior Warden	John D. Hiott
E. Grand Junior Warden	David H. Laucius
E. Grand Prelate	R. Nelson Biggs
E. Grand Standard Bearer	A. Tony Maxwell
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Maurice C. Barnes
E. Grand Warder	John W. Peronti
E. Grand Sentinel	Absent

Eminent Sir Knight Robert A. Benson offered prayer for the deliberations and wellbeing 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

A. Tony Maxwell	Past Commander
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ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY NO. 2

James G. Horn	Eminent Commander
James B. Walsh	Generalissimo
Maurice C. Barnes	Captain General

TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3

James R. Hanby Eminent Commander

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 to publish them in the Proceedings of this Conclave.

CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets that were received were reported.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

CONNECTICUT

William Barr GHP
Raymond Tomlinson

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

R.E. Robert B. Malwitz PGC

FLORIDA

E. Charles L. Hollinger DDC

MAINE

Nelson Pratt GHP
Alexander Marusa Gr Capt of the Host
Palmer Martin PGHP
Dave Billings DDGHP

MARYLAND

R.E. Patrick Curtis GC
V.E. Tom Heimiller DGC
E. Royce Watson JGW

NEW JERSEY

R.E. Michael F. Lakat GC
E. Barry R. Ballario GSB

NORTH CAROLINA

R. E. Fred Whitty GC
E. Dale Davis GSB

ONTARIO

R.E. David Hardie PGFP
S.K. Don Kline PGFP
Brian Cunningham Grand First Principal

PENNSYLVANIA

R.E. John Lewis Northeast Dept. Commander
V.E. Bryan R. Berry GC
R.E. David L. Kempfer PGC
E. John K. March GSW

RHODE ISLAND

R.E. Ray Hassell PGC
Marc Paul PIGM

VIRGINIA

R.E. Francis M. McGrath GC
E. Phillip E. Maybery GCG

MID-ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Vaughn Shafer Dept. Commander
Robert Cave Grand Prelate

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

R.E.C. Granville McVey, PGC
R.E. Donald D. Thomas, PGC
R. E. James A. Pletz, PGC

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

R.E. Franklin R. Townsend

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF DELAWARE

R.E. James R. Herrington R.E. Mark E. Irwin
R.E. Arthur A. Loveless R.E. James A. Pletz
R.E. Donald D. Thomas

GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE

M.W. Herbert J. Atkinson, PGM M.W. James A. Pletz, PGM
M. W. Donald D. Thomas, PGM R.W. John W. Peronti, SGW
R.W. Eugene R. Small, DGS

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight Vaughn F. Shafer, Right Eminent Department Commander of the Mid-Atlantic Department Commander and Sir Knight Robert Cave, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and Personal Representative of Most Eminent Grand Master William H. Koon, II were received, and escorted into the Asylum and to the foot of the line, where they were received and escorted to the East by Grand Commander Taylor. Sir Knight Cave was presented the Sword of Authority to rule over the Grand Conclave. The Grand Prelate thanked the Grand Commander for that opportunity, but preferred, for the moment, to step aside and allow Grand Commander Taylor to rule and govern his Grand Conclave.

RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER

Right Worshipful John W. Peronti, Senior Grand Warden of Masons in Delaware, was recognized by Grand Commander Taylor. RW Brother Peronti extended sincere fraternal greetings to the visiting Sir Knights and welcomed all to the First State.

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

Sir Knight Robert Cave, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Vaughn Schafer, Right Eminent Mid Atlantic Department Commander, Sir Knight John M. Lewis, Right Eminent Northeast Department Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Distinguished Guests and Sir Knights all.

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you and extend Chivalric greetings. Thank you for giving of your time and efforts to share in our 17th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Delaware.

Our thanks to St. John's Commandery #1 for sponsoring last evening's Templar Feast. Those of us who participated enjoyed good food, good companionship, and excellent enlightenment from the speaker, the Right Eminent Grand Prelate. Thank you to the Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery #3 for providing the Honor Guard for the reception of our distinguished guests. We look forward to your providing this service each year.

The constitutional number of Commanderies being present, the Conclave is in order.

It has been my honor and pleasure to represent the Grand Commandery at the Grand Conclaves of: South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and Maine. I have found it interesting and informative to witness the ways Templary is working in our sister jurisdictions.

Grand visitations were made to all constituent commanderies. Visits were made as time and schedule permitted. I had the honor of installing the Officers of St. Andrew's Commandery assisted by Past Grand Commander Loveless.

I represented the Grand Commandery at the Annual Brotherhood Night, the Easter Sunrise service in Alexandria, VA, the Summer Assembly of the Great Smoky Mountains, the Annual and semi-annual sessions of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, the Annual Christmas Observance of St. John's #1 and Trinity #3 Commanderies as well as numerous other regular Masonic body meetings.

At the 16th Annual Conclave two issues were carried over. One involved Chivalric charges against a member. I appointed a committee to investigate the charges and present a recommendation. It is the feeling of the committee that the missing material has been turned in and no further action is necessary.

The second issue involved the per-capita increase approved at the 63rd Triennial of Grand Encampment. After careful research and investigation, I determined that the proposed action of the motion was in conflict with the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Decisions of Grand Encampment and therefore totally out of order. Since all Sir Knights, both at their knighting and at their installation to office, pledge to obey those Grand Encampment directives, I assume the motion was made and passed based totally on emotion and a lack of knowledge and not a deliberate attempt to have anyone violate their vows. It did surprise me that with several Past Grand Commanders, several very knowledgeable and respected Past Grand Commanders, I might add, the motion was permitted. This is quite disturbing particularly since the ramifications of the motion could have been very detrimental to this Grand Commandery.

STATE OF THE RITE:

My theme this year has been charity. At each of our Grand visitations, a collection was taken. Each collection was to support one of our charities, the Grand Commandery Permanent Fund, Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The generosity of the Sir Knights was overwhelming on each occasion.

I committed to sending a minister on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. However, the Grand Commandery lacked sufficient funds to make this happen. An appeal was sent to the membership and I am pleased to report the response was awesome! We received enough funds to sponsor Rev. Beverly Black Lewis, a Methodist minister on the Holy Land Pilgrimage. I acknowledge and thank the membership for their generosity.

Delaware continues to retain an excellent status in contributions per member to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Trinity Commandery will reach or exceed the \$10/member milestone as it has for every year of its existence.

We are lacking in large donations to the Permanent Fund. However, the small donations we receive are greatly appreciated and allow the fund to grow. I encourage each Sir Knight to consider a commitment, of whatever size, to the Permanent Fund. This fund will allow the good works of Templary to continue after we have been called to that Celestial Lodge above.

In April, Trinity Commandery hosted a one day class for the conferral of the Orders. As this was a Saturday class, we were able to Knight several candidates who were pending due to their work schedules. As a result of this one day, 13 new Sir Knights were created. A total of 19 Sir Knights were created this Chivalric year. It was my pleasure to participate in the conferral of the orders in all 3 Commanderies. In spite of this success, our total membership suffered a net loss of 14 due to deaths, demits and suspensions.

It has been my pleasure to appoint 13 Grand Representatives to other jurisdictions. This large class was necessary to up date our Grand Representatives replacing members who have died or become incapacitated.

Recommendations:

Recommendation #1

In the short history of this Grand Commandery many items loaned to individuals have gone missing. We are beginning to incur expenses to replace caps and mantles simply because an appointed officer has not returned his cap and mantle at the end of his term of office. This expense is necessary to assure the uniformity of all our Grand Commandery officers. While it is anticipated that from time to time caps and mantles may have to be replaced due to normal wear, we can not afford to replace a full officer's line on a regular basis. Therefore, I recommend:

Amend Article VII Section 1 by adding, following 13. Grand Sentinel 14. *Grand Quartermaster*

Amend Article VII by adding a Section 3 to read:

The Quartermaster for Grand Commandery should maintain and secure an inventory of all items belonging to Grand Commandery and who is in possession of each item. Any individual borrowing property belonging to Grand Commandery should sign for each

item and it should be clearly communicated that the property is to be returned in good order when the borrower is finished with the item.

I would encourage each constituent commandery to look into a similar policy. Replacement uniform parts (swords, chapeau's etc.) and costumes for the conferral of the Orders, can be very expensive if they can even be replaced.

Recommendation #2

AMEND: Article X Eligibility to Office

ADD: *Section 2. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any elected office in this Grand Commandery unless he shall have attended at least one Leadership Training program and can show proficiency in conducting a proper business meeting*

Recommendation #3

Adopt as Standing resolution #3 the following:

HONORS AND AWARDS

Section 1. Honorary Order of the First State

- A. The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize substantial donations to Knights Templar.
- B. This award will be given to any person donating \$1,000 to the Grand Commandery Permanent Fund, and/or Knight Templar Eye Foundation and/or Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.
- C. This award will be presented by the Grand Commander at an appropriate time and place and upon the recommendation of the Grand Recorder/Grand Treasurer.
- D. There will be no limit to the number of this award given.
- E. The award will be in the form of a diamond shaped piece of olive wood with the seal of the State of Delaware on the front, suspended by a blue ribbon from a pin bar upon which will be engraved the name

of the Order. A gold color star, to be attached to the ribbon, will be awarded for each multiple of \$1,000 donation.

- F. The award shall be financed by Grand Commandery funds in such a manner as the Committee on Finance shall decide.

My year as Grand Commander is rapidly coming to a close. As it does, I am reminded of the part in the Order of the Temple where the Commander instructs the Pilgrim Penitent "...go forth ... with faith and humility, you should let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." I have so endeavored to live my life and commend each Sir Knight to contemplate these words "with faith and humility" in all his actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Thomas Taylor
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

This report will consist of some figures and a few comments. The detailed figures and account numbers are available and will be printed in the proceedings of this Grand Conclave. The financial net worth of this Grand Commandery, including all of the seven accounts, as of 1/31/2008 is \$28,655.21, compared to \$25,578.42. This amount shows an increase of \$3,198.34. This is not an accurate amount, because one of the Commanderies was late in paying its annual fee last year, therefore it is included in this year's figures. All other normal expenses were paid within this fiscal year. The CD accounts made moderate gains during the year and some of the interest rates have improved. I thank the members of this Grand Commandery for allowing me to serve as Treasurer for the last six years.

2007 GRAND COMMANDERY

BALANCE	CHECKING	IMMA SAVINGS	FLEX CD TRANS	P.F. SAVINGS
1/31/07	\$2,600.35	\$1,594.77	\$8,000.00	\$1,023.52
WITHDRAW	0	0	0	(\$121.55)
OPEN CK.	\$102.90	0	0	0
DEPOSIT	\$7,472.15	0	0	\$499.55
INT. TRF.	0	\$373.77	0	\$512.76
INTEREST	0	\$6.16	0	\$3.59
TRANS	0	0	0	0
INTEREST	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	\$10,175.40	\$1,974.70	\$8,000.00	\$1,917.87
DISBURSE				
BANQUET	\$398.00	0	0	0
OP.EXP.	\$3,086.39	0	0	0
EYE FNDRN	\$175.00	0	0	0
TRANS TO	0	0	0	0
CHECKING	0	0	0	0
PERM FUND	0	0	0	0
CD	0	0	0	0
HOLY LAND	\$2,006.00	0	0	0
OPEN CK.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	\$5,665.39	0	0	0
1/31/2008	\$4,510.01	\$1,974.70	\$8,000.00	\$1,917.87

BALANCE	P.F. CD	HOLY LAND	BIBLE FUND	TOTAL
1/31/07	\$10,000.00	\$1,548.23	\$811.55	\$25,456.87
WITHDRAW	0	0	0	0
OPEN CK.	0	0	0	0
DEPOSIT	\$0	\$1,969.00	0	0
INT. TRF.	0	0	0	0
INTEREST	0	\$3.88	\$1.97	0
TRANS	\$0	(\$2,006.00)	0	0
INTEREST	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	\$10,000.00	\$1,439.11	\$813.52	0
DISBURSE				
BANQUET	\$0	0	0	0
OP.EXP.	0	0	0	0
EYE FNDRN	0	0	0	0
TRANS TO	0	0	0	0
CHECKING	0	0	0	0
PERM FUND	0	0	0	0
CD	0	0	0	0
HOLY LAND	0	0	0	0
OPEN CK.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	0
1/31/2008	\$10,000.00	\$1,439.11	\$813.52	\$28,655.21

I move that this report be received, printed in the proceedings of this Grand Conclave, and referred to the Finance Committee for their actions.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Scarlott, PGG, 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

It is unnecessary to reiterate the financial figures as they are detailed in the Grand Treasurer's report. This past calendar year, each Commandery knighted candidates, resulting in 19 new Knights Templar. However, suspensions were way up resulting in a loss of 14 or approximately 4.5%.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

<u>COMM</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>KT</u>	<u>REIN</u>	<u>AFFIL</u>	<u>DEMI</u>	<u>SUSP</u>	<u>DIED</u>	<u>END</u>
No. 1	136	7	1	1	1	1	2	141
No. 2	119	3	0	0	3	0	2	117
NO. 3	53	9	0	0	5	20	1	36
TOTAL	308	19	1	1	9	21	5	294
NET								
LOSS	14							

Fraternally submitted,
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC, Grand Recorder

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

As you all know, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar canceled the Holy Land Pilgrimage for 2007. This year there are 2 groups being sent to the Holy Land. The first group traveled Feb. 5 to Feb.15. The second group traveled Feb. 19 to Feb. 29.

The Grand Commandery of DE is pleased to announce that we sent a Minister in the second group. She is Rev. Beverly Lewis of Aldersgate Methodist Church in Wilmington. On January 27 the Grand Commander of Delaware and I presented Rev. Lewis the

trip to the Holy Land on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Delaware. She will be here today to tell us of her trip.

If you know of a worthy Minister who would like to go to the Holy Lane, please let this Committee know. The Grand Commandery of Delaware is still asking for your monetary support. We will be sending out requests later in 2008.

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne T. Slack, Grand Captain General, Chairman
Robert A. Benson, PC

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 will be \$38.00 per Commandery.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

R.E. Grand Commander, all distinguished guests and Sir Knights:

Two requests for assistance were received this year. The first came from a Masonic Brother of Covenant Lodge No. 161, F & AM of Palmyra, NY, on behalf of his mother, a resident of Frankford, DE. Upon contacting his mother by phone, she informed me that she could not be helped due to the two conditions affecting her vision, which were macular degeneration and astigmatism. I expressed my regrets than any valid help was not available.

The second inquiry was from Brother Wayne Simpler of the Seaford area, who was seeking help for a friend in need of special glasses to aid his failing eyesight, costing upwards of \$3,000. I informed Brother Wayne the foundation requires surgical procedures, the one exception being a requirement for lenses following certain types of surgery. I suggested he contact the Nemours Health Clinic in Milford, DE, which might be of help, if the patient is at least 65 years of age. I also suggested contacting the local Lions Club International.

I want to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Taylor for his appointment to this committee.

Fraternally submitted,
Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC, Chairman

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The investment market for the funds of the Educational Foundation has been, for a portion of this year, somewhat kinder to us but, of late, somewhat disappointing. We continue to restrict the investments to very secured markets. The net investments of the Fund at the beginning of calendar year 2007 were slightly under \$58,000.00. Continued investment of our approximately \$54,000.00 in a CD raised income of slightly over \$2500.00.

As has been the custom of this Committee for the past several years, and in full compliance with the Grand Encampment rules governing the disbursements of moneys from this Fund, we have provided Grants, out of these current earnings, to:

- Delaware DeMolay - \$500.00
- 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center - \$500.00
- Delaware Job's Daughters - \$500.00

It was a pleasure to again return to providing a grant to the Jurisdictional Guardian Council of Job's Daughters of Delaware after their omission last year as previously noted.

Overall our expenditures to the worthwhile organizations noted were \$1500.00. Our net worth has remained effectively constant this year at about \$58,000.00

I recognize that we now have a new Grand Recorder at Grand Encampment, and he obviously needs time to become accustomed to his new duties and responsibilities. I would note, however, that we have directed several inquiries to his office, which still remain unanswered. Of particular concern, is a recent request from the IRS for filing of tax information. This information, in the past, has always been provided by Grand Encampment. We patiently await guidance and direction from Grand Encampment.

The annual budget for this year shows a small expenditure of monies for postage. For the 14 years that I have been Treasurer/Secretary for the Foundation, they have not experienced any charges for operational purposes. With the continued increase in postal rates, and the obvious affluent position of the Grand

Encampment Educational Foundation, it is time to charge them for their expenses.

The expected income from investments this year will probably be about \$2000.00, which will be distributed, as needed, to worthwhile Delaware activities. Once again, because of the small amount of money involved in this Fund, we recommend that the officers need not be bonded.

As noted last year, all monies are now (as of January 11, 2007) consolidated into two accounts at Delaware National Bank. With the change in Internet banking to include non-profit organizations, we will continue to examine the opportunities available from that source.

I would again this year continue to suggest to you, my Fraters, that this plan, initiated 14 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

I move for the acceptance of this Report, its recommendation and the proposed budget.

PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

Your Permanent Fund Committee is pleased to report an increase this year of approximately 8.141% or \$886.54. We wish to thank those who contributed to the Fund and also our Grand Treasurer Richard Scarlott for watching over our interest income.

Permanent Fund Savings
0496384173

Permanent Fund CD
0495621492/ 0494229677

12/31/06	\$888.80	12/31/06	\$10,000.00
Receipts	504.55	Receipts	0
Withdrawal	(121.55)	Withdrawal	0
Interest	3.22	Interest	0
CD Interest	\$ 500.32	CD Interest	0
Total 12/31/07	\$1,775.45	Total 12/31/07	\$10,000.00
Current interest	.23%	Current interest	5.117%
Total assets	\$11,775.34	Matures 10/23/08	24-month renewable Increase of 8.141%

We would like to see more activity by the Commanderies so that the fund will grow. It has been a pleasure serving the Grand Commandery this year.

Fraternally submitted,
C. Granville McVey, PGC

2006 GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Beginning bank balance	\$2,137.44
Deposits	5,750.00
Expenses	7,012.52
Less hotel deposit for 2007	500.00
Balance including \$500 advanced by Grand Council	\$ 874.92

Amount to be reimbursed from Grand Bodies to return total to \$1,600.00.

Grand Chapter	\$ 796.03
Grand Council	660.89
Grand Commandery	733.83
Expected balance	\$1,690.75

Sincerely and fraternally,
James R. Herrington, PIGM, and GYR Weekend Treasurer

AWARDS COMMITTEE

There were no recommendations for consideration this past year.

For the Committee
S.K. Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGC

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**

The Jurisprudence Committee is pleased to be able to review the report of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, G. Thomas Taylor. Sir Knight Taylor is to be commended for his attention to his duties.

Our Grand Commander attended the deliberations of 8 sister jurisdictions. We thank those jurisdictions for the courtesies extended to our Grand Commander. We are confident that the friendships and knowledge gained from this experience will benefit not only our Grand Commander but our Grand Commandery in the future.

His attention to the official visits to all constituent commanderies is appreciated and is the key to showing the Grand Commandery's support to its members. His installing of the officers of St. Andrew's Commandery is to be commended. We are sure the officers were honored by having him perform the installation assisted by Past Grand Commander Loveless.

The committee acknowledges and thanks the Grand Commander for his other Masonic visits. We know that he represented our Grand Commandery well at all of these events.

The committee concurs that no further action is necessary in regards to the investigation as to whether charges were to be made against a member.

The committee also concurs that it would be inappropriate for the Grand Commandery to send a letter to the Grand Encampment protesting the per capita increase. All permanent members of Grand Encampment were given adequate notice and any opposition should have been made at the triennium.

Our Grand Commander is to be commended for his efforts to raise funds for each of the Grand Commandery's charities. We would also thank the Sir Knights for their generous donations to help all of these worthy causes.

Raising the funds and sending a minister to the Holy Land is indeed one of the most important charities that we have. I am sure that Rev. Lewis gained much from her experience and will have a new perspective when preaching the Gospel after having walked where Jesus walked.

A great accomplishment was the knighting of 13 Sir Knights in April. The Grand Commander is commended for his participation in the various orders in all 3 Commanderies. The committee also notes that deaths, demits and suspensions continue to reduce our membership. Although we cannot stop deaths, we can work to reduce the suspensions and demits by talking with these Sir Knights and finding out the circumstances that are causing them to take this action. All of these Sir Knights had an interest at one time and we should find out what changed to lower that interest.

Grand Representatives are an important tool for communicating between this Grand Commandery and our sister jurisdictions. We thank the Grand Commander for updating the roles and appointing 13 Grand Representatives to other jurisdictions.

Our Grand Commander had 1 General Order and 1 dispensation and the Committee find them in order and within his rights and prerogative.

The Grand Commander made 4 recommendations

Recommendation #1 – A sum of \$50 be budgeted to defray the cost of the Scottish Rite/York Rite Family picnic. This requires no legislative action and the committee recommends that it be referred to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the annual budget.

Recommendation #2 – The committee agrees that a method of controlling the expense for Grand Officer uniforms and jewels is essential and recommends the proposed amendments to the Constitution:

Amend Article VII Section 1 by adding, following
13. Grand Sentinel
14. *Grand Quartermaster*

Amend Article VII by adding a Section 3 to read:

The Quartermaster for Grand Commandery should maintain and secure an inventory of all items belonging to Grand Commandery and who is in possession of each item. Any individual borrowing property belonging to Grand Commandery should sign for each item and it should be clearly communicated that the property is to be returned in good order when the borrower is finished with the item.

In conjunction with Section 3, a suitable form should be drafted to be used.

As this is an amendment to the Constitution, we move that this be considered a first reading and that it be laid over to the next Annual Conclave.

Recommendation #3 – The committee agrees that the need for Leadership Training is essential for our leaders. There are many venues for this including Department Meetings, Grand Lodge Leadership training as well as the Northeast York Rite Conference.

We therefore recommend the adoption of this amendment.

AMEND: Article X Eligibility to Office

ADD: *Section 2. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any elected office in this Grand Commandery unless he shall have attended at least one Leadership Training*

As this is an amendment to the Constitution, we move that this be considered a first reading and that it be laid over to the next Annual Conclave.

Recommendation #4

The committee supports the adoption of the formation of the Honorary Order of the First State as Standing Resolution #3:

HONORS AND AWARDS

Section 1. Honorary Order of the First State

- G. The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize substantial donations to Knight Templar.
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- L. The award shall be financed by Grand Commandery funds in such a manner as the Committee on Finance shall decide.

I move the adoption of this as Standing Resolution #3

Right Eminent Taylor is to be commended for an outstanding year and we wish Lady Sharon and him well in the future. We thank him for his leadership and stewardship during this past Chivalric Year. He has served us well and know that he will be an asset of this Grand Commandery in the future.

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OTHER MATTERS

The Committee also received in writing 2 items from Past Grand Commander Donald Thomas.

The first is a proposal for the following Standing Resolution:

Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability

Expenditures of the Grand Commandery are subject to approval by the Grand Commander attested by the Grand Recorder. No Sir Knight, or Committee, can commit this Grand Commandery for expenditures beyond that included for their activity in the Annual Budget, as prepared by the Finance Committee, without prior written approval of the Grand Commander and the Finance Committee. Any such commitment made, without said written approval becomes the responsibility of the offending individual(s) or Committee.

In reviewing the Grand Commandery Constitution, Article XX, Section 1 states that Procedures in Masonic Law not covered in the Statutes of this Grand Commandery shall follow those of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Constitution and Code of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Delaware.

The Grand Lodge Constitution and Code is silent on this issue. The Grand Encampment Constitution however, does cover this under Section 12, where it states that Funds of the Grand Encampment shall be disbursed on Warrants on the Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Master, or in his absence or disability by the Deputy Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Recorder. In the event of the absence or temporary disability of the Grand Recorder, Warrants signed by the Grand Master may be attested by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

As this section covers the nature of the standing resolution and the fact that any other items without the proper approvals would be invalid and should not be paid, we recommend that this motion not be adopted. The committee does agree that the Grand Officers should be following this method and all Committee chairman should ensure that their requests for funding should be submitted to the Committee on Finance in adequate time before the Grand Sessions

so that they may be incorporated in the budget to be approved by the Grand Commandery.

The second proposal deals with the extension of the Grand Commander's term to 2 years. Several jurisdictions have considered this in various other bodies. In reviewing the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment Constitution, no provision prohibits the re-electing of any officer. Section 146 of the Grand Encampment Constitution even covers the fact that it is unnecessary for re-elected officer to be installed by virtue of their former election and installation. The Committee therefore feels that no legislative action is necessary and sees no reason that a Grand Commander could not be re-elected for a second term.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mark Irwin, PGC– Chairman
Arthur Loveless, PGC
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. PGC

**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER/COUNCIL COMMANDERY SO THAT:**

1. Changes be made to the appropriate articles and sections of the constitutions of the York Rite Bodies which would establish a rotation that will rotate the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery on the Second Saturday of March, and the Friday immediately preceding that date, one body to meet at 1:00 PM on Friday, one body to meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, and one body to meet at 1:00 PM on Saturday.
2. This rotation will be effected the year immediately following the approval and enactment of this proposal by all three bodies.
3. The exception to this rotation will be any year that the Grand Commandery Conclave would fall on Friday the thirteenth day of the month of March. In that case, the rotation scheduled for the succeeding year would be in effect, and the rotation would continue on its scheduled cycle.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee of Finance perused the accounts of the Grand Commandery and found them to be accurate. Due to our sending a Minister to the Holy Land and the fact that one Commandery did not submit its annual assessment on time, the figures show a deficit of (\$2,208.89). This is to be expected when something out

of the ordinary occurs. I did not peruse the Recorder's finances as they were not forwarded to us.

We would like to commend Grand Treasurer Richard A. Scarlott for the exceptional manner in which he keeps his records. They are superb! There was no budget submitted.

Fraternally,
C. Granville McVey, PGC

RECOGNITION OF THE R.E. VAUGHN F. SHAFER MID-ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Sir Knight Vaughn Shafer, Mid-Atlantic 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE R.E. ROBERT CAVE GRAND PRELATE, GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight Robert Cave, Grand Prelate and Personal Representative of Most Eminent Grand Master William H. Koon, II, warmly addressed the fraters present and extended his sincere congratulations to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Delaware for their attentiveness to the duties of Chivalric Masonry. He brought the fraternal best wishes of Most Eminent Grand Master Koon to the Grand Commandery who joined him in congratulating Eminent Commander Taylor for his stewardship and leadership of this Grand Commandery this past year. He then shared with all the many positive actions being undertaken within Grand Encampment which promised to grow Chivalric Masonry in the days ahead. He then cordially thanked the Sir Knights of Delaware for their gracious hospitality.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominees for the next Chivalric Year are:

Grand Commander	S.K. Jay C. Bergstrom
Deputy Grand Commander	S.K. Charles T. Hart
Grand Generalissimo	S.K. Wayne T. Slack
Grand Captain General	S.K. John T. Hiott
Grand Treasurer	S.K. Richard A. Scarlott, PGC

Grand Recorder

S.K. Franklin R. Townsend, PGC

For the committee,
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGC
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC, Grand Recorder
Arthur A. Loveless, PGC

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 Taylor discharged all the Committees of this Grand Commandery with the sincere thanks of the Fraters of this Grand Commandery.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

R.E. Donald D. Thomas assumed the East as Grand Installing Officer and, assisted by R.E. James A. Pletz as Grand Marshal, proceeded to install a full line of Grand Officers as noted below, said installation to be effective as of 12:01 AM, Saturday, March 9, 2008.

R.E. Grand Commander	Jay C. Bergstrom
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander	Charles T. Hart
E. Grand Generalissimo	Wayne T. Slack
E. Grand Captain General	John D. Hiott
E. Grand Senior Warden	David H. Laucius
E. Grand Junior Warden	A. Tony Maxwell
E. Grand Prelate	R. Nelson Biggs
R. E. Grand Treasurer	Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
R.E. Grand Recorder	Franklin R. Townsend, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	Gilbert E. Greenfield
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Maurice C. Barnes
E. Grand Warder	John W. Peronti
E. Grand Sentinel	Donald F. Taylor

REMARKS BY INCOMING

R.E. GRAND COMMANDER BERGSTROM

From the moment we first are received into the fraternity until the day the last respects are paid to our memory, we are taught the reverence due the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Be attentive as the Grand Prelate offers prayer for this and all Grand Commanderies.

I am honored and humbled to stand before you as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Delaware. The opportunities for service presented to this Grand Commandery are vast and I, and this fine set of Grand officers who accompany me, are prepared, anxious and willing to seize each day as a day to not only advance the principles of Chivalric Masonry but to contribute to the growth and influence of Freemasonry in Delaware. Let each of us start renewed to bring to the world about us the finest teachings ever presented to the world – the teaching embodied upon the Volume that is ever open upon our Altars.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS TO CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

St. John's No. 1, Wilmington	Thursday, September 13, 2007
St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover	Thursday, October 18, 2007
Trinity No. 3, Wilmington	Tuesday, July 31, 2007

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Jurisprudence

Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGC

Ritual and Drill

Wayne T. Slack
Captains General

Easter Sunrise Service

Jay C. Bergstrom
G. Thomas Taylor
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC

K.T. Educational Foundation

Franklin R. Townsend, PGC
Donald D. Thomas, PGC

Awards

Charles A. Depfer, PGC
Commanders

Membership

Charles T. Hart
Generalissimos

Finance

C. Granville McVey, PGC
A. Tony Maxwell
James T. Elliott, Jr.

Religious Activity

R. Nelson Biggs
David F. Coady
Robert A. Benson

K.T. Eye Foundation

Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC
Charles A. Depfer, PGC
David H. Laucius

Grand York Rite Youth

G. Thomas Taylor

Leadership and Education

Charles A. Depfer, PGC
Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Arthur A. Loveless, PGC

Special Projects

Arthur A. Loveless, PGC

Permanent Fund

C. Granville McVey, PGC
Harry M. Sullivan, PGC
James A. Pletz, PGC
Donald D. Thomas, PGC
John D. Hiott

GYR Annual Meeting

Gilbert E. Greenfield
Jay C. Bergstrom
James R. Herrington, PGC

John B. Dorsey
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC
Herbert J. Atkinson
Commanders

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Wayne T. Slack
Robert A. Benson

Nominating

Harry M. Sullivan, PGC
Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC

The 18th Annual Convocation will be held in Wilmington, Delaware at 1:00 PM, on Friday, March 13, 2009.

There being no further business to claim the attention of this Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander called to recess and the Sir Knights dismissed at 4:28 PM.

Attest:

Franklin R. Townsend, Grand Recorder

GRAND COMMANDERS

Henry G. Law, 1991	*C. Ray Scarborough, 1992
Donald D. Thomas, 1993	C. Granville McVey, 1994
*Charles W. Barkins, 1995	*T. Eugene Womach, 1996
Franklin R. Townsend, 1997	James A. Pletz, 1998
Mark E. Irwin, 1999-2000	*Robert V. McDowell, III, 2000
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 2001	James R. Herrington, 2002
Charles H. Lengel, 2003	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 2004
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., 2005	Charles A. Depfer, 2006
G. Thomas Taylor, 2007	

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO

Richard A. Scarlott, 1994-95

GRAND TREASURERS

*Harry V. Felmey, 1991-2	Richard A. Scarlott, 1992-4
Henry G. Law, 1994-5	Donald D. Thomas, 1995-6
C. Granville McVey, 1996-2001	G. Thomas Taylor, III, 2001-3

Richard A. Scarlott, 2003--

GRAND RECORDERS

C. Granville McVey, 1991-2	Henry G. Law, 1992-5
C. Granville McVey, 1995-6	Donald D. Thomas, 1996-2000
Mark E. Irwin, 2000-3	James T. Ruby, 2003-6
Franklin R. Townsend, 2006--	

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Under Grand Encampment
*F. Irving Crow, PC

Under Grand Commandery

Chester C. Coffin, PC, 1992	Franklin R. Townsend, PC, 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	James A. Plerz, PGC
Donald D. Thomas, PGC	Richard A. Scarlott
* Deceased	

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Richard A. Scarlott	NORTH DAKOTA	Cory R. Lien
Mark E. Irwin	OHIO	
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James R. Herrington	WYOMING	

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

A. Tony Maxwell	Commander
Richard M. Bostic	Generalissimo
Robert A. Benson, PC	Captain General
John B. Dorsey, PC	Senior Warden
Terrance J. Miller	Junior Warden
C. Granville McVey, PC	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC	Recorder
James A. Pletz, PGC	Prelate
Jay C. Bergstrom, PC	Standard Bearer
Peter Tyrrell	Sword Bearer
Herbert J. Atkinson, PC	Warder
Lionel D. Hunter	Sentinel
	Guard
	Guard
	Guard

KNIGHTED
B. John Bialecki Lyman L. Krimmel
REINSTATED
Jams Philhower

DEMITTED
James S. Russell, Jr.

SUSPENDED
Ray Wample George Davis
Altay Kostem

DIED

Monte C. Banning	Harry G. Bergstrom
Vernon W. Burris	Scott A. Dalton

Vincent T. Elliott
C. Norwood Hudson
Stuart Knapp

Richard Holly
Maximilian C. Jaworowski
Francis E. Melvin

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

James G. Horn	Commander
James B. Walsh	Generalissimo
Maurice C. Barnes, PC	Captain General
George E. Gadsby	Senior Warden
Eric J. Evans	Junior Warden
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGC	Treasurer
John A. Eberly	Recorder
James L. Ferguson, PC	Prelate
James T. Ruby, PC	Standard Bearer
Walter F. Overington	Sword Bearer
Thomas E. Morrison	Warder
Christopher L. Dull	Sentinel

KNIGHTED

Parris S. Mancuso Jonathan L. Mears
Charles R. Wood

REINSTATED
None

AFFILIATED
None

DEMITTED

Roy T. Davis Vernon T. Smith
Robert F. VanGorder

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Leroy Fooks Harry D. Newell

TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3
WILMINGTON

Date of Charter: August 19 1991
Stated Conclave: January, April, July and October

OFFICERS

James R. Hanby	Commander
James M. Brittingham	Generalissimo
Neal J. Sobocinski	Captain General
	Senior Warden
H. Richard Hoffman	Junior Warden
James R. Herrington, PGC	Treasurer
Gilbert E. Greenfield, PGC	Recorder
	Prelate
Cesar E. Aniceto	Standard Bearer
Brian L. Hart	Sword Bearer
	Warder
Joint Board	Sentinel
	Guard
	Guard
	Guard

KNIGHTED

David R. Clements	Goodwin K. Cobb III
Sean G. V. Haley	Clayton W. Hewes IV
Jason T. Hewes	Jeffrey D. Hewes
H. Richard Hoffman	Terry C. Martz
Andrew L. Parson	Gary R. Williamson

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Charles C. Campbell	Harry A. Diehl
Ralph V. Estep	C. William Tulloch

SUSPENDED

William M. Hinde

DIED

William A. Sembert

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 becomes 3000. Cryptic Councils hold *Assemblies*.

Chivalric Masons or Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, *Anno Ordinis (A.O.)*. Take 1118 from the Christian era, 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.)*. Add 1913 to the Christian era, 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 *Ceremonials*.

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

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF DELAWARE
OFFICERS – 2008-2009**

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 The 18th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware will be held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, DE, on Friday, March 13, 2009, at 1:00 PM.
