

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

AT ITS
NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 13, 2010, AO 892

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CHARLES T HART
Right Eminent Grand Commander
2009 – 2010

Charles T. Hart
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Knights Templar
Of Delaware
2009-2010

Charles was born to Harriet & Albert Hart on June 28, 1936 in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Albert, Sr., a Mason, was raised in Philadelphia at Lodge #130 in 1930. Both Harriet and Albert are now deceased.

Charles served in the Military in the Air Force, Navy and Army for 18 years. His professional career was spent in Structural Steel and as a Custom Builder.

His hobbies include traveling and woodworking. Charlie has an extensive collection of tee-shirts from his travels. He considers himself grateful for his Masonic career as it is very challenging and fulfilling.

Married to Elissa, they have blended their families of 3 daughters: Linda, Kristin and Andrea. Six grandchildren: Casey, John, Spencer, Jacob, Brielle and Abigail.

Charles and Elissa reside in Delaware surrounded by family.

His older brother, Albert Hart, Jr. was raised in Scott Lodge in Pennsylvania, and is now a member of Chester Lodge # 115 in Chestertown, Maryland.

His younger brother, Brian Hart, was raised in Brandywine Lodge #33, and is a member and Past Master of Jackson Lodge, Delaware City, Delaware.

Masonic Career is as follows:

1968 Entered Scott Lodge, Chester, PA

1968 Crafted

1969 Raised

1979 Transferred to Washington Lodge # 1

2000 Plural Member of Brandywine Lodge # 33,

2005-2006 Master of Brandywine Lodge # 33

York Rite

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

1975 Oriental Chapter #183, Philadelphia Pennsylvania

1979 St. John's Chapter #4, Wilmington, Delaware

High Priest 1999, 2001

Council of Cryptic Masons

1991 Gunning Bedford Council # 1 Wilmington, Delaware

2004 Illustrious Master Gunning Bedford # 1 Royal & Select Master

2006-2007 Illustrious Grand Master Royal and Select Masters in Delaware

Commandery of Knight Templars

1976 Knights Templar, # 66 Chester, Pennsylvania

2003 Trinity #3

2003 Eminent Commander Trinity Commandery #3, Wilmington, Delaware

2009-2010 Eminent Grand Commander of Delaware

Scottish Rite

1987 32nd degree Valley of Wilmington

Other

2006-2007 Delaware Council # 18 Excellent Chief

2006 1st State York Rite College #45

2006 Blue Hen Council #338 AMD, Sovereign Master

2006 2 by 2 Lodge Royal Arch Mariners #15

2006 Keystone Council # 113

2006 Joshua Association

2007 Jesse Green Priory, KYCH

2007 Elected to Delaware Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

2009 Shield & Square Club of Delaware

The Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of Delaware

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in the State of Delaware reconvened at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware on Friday, March 12, 2010, A.O. 892 at 1:00 PM by Right Eminent Grand Commander Jay C. Bergstrom for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the 18th Annual Conclave. The following Officers were in their respective stations:

R.E. Grand Commander	Charles T Hart
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander	Wayne T Slack
E. Grand Generalissimo	John D Hiott
E. Grand Captain General	David H. Laucius
R.E. Grand Treasurer	Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
R.E. Grand Recorder	G. Thomas Taylor, PGC, KCT
E. Grand Senior Warden	A. Tony Maxwell, KTCH
E. Grand Junior Warden	James G Horn
E. Grand Prelate	Robert A Benson
E. Grand Standard Bearer	Jon B Cottrell
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Maurice C. Barnes
E. Grand Warder	Donald F. Taylor
E. Grand Sentinel	James L. Ferguson, KTCH

Eminent Sir Knight Robert A Benson offered prayer for the deliberations and wellbeing of the Grand Commandery, its officers 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. Johns Commandery #1

Loinel Hunter	Commander
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St. Andrew's Commandery #2

James B. Walsh	Commander
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Trinity Commandery #3

Neal J. Sobocinski

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

PENNSYLVANIA

Leslie J. Loomis

Grand Commander

John K. March

Grand Generalissimo

Jerry J. Hamilton

Grand Senior Warden

Maryland

Thomas G. Highmiller

Grand Commander

Ronald L. Aughenbaugh

PGC, Grand Treasurer

New Jersey

William E. Sharp

Grand Commander

Robert Thornburgh

Grand Instructor

District of Columbia

Robert Malwitz

Past Grand Commander

Charles Wagner

Past Grand Commander

North Carolina

Dale T. Davis

Grand Junior Warden

Grand Encampment Department Commanders

Willial R. Brunk

Mid Atlantic Dept. Commander

Representative of Grand Encampment

John Lewis

Past Northeast Dept. Commander

Knight Commander of the Temple

R.E. C. Granville McVey, PGC

R.E. Donald D. Thomas, PGC

R.E. James Albert Pletz, PGC

R.E. G. Thomas Taylor, PGC

R.E. Mark E Irwin, PGC

E. Chester C Coffin, PC

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF DELAWARE

R. E. Donald D Thomas

R.E. James A. Pletz

R.E. C. Granville McVey

R.E. James R Herrington

R.E. Mark E. Irwin

R.E. Sheldon Edwards

R.E. Arthur A. Loveless

R.E. Charles A. Depfer

R.E. G. Thomas Taylor

R.E. Jay C Bergstrom

GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE

M.W. James A. Pletz, PGM

M.W. Donald D. Thomas, PGM

M.W. Herbert J Atkinson PGM

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight William R Brunk, Right Eminent Department Commander of the Mid-Atlantic Department, and personal representative of Most Eminent Grand Master William H. Koon II was received and escorted into the Asylum. He was received at the foot of the line by Grand Commander Hart who escorted him to the East. Sir Knight Brunk was presented the Sword of Authority to rule over the Grand Conclave. Sir Knight Brunk

thanked the Grand Commander for the opportunity but preferred to step aside and allow Grand Commander Hart to rule and govern his Grand Conclave.

RECEPTION OF GRAND MASTER

Right Worshipful John W. Peronti, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was recognized by Grand Commander Hart. 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

Most Worshipful Grand Master James E. Willey, Jr, Right Eminent Robert Cave, Grand Prelate, Right Eminent William E. Brunk, Mid-Atlantic Department Commander, Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and Personal Representative of Most Eminent William J. Koon, Most Eminent Grand Master, Visiting Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights all:

Welcome to the 19th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Delaware. Welcome Sir Knights, thank you for coming. I appreciate your participating in this conclave.

Introduction of the Grand Staff

I especially want to thank this Grand Staff. With your support the year has been productive. Even though we don't always agree, we have come to solutions for the benefit of the Commandery.

V E Deputy Grand Commander	Wayne T. Slack
E Grand Generalissimo	John D. Hiott
E Grand Captain General	David H. Laucius
E Grand senior Warden	A. Tony Maxwell KTCH
E Grand Junior Warden	James G. Horn
E Grand Prelate	Robert A. Benson
V E Grand Treasurer	Arthur A. Loveless PGC
R E Grand Recorder	G. Thomas Taylor PGC
E Standing Bearer	Jon B. Cotrell
E Grand Sword Bearer	Maurice C. Barnes

E Grand Warder

Donald F. Taylor

E Grand Sentinel

James L. Ferguson KTCH

NECROLOGY

We have lost 3 members of Knights Templar this year. PGC Henry G. Law, PGC Harry M. Sullivan Jr. and PC Albert H. Westerside.

GENERAL ORDERS/DISPENSATIONS

By Order of Right Eminent Charles T Hart, Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commandery's to waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigation, and balloting upon petitions received during the period from March 14, 2009 to March 15, 2010.

Dispensation is also granted, for the same period, to all Constituent Commandery's to waive the usual waiting period between the several Chivalric Orders.

Dispensation is also granted, for the same period, to all Constituent Commandery's to hold Special Assemblies for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions, provided however, that proper notice is given to all members, as well as to the Grand Recorder, of such Special Assemblies.

Dispensation is also granted, for the same time period, to all Constituent Commandery's to move their respective Charters to the location of any Templar Festivals held during that period for the purpose of receiving and balloting upon petitions, provided however, that proper notice of such temporary relocation is given to all members, as well as the Grand Recorder.

Given this twenty eighth Day of March, A.D. 2009, A.O. 891, with the seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware affixed hereto.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

I have made recommendations for these Grand Representatives for the following states. The commissions can be presented by my successor when the Grand Recorder receives the proper certificates. I have appointed 7 individuals to represent the Grand Commandery of Delaware in their respective jurisdictions. I have nominated several individuals to be representatives of other jurisdictions in Delaware.

Changes/additions to the State Representative list

Arkansas Jay C. Bergstrom

Florida Robert A. Benson

Georgia James M. Brittingham

Indiana	Gilbert E. Greenfield
Maryland	James B. Walsh
Michigan	Wayne T. Slack
Minnesota	Herbert J. Atkinson
Mississippi	Mark E. Irwin
Montana	Jon B. Cotrell
New Jersey	David H. Laucius
New Mexico	Charles T. Hart
North Carolina	G. Thomas Taylor
Oklahoma	A. Tony Maxwell
Oregon	James T. Elliott Jr.
South Carolina	James G. Horn
Tennessee	Herbert P. Fulmer
Vermont	Gilbert E. Greenfield
West Virginia	Wayne T. Slack

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS TO CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

It is the duty of the Grand Commander to visit the Commanderies in the State. It was a pleasure to attend these Commanderies in Delaware accompanied by the Grand Staff.

St Andrews #2 Sept 17th Sir Knight James B Walsh presiding. Was a pleasure to work with JB and I enjoyed the visit.

St John's #1 Oct 8th Sir Knight Lionel D. Hunter presiding. Lonny received me with respect and I enjoyed the visit.

Trinity #3 Oct 29th Sir Knight James M. Brittingham presiding. I enjoyed the visit and was received with honor.

The Commanders are a credit to the York Rite bodies. They continue to work hard for their Commandery. I visited each Commandery on more than one occasion. I accompanied the Grand High Priest, James R Herrington and Grand Illustrious Master, James B Walsh, on their Official visits when possible.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS TO SISTER GRAND COMMANDERIES

These are the Visitations and Grand Commanders that I visited this year.

I was given certificates of Honorary Memberships to each of these Commanderies.

New Jersey	March 7-8	as Deputy GC RE Michael Lackat
North Carolina	March 15-17	RE Richard Ripley
Washington DC	March 20-21	RE Michael M Wertz
Virginia	April 30-May 2	RE Jeffrey G Burcham
West Virginia	May 13-15	RE Sam Price & his Lady Wanda
Pennsylvania	May 18-19	RE Leslie Loomis & his Lady Sandy
Maryland	October 23-25	RE Thomas G Heimiller & his Lady Sharon

OTHER VISITATIONS

Easter Sunrise/Alexandria	April 10-13
Eastern Star/Delaware	May 5
Triennial/Roanoke	August 16-18
Mid-Atlantic Conference	September 11-13
Grand Lodge/DE Installation	October 4-5

It was a great pleasure to represent the Grand Commandery of Delaware. My lady, Elissa and I were received with honor and respect and enjoyed wonderful hospitality on all our visitations. Her navigational skills and support has been invaluable to me. We were invited to neighboring states outside my jurisdiction from the friendships we made on our travels making my year an awesome memorable year.

MY PROJECTS

My fund raising project this year has been collecting aluminum, copper, brass etc. Recycling bottles and any scrap that can be turned into cash. I have had many opportunities to collect due to members referring me to pick up their recyclables. Others have dropped off pounds of scrap that I have brought to the scrap yards. \$500.00 in donations has been made to the Permanent Fund, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and The Holy Land Pilgrimage.

With the assistance of the three senior Past Commanders of our Commanderies in Delaware, I have been working on establishing "A Chair Degree" for the incoming Commander of our Commanderies in Delaware and I have appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Past Grand Commander Donald Thomas, for this purpose. There is no doubt that the Chair degrees provided by our three sister York Rite bodies provide great support to their incoming officers and would be most welcomed in the Commandery.

I have been working on helping the State of Hawaii, through their Grand Master, Marty Alexander, to get a Grand Commandery for the State of Hawaii. I spoke with and sought the assistance of Most Eminent Grand Master, William H. Koon of Grand Encampment. I will be visiting Hawaii to follow up with Grand Master Alexander at his Grand Sessions in April.

I am collecting funds for "The Masonic Veteran's Memorial in Hawaii" on behalf of Knight's Templar of Delaware. I will present the money in Delaware's honor at their sessions in April.

Our Brethren in Hawaii are establishing "The Masonic Veteran's Memorial in Hawaii", The plaque will read: In Honor Of Those That Gave The Ultimate Sacrifice So That All Can Enjoy Our Freedom. (Square and Compass here) "Whom Virtue Unites, Death Cannot Separate."

I have been collecting monies to support this project and on behalf of Knight's Templar of Delaware, I will present the money in honor of Delaware's Knights Templar's at the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii in April. Further particulars on this project can be obtained from Worshipful Jeremy Hollaway, Master of Schofield Lodge in Hawaii, who has been appointed as the chairperson who heading up this committee. Please contact him at: dommiel757@yahoo.com or 808-554-7790 with any questions."

In addition to a can at the registration table, a collection can is available outside of this

Asylum that contributions can be put into. Thank you to all my Masonic Brothers that have served in the Armed Forces.

This year a very controversial subject was proposed to make additional funds available to assist the charities of Masonry in Delaware. Poker night was proposed and passed with much debate. There is a stream of revenue now coming in from this action. Thanks to everyone for their input, support and understanding in this immense undertaking.

I presented documentation on my visitations within the State to help the Commanderies learn the degree work to help keep the craft alive. I am a "Hands on Commander" and wish that what I have started will be followed through by the incoming Commander.

I picked Officers that I felt would complement their talents and areas of expertise. When I originally solicited them, I sought their acceptance and willingness to assist me in making The Commandery of Delaware the best it could be. I am somewhat disappointed with some of my choices. Officers that accepted the positions did not follow through causing my expectations to fall short of that original goal. My hope is that when making a commitment, the person does his best to fulfill his obligation.

The 1st 6 months I found myself seeking information on visitations in my jurisdiction. With the help of my wife and the Internet I solicited the invitations and was able to make all my visitations and represented Delaware with pride and integrity.

Excerpt from my Installation speech 2009.

"This year I am looking forward to having all Sir Knights bring in new members. This year is no different and will be my first goal. My second goal is to see that every Sir Knight knows their work." To achieve this, every officer in the line will be issued a copy of the Constitution of The Grand Commandery and the By-Laws of the Commandery. Each and every officer will be required to obtain a book of Rituals from

their recorders. He will be responsible to learn the opening and closing ritual work for the station he is occupying and should learn the station he will be advancing to next year. No officer will advance until proficiency has been proven and The Sir Knight has been signed off by the Grand Instructor as per the By-laws.”

During the year I found that some of the Commandery and Grand Commandery elected line officers did not have a strong working knowledge of their Commandery By-Laws and the Grand Commandery Constitution and Statutes. Some actions therefore have not complied with our laws. We need to improve the education of our future leadership. I fulfilled my education goal on my official visit with each Commandery.

The Committee for the Holy Land Pilgrimage was successful in selecting a Pilgrim and raising funds for this year’s Pilgrimage. The Reverend Mrs. Nancy Rowland of New Castle Presbyterian Church went February to the Holy Land and has promised to relate her experiences to any Commandery on request when she returns. The timing of this activity exposed the Grand Commandery to serious financial exposure. Fortunately the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery responded generously to a financial appeal thereby averting a financial disaster. Being pro-active in our planning starting in April will hopefully avoid situations like this in the future.

When I was installed Grand Commander, I asked Past Grand Commander Donald Thomas if he would accept the responsibility to prepare an insert for the Knights Templar Magazine. I am pleased to say that every issue of the Magazine this year had a Delaware Supplement thanks to the diligence of Sir Knight Thomas. Don has been a Mentor to me and has more than fulfilled his dedication to Knights Templary in Delaware.

A bible was presented to Jesse Green Chapter Order of DeMolay by PGC Arthur Loveless and PGC G Thomas Taylor on my behalf. Grand Master Willey, Sir Knights Jim Horn and Don Taylor were present.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1: To have this body approve the creation of a Past Commanders Association as defined in the Standing Resolution prepared by the Ad Hoc committee.

Recommendation 2: To create a Standing Resolution to require every Commandery and Grand Commander elective officer to certify that he has read and studied the Commandery By-Laws and or Grand Commandery Constitution and Statutes, as appropriate, before being installed into office.

Recommendation 3: To advise the Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage to start the solicitation of funds and Pilgrim recommendations no later than April 1 of each year, so that it can be determined that there are sufficient funds and a suitable Pilgrim for the program when the Grand Encampment requires enrollment. A Standing Resolution is not required, however, if sufficient funds have not been raised and a Pilgrim has not been selected by September 1, a Pilgrim should not be sent in that Chivalric year.

Recommendation 4: Sir Knight Chester C. Coffin is the senior Knight Templar in this Grand Jurisdiction and will be 100 years old on August 22 of this year. In compliance with Section 237 (a) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment and in compliance thereto with the written approval of Most Eminent Grand Master William H. Koon, I, Charles T. Hart, as Grand Commander of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware confer upon Sir Knight Chester C. Coffin the honorary title of Past Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery.

Sir Knights I would suggest to you that this presentation be made to Sir Knight Coffin in St, Andrew's Commandery just as soon as arrangements can be made with as many Sir Knights of the Grand Jurisdiction present as possible.

Recommendation 5: Proposed by PGC Don Thomas at the Annual Planning Committee, to join this Grand Commandery with Grand Chapter and Grand Council in sponsoring the Chester C. Coffin Centennial Class. The Commandery Degree has been scheduled for June 12th, 818 Market Street, starting at 9am.

Recommendation 6: Raise Grand Commandery per capita by \$1.00 to be used strictly for the purpose of assisting the funding of the Annual Banquet and Meeting.

CONCLUSION

I have enjoyed my year as Grand Commander. It has been a challenge dealing with the various issues that arose. My theme was Pride, Proficiency and Progress.

I served with Pride. I promoted Proficiency, and feel I have made Progress promoting Knights Templar in Delaware.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

2009 GRAND COMMANDERY

	CHECKING	IMMA SAVINGS	FLEX CD TRANS	P.F. SAVINGS
BALANCE				
1/31/10	\$2,737.76	\$2,699.15	\$8,000.00	\$2,784.28
WITHDRAW	0	0	0	0
OPEN CK.	\$	0	0	0
DEPOSIT	\$8,079.00	\$4479.00	0	\$271.00
INT. TRF.	0	\$325.81	0	\$407.26
INTEREST	0	\$12.49	0	\$2.99
TRANS	0	0	0	0
INTEREST	0	\$	0	0
TOTALS	\$10,816.76	\$7,516.45	\$8,000.00	\$3,465.53
DISBURSE				
BANQUET	\$622.97	0	0	0
OP.EXP.	\$6,035.40	0	0	0
EYE FNDTN	\$	0	0	0
TRANS TO	0	0	0	0
CHECKING	0	4,000.00	0	0
PERM FUND	0	0	0	0
CD	0	0	0	0
HOLY LAND	\$2,829.00	0	0	0
OPEN CK.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	\$	0	0	0
1/31/2009	\$1,329.39	\$3,516.45	\$8,000.00	\$3,465.53

	P.F. CD	HOLY LAND	BIBLE FUND	TOTAL
BALANCE				
1/31/08	\$10,000.00	\$1,886.02	\$868.14	\$25,456.87

WITHDRAW	0	0	0	0
OPEN CK.	0	0	0	0
DEPOSIT	\$0	\$15.00	0	0
INT. TRF.	0	0	0	0
INTEREST	0	\$1.49	\$.80	0
TRANS	\$0	0	0	0
INTEREST	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	\$10,000.00	\$1,902.51	\$868.94	0
DISBURSE				
BANQUET	\$0	0	0	0
OP. EXP.	0	0	0	0
EYE FNDTN	0	0	0	0
TRANS TO	0	0	0	0
CHECKING	0	1806.00	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
1/31/2009	\$10,000.00	\$96.51	\$868.94	\$27,062.82

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,

Arthur A Loveless PGC, 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

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COMM	START	KT	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUSP	DIED	END
No. 1	141	3	0	0	2	2	6	134
No. 2*	117	7	1	1	1	0	4	124
NO. 3	37	0	16	1	16	19	0	35
TOTAL	295	10	17	2	19	21	10	293
NET								
LOSS	2							

- Correction from previous years +2

Fraternally submitted,

G. Thomas Taylor, PGC, Grand Recorder

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

We were fortunate to be able to send Rev. Nancy Rowland as a participant in the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Rev Rowland is Pastor of New Castle Presbyterian Church, New Castle, DE. Thanks goes to all the Sir Knights who responded to our appeal for funds.

Fraternally submitted,

G. Thomas Taylor, PGC

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. Motion passed

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Annual March 2010

The 2009 Annual Report, together with the annual financial submission, and all requested information requested by Grand Encampment has been submitted in a timely manner.

We are pleased to note that this year we received updated forms for the submission of data to Grand Encampment and found them considerably easier to complete than those previously used by them. Once again, we provided to Grand Encampment, as requested, a nominal budget for the year and, once again we received no feedback from them on that request. However, as is usual, the minimal expenses incurred by this Committee were covered by Committee members.

As is the case in previous years, the investment market used for the funds of the Foundation show returns that are very, very small.

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

Delaware DeMolay - \$700.00
Delaware Jobs Daughters - \$700.00

With the current investment market, it is doubtful if we will be able to duplicate the size of those grants in future years.

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.

A reminder – a meeting of the Educational Foundation will be held immediately following the recess of Grand Commandery.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Having received several nominations for awards, the Grand Commander selected SK Gilbert E. Greenfield to receive the award of Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

Sir Knights Chester C Coffin, Mark E Irwin and G. Thomas Taylor were awarded Knight Commander of the Temple by Grand Encampment.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and has the following report.

Our Grand Commander had two General Orders this year. The first dealt with the officers, committees and visitation schedule for this year. The second dealt with the waiting period for the Orders and the ability for Commandery's to move their charters. The Committee finds these in proper order and concurs with them.

Seventeen Grand Representatives were appointed by the Grand Commander, filling many vacant positions resulting from recent deaths. In addition, our Grand Commander approved the appointment of seven Grand Representatives near other Grand Jurisdictions. We appreciate his attention to this very important means of fraternal exchange between Grand Commanderies.

We are pleased that the Grand Commander made visits to all the constituent Commanderies as well as showing unity by attending the official visits of the Grand High Priest and the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

We are most appreciative to the 7 sister jurisdictions that extended their hospitality to our Grand Commander. This important duty helps build the bond with our sister jurisdictions and allows for the sharing of ideas across jurisdictional boundaries.

The Committee is also pleased that the Grand Commander was able to attend other functions both within Delaware as well as outside our jurisdiction including the Department Conference and the Grand Encampment's Triennial session.

We commend the Grand Commander in his efforts to raise money from scrap metal to support the various charities of the Grand Commandery as well as the Permanent Fund.

The Committee appreciates the effort of the Grand Commander in establishing a Past Commander's Association to confer a "chair" degree. A proposal for a Standing Resolution concerning this organization will be dealt with later in this report.

We appreciate the Grand Commander's support of those armed forces who have fought in the defense of our country. We know of his love of the 1st and 50th state and congratulate him on his efforts to help Hawaii build Knights Templar.

The Grand Commander noted the controversial proposal of raising funds from state permitted poker nights. Many feel that this practice does not reflect well on a Christian organization and an appeal was made to the Grand Encampment on the subject who ruled that there was nothing in the Grand Encampment Statutes that would prohibit this practice. It has provided a stream of revenue for some of our Commanderies.

We appreciate his efforts in helping the subordinate Commanderies and commend him for encouraging them to learn the ritual.

The Grand Commander noted that some of the Grand Staff did not follow through with their duties. We encourage all members of Grand Commandery who accept a position in the officer line to fulfill their commitment in support of the Grand Commander's program.

We concur that education of our officers in both the Grand line as well as in the subordinate commanderies is needed. We encourage the incoming Grand Commander to continue efforts to educate our officers.

The Committee is pleased that the Grand Commandery was able to support a minister to participate in the Holy Land Pilgrimage. We understand the concern that fund raising should start early but are unclear as to the financial exposure to the Grand Commandery. St. John's Commandery voted to loan the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee money to make up the difference between what was in the fund and the amount needed. There was no timetable for the repayment and the Jurisprudence Committee does not see any liability to the Grand Commandery. The final result of the actions of this committee was that a minister was sent to the Holy Land.

The Committee acknowledges the Grand Commander's appointment of an editor for the Knight Templar magazine. Many of the articles were informative and enlightening, however the most recent one was critical and unsupportive of Templary. I would caution the editor of the supplement that it is seen not only within the state but worldwide through the Internet. The question is whether we want positive building statements that will encourage prospective candidates, not turn them off. Many adverse comments have been made about this most recent article both within and outside the state.

We appreciate Past Grand Commanders Taylor and Loveless continuing the tradition of presenting a Bible to Demolay chapters by presenting one to Jesse Green Chapter.

The Grand Commander made 6 recommendations.

The first dealing with establishment of a Past Commander's Association will be presented as Standing Resolution #8.

The second requesting a Standing Resolution "to require every Commandery and Grand Commander elective officer to certify that he has read and studied the Commandery By-Laws and or Grand Commandery Constitution and Statutes, as appropriate, before being installed into office," would be extremely difficult to enforce. We concur with the desire to have better educated officers but fear that this would not be an effective way to reach that goal and therefore do not feel that a Standing Resolution is the answer.

The third recommendation does not require action by the Grand Commandery. We encourage the Grand Commander to direct the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee to develop guidelines that can be used to ensure that adequate funds are available to send a minister to the Holy Land. This has done much to help the Christian ministry within this state.

The fourth recommendation to honor Past Commander Chester Coffin on his 100th birthday as an honorary Past Grand Commander is an excellent way to honor this dedicated Mason and Templar. He has supported St. Andrew's Commandery since its founding and Templary for 80 years. He directed the orders 2 years ago at the age of 98 conferring the Mediterranean Pass from memory. He has been truly an inspiration and the Committee fully concurs with the Grand Commander's recommendation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to make Past Commander Chester C. Coffin an honorary Past Grand Commander of Delaware. A suitable certificate has been made and will be presented to Sir Knight Coffin in the near future.

The fifth recommendation in establishing a class to honor Sir Knight Coffin in conjunction with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council does not require action of this Grand Commandery but the Committee wholly supports it.

Our Grand Commander has recommended an assessment on the membership to defray the cost of the Grand Sessions. The Grand Chapter last year approved an assessment of \$.50 per member which then enacted a previous motion in Grand Commandery to establish a \$.50 per capita for this purpose. We agree that the costs have gone up and will make a recommendation in the Administrative matters of this report.

The Committee thanks the Grand Commander for his service this past year.

We appreciate the efforts of our Grand Commander's lady Elissa for keeping him straight and for her efforts in making this weekend a success. Our congratulations to you Right Eminent for representing us this past chivalric year and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Mark Irwin, PGC– Chairman
Arthur Loveless, PGC

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Grand Commander's address and approve of actions taken by him during his term.

Administrative Matters

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the recommendation of our Grand Commander and the proposed legislation submitted by Past Grand Commander Thomas and makes the following recommendation to create:

Standing Resolution 8

Past Commander's Association of Delaware

A Past Commanders Association of Delaware is hereby authorized under the auspices of this Grand Commandery.

This Association is charged with:

- Presenting a Past Commanders 'Chair' degree to be conferred upon any newly elected Commander, or a Past Commander, of one of the constituted Commanderies in Delaware.

-Provide such assistance as they may request from any elected, or appointed, Grand, or constituted, Commandery of this Jurisdiction.

- Develop a venue where officers progressing through the line, Grand or constituted, may experience a spirit of peace, harmony and camaraderie .

The Association shall be governed by a President, Vice-President and a Recorder/Secretary.

Membership is open to all newly elected Commanders and all Past Commanders of a constituted Delaware Commandery. A Sir Knight achieving such distinction shall be automatically be eligible for membership. Upon adoption of this Standing Resolution, all Past Commanders who are members of this Grand Commandery will be made members upon payment of such fee as determined by the Association's by-laws.

The Association shall submit an annual report to the Grand Commandery at its Annual Convocation.

The Committee has worked with Past Grand Commander Thomas on the wording of the Standing Resolution and recommends its adoption.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to add Standing Resolution #8 "Past Commander's Association of Delaware.

Past Grand Commander Donald Thomas also submitted the following Standing Resolutions:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

That before November 30 each year the Grand Recorder will advise the Recorder of each constituent Commandery, the Grand Commander and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, written notice of all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations or Rituals of the Grand Commandery of Delaware, that are to be acted upon at its next succeeding Annual Conclave.

The Committee just received this proposal and will need time to review it. They will make a report at our next Annual Assembly and take any needed action at that time. We would encourage the Grand Recorder to provide timely information to the constituent bodies of any known legislation so that the membership may have time to review it and make a more informed decision.

The next proposal has been slightly modified from that proposed by Past Grand Commander Thomas.

SUPPORT OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Effective with the dues billing for the year 2012, a \$1.00 assessment shall be imposed upon every member of this Grand Commandery for the purpose of offsetting the Grand Commandery's cost of the Annual York Rite weekend. This assessment shall only apply to those Sir Knights of Delaware in their mother Commandery. Dual or plural members will not be required to pay in other Commanderies for which they are members.

The intent here is to help defray the rising cost of our Grand Commandery Annual Conclave. The intent is that all members would support their Grand Commandery but would not be penalized by holding dual or plural membership.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to refer this to the Finance Committee for their recommendation.

The Committee thanks the Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery and appreciate his cooperation in performing our duties.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Mark Irwin, PGC– Chairman

RECOGNITION OF THE R.E. William R Bronk MID-ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

R.E William R. Bronk, Mid-Atlantic Department Commander was recognized. Sir Knight Bronk was also the Representative of Most Eminent Grand Master William H. Koon, II, extended his congratulations to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Delaware for their attentiveness to the duties of Chivalric Masonry. Sir Knight Bronk addressed the assemblage and extended his congratulations to this Grand Commandery on the conduct of its Grand Session.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following Sir Knight were nominated for the next Chivalric year:

Grand Commander	Wayne T Slack
Deputy Grand Commander	David H Laucius
Grand Generalissimo	John D Hiott
Grand Senior Warden	James G. Horn
Grand Junior Warden	
Grand Prelate	
Grand Treasurer	Arthur A Loveless, PGC
Grand Recorder	G. Thomas Taylor PGC, KCT
Grand Standard Bearer	
Grand Sword Bearer	
Grand Warder	
Grand Sentinel	

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

R.E. G. Thomas Taylor assumed the East as Grand Installing Officer and assisted by R.E. Arthur A. Loveless as Grand Marshal proceeded to install a full line of Officers as noted below. Said installation to be effective as of 12:01AM, Saturday March 14, 2010.

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	Jay C. Bergstrom, 2008
Charles T. Hart, 2009	

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO

Richard A. Scarlott, 1994-95

GRAND TREASURERS

*Harry V. Felmey, 1991-92	Richard A. Scarlott, 1992-94
Henry G. Law, 1994-95	Donald D. Thomas, 1995-96
C. Granville McVey, 1996-2001	G. Thomas Taylor, III, 2001-03
Richard A. Scarlott, 2003-08	Arthur A. Loveless, PGC, 2008-

GRAND RECORDERS

C. Granville McVey, 1991-92	Henry G. Law, 1992-95
C. Granville McVey, 1995-96	Donald D. Thomas, 1996-2000
Mark E. Irwin, 2000-03	James T. Ruby, 2003-06
Franklin R. Townsend, 2006-08	G. Thomas Taylor, 2008-

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. Little, PC, 1999

John Basil Dorsey, PC, 2001
James L. Ferguson, PC, 2004
Gilbert E Greenfield, PC 2009

*Charles J. Conley, PC, 2002
A. Tony Maxwell, PC, 2008

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS OF THE TEMPLE

*Henry G. Law, PGC
*C. Ray Scarborough, PGC
Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Chester C Coffin HPGC

C. Granville McVey, PGC
James A. Pletz, PGC
*Richard A. Scarlott
G. Thomas Taylor PGC

*Deceased