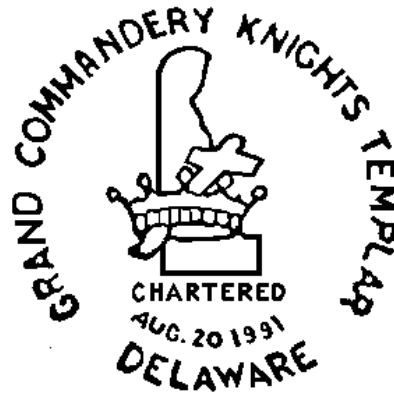


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF DELAWARE



AT ITS
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 13, 2015, AO 897



**JAMES B. WALSH
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2014**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
JAMES B. WALSH**

Right Eminent Walsh is the only son of James S. and Sally Bryson Walsh and was born in the Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware on August 20, 1942. He attended all Elementary and High School at Fork Union Military Academy. He was the owner/manager of the Anglers Restaurant in Lewes from 1963 until 1992. Since then he has developed and managed the Anglers Marina in Lewes.

Jay B. began his masonic journey when he was entered in Jefferson Lodge #15 in 1964. He served as Worshipful Master in 1988, and was appointed as Junior Grand Deacon by M.W.G.M Herbert J. Atkinson in 1992, and again in 1993 with M.W.G.M. Charles Farrell. He is the Grand Lodge representative to British Columbia and the Yukon.

His York Rite career began when he was exalted in Hope Chapter No. 7, in Georgetown in 1990. He served as Excellent High Priest 1995-99, and has served as treasurer since 2000. He has served many appointed and elected positions on the Grand Chapter staffs since 1996, and was installed as Most Excellent Grand High priest in 2013. He is the Grand Representative to Michigan and Nova Scotia.

He was greeted in Joppa Council No. 3 in 1991 and was Illustrious Master in 2000, and has served as treasurer since then. He has served many appointed and elected positions on the Grand Council staffs since 2001, and was installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2009. He is the Grand Representative to Ohio.

He was knighted in 1990 into St. Andrew's Commandery No.2 Knights Templar and served as Eminent Commander in 2009 & 2010. He has served many appointed and elected positions on the Grand Commanderies since 2010, and was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2014.

He is a member of the ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Wilmington which he joined in 1985 and became a charter member of the Valley of Lower Delaware in 2009.

Other York Rite Memberships:

Two By Two Lodge No. 15, Royal Ark Mariners

Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons

Blue Hen Council No. 388, Allied Masonic Degrees

First State York Rite College No. 45

Jessie Green Priory No. 70, Knights of the York Cross of Honor

Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

Received the order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College in 2013.

Other Masonic organizations:

NUR Temple 1985

Delaware Colonials 1987 – President 2008-9

Royal Order of Jesters Court #164 1992 – Director 2007

**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 13, 2014, A.O. 882, at 1:00 P.M. by Right Eminent Grand Commander James B. Walsh for the purpose of conducting the affairs of its Twenty-Fourth Annual Conclave. The following officers were in their respective stations:

R. E. Grand Commander	James B. Walsh
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	A. Tony Maxwell
E. Grand Generalissimo	Neal J. Sobocinski
E. Grand Captain General	Fred Palmer
E. Grand Senior Warden	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Junior Warden	Jon B. Cottrell
Grand Prelate	William Stephey, Jr.-pt
R.E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
R.E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	
E. Grand Sword Bearer	
E. Grand Warder	James L. Ferguson
E. Grand Sentinel	George Gadsby

Sir Knight Rev. William Stephey, Jr., Grand Prelate pro tem offered prayer for the deliberations 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

Fred M. Palmer	Eminent Commander
William D. Stephey, Jr., PC	Captain General

ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY NO. 2

Philip R. Webb	Eminent Commander
John W. Merkley	Generalissimo
Captain General	Richard A. Mickles

TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3

Samuel R. Smith, III	Eminent Commander
Michael H. Downey	Generalissimo

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 Eleventh Annual Conclave of March 7, 2014 was dispensed with and they were approved as published 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

No regrets or correspondence were received by the Grand Recorder

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following were introduced by Past Right Eminent Grand Commander Mark Irwin:

GRAND PRIORY OF ONTARIO

R.E. David Hardie	Past Provincial Grand Prior
R.E. Donald Kline	Past Provincial Grand Prior

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

R.E. Robert Malwitz	Past Grand Commander
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FLORIDA

E. Charles L. Hollinger	District Deputy Grand Commander
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WEST VIRGINIA

R.E. J. Robert Vance	Grand Commander
E. Rodeny Bolyard	Eminent Grand Sentinel
E. Homer B. Adams	Past Commander

MARYLAND

R.E. Randolph S. Disney	Grand Commander
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PENNSYLVANIA

R.E. Jerry J. Hamilton	Past Grand Commander
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MAINE

E. Howard C. Weymouth	Grand Sword Bearer
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CONNECTICUT

R.E. William F. Lott	Past Grand Commander
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

E. H. Stephen Wood	Captain General/Grand High Priest
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VIRGINIA

R.E. William F. Reinhold	Grand Commander
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NEW YORK

R.E. Charles M. Roberts	Grand Commander
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MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND

R.E. Richard Seychew	Grand Commander
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DELAWARE APPENDANT BODIES

M.I. Jay C. Bergstrom	Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Delaware
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Em. James G. Horn	Eminent Prior Jesse Green Priory #70 KYCH
K.C. James R. Herrington	Puissant Sovereign Delaware Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine
R.W. Mark E. Irwin	Chief Adept Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.
Ill. Donald D. Thomas, 33°	Active Emeritus Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.
Ill. Sir A. Tony Maxwell	Potentate Nur Shrine

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF DELAWARE

R.E. Donald D. Thomas, 1993
 R.E. Mark E. Irwin, 1999
 R.E. Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 2001
 R.E. James R. Herrington, 2002
 R.E. Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., 2005
 R.E. Jay C. Bergstrom, 2008
 R.E. Charles T. Hart, 2009
 R.E. Wayne T. Slack, 2010
 R.E. David H. Laucius, 2011
 R.E. John D. Hiott, 2012
 R.E. William F. Lott, Honorary, 2012
 R.E. James G. Horn, 2013

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight Jeffrey Burcham, Right Eminent Mid-Atlantic Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was received and greeted by Grand Commander Walsh. Then Sir Knight William Hartman, Right Eminent Grand Prelate and personal representative of Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Grand Master was escorted into the Asylum and to the foot of the line by Past Grand Commander Mark E. Irwin, where he was received and escorted to the East by Grand Commander Walsh. Sir Knight Hartman was presented the Sword of Authority to rule over this Grand Conclave. Sir Knight Hartman 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.

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Right Eminent William Hartman, Distinguished Guests, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Officers and members of this Grand Commandery, welcome.

First - Thank you all for your attendance this afternoon. I would like to also thank especially all Sir Knights of St. Andrew's Commandery #2 for entrusting me with the stewardship of this Grand Commandery for this past year. I also wish to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Lionel Hunter and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Jay Bergstrom for the many occasions we have worked together and on our Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Visitations.

It has been an honor to have served as Right Eminent Grand Commander for the 2014-15 term. Again I wish to thank all of you for the opportunity of serving this Grand Commandery. Due to the untimely death of S.K. Bob Benson, and the illness of S.K. Gilbert Greenfield, I was propelled from no elected position, to Grand Captain General, to Grand Generalissimo to Grand Commander in one year. That must be some kind of a record, though I had served on the Grand Commandery staff previously for about 5 years. This new record is soon to be broken by Right Eminent Grand Commander-elect Neal Sobocinski, who soon will have done it in one half a year. Thank you Neal for stepping up. Which brings me to "Why." At last year's

Grand Sessions, neither Deputy Grand Commander Gilbert Greenfield nor Grand Captain General Bradley Driscoll were present. Neither were installed or were in attendance at their own Commandery Grand visitations. Neither responded to a mandatory appearance to the Mid-Atlantic Conference. Department Commander Jeff Burcham asked how to get in contact with S.K. Greenfield. I told him no one has been able to in over a year. S.K. Greenfield has failed to respond to phone calls, e-mails, or even certified letters from PGC Jim Horn, PGC & Grand Recorder Mark Irwin and me. A certified letter was sent to both asking them to resign. Brad Driscoll responded, telling me he did not know he had been nominated or elected, and stated he could not afford to take the office, travel, or whatever. S.K. Driscoll did send a letter of resignation. S.K. Greenfield still has not responded. I requested names from Trinity #3 and St. Johns #1 for their nominations to become replacements. At a grand visitation to St. Andrew's on October 16th I promoted and installed S.K. Tony Maxwell as Deputy Grand Commander, S.K. Neal Sobocinski as Grand Generalissimo, and S.K. Fred Palmer as Grand Capt. General. S.K. Maxwell has requested that he be not advanced to Grand Commander this year because he did not feel that he could properly perform all the duties as Shrine Potentate and Grand Commander at the same time. I concur. Again, thank you S.K. Neal, for stepping up. S.K. Neal has been Commander of Trinity Commandery for the past 3 years, along with being Most Illustrious Grand Master 2013-14 and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 2012-13. I can assure you that this Grand Commandery is in the best of hands for the next three years.

Official Visitations

I have been to 8 Out-of-State Grand Commandery Meetings (and most of their Grand Chapters and Councils).

Mar. 14-15 Washington D C Grand Sessions.

Mar. 17-18 North Carolina Grand Commandery.

Apr. 25-26 Maine Grand Sessions.

May 2-3 Virginia Grand Commandery.

May 16-17 West Virginia Grand Commandery.

May 25-26 Pennsylvania Grand Commandery.

Oct. 24-25 Maryland Grand Sessions.

Mar. 6-7 New Jersey Grand Sessions.

Other Visits

Mar. 14 - Jim Horn represented me at Brotherhood night. I was in D C.

Mar. 14 - Introduced in Grand Lodge – Newport

Apr. 20 - Grand Encampment Easter observance, Alexandria, VA.

Jul. 31-Aug. 3 - Denver, Colorado for the Order of the Purple Cross, where Grand High Priest Lionel Hunter and Past Grand Commander James Horn were recipients.

Sep. 20 - D.C. Multi State Chapter Degrees Alexandria. VA.

Sep. 24-30 - Triennial for General Grand Chapter & General Grand Council in Buffalo, NY.

Oct. 3-4 - Mid - Atlantic Department Conference in Alexandria, VA.

Oct.. 6 - Grand Lodge.

Oct. 9 - Grand Lodge installation of officers.

Oct. 16 Dover I received Preceptor Degree.

Nov. 12 Chesapeake Commandery #10 Denton.

Dec. 11 Joint meeting of St. John's & Trinity Christmas Program.

Dec. 18 St. Andrew's Christmas Program

Dec. 29 Silver Trowel and High Priest Degrees.

Jan. 18 York Rite Reception for M W G M Dean Disharoon at Dover Lodge.

I have attended all Commandery Orders in Delaware, as well as all Chapter and Council degrees. A calendar of all my Commandery travels is attached.

Official Grand Commandery Visitations

Jul. 30 – Trinity Commandery #3 - Wilmington
 Sep. 11 - St. John's Commandery #1 Wilmington
 Oct. 16 – St. Andrew's Commandery #2 – Dover

The Grand Staff accompanied me as we were warmly received by each of our Commandery. All Eminent Commanders and their officers performed their duties with distinction.

I had the honor of installing the officers of St. Andrew's #2 on January 15th assisted by PGC William Lott and again on February 5th the officers of Trinity #3.

Grand Representatives

Many states are vacant. I have decided to follow the leadership of Grand Lodge, which is to do away with reciprocal representation by attrition.

Dispensations

3/10/14 - about moving charters to join with other Commanderies in conferring the Templar Orders.

2/3/15 Trinity #3. To have special meeting February 5th after the Brandywine Chapter meeting.

I congratulate each of our three Commanderies for the excellent manner in which they conferred all our Orders this year. I also wish to thank R.E. Past Grand Commanders Don Thomas and William Lott for creating, initializing and conferring our new Preceptor Degree - twice this year. Oct. 16th and today.

Recommendations

Each Commandery should have at least two Sir Knights assigned to a calling list who should call most members well in advance of each meeting and encourage them to attend. This has worked well in St. Andrew's.

We have three brand new Eminent Commanders this year – Please support them, especially with your presence.

Holy Land Pilgrimage. I understand we have most of the monies and two people that might like to go. I hope you will continue to support them.

To the Knights of St. John's, you may want to consider purchasing caps and mantels to replace the older, heavier and much more expensive navy coats and chapeaus. That would be much less expensive, and hopefully encourage new ACTIVE Sir Knights. To the Grand Staff: thank you for a job well done. You have supported me well in all our official visitations and have been a great support for me all year. I cannot thank you enough as I dismiss you and all committees at the end of this day.

As for all of our out of state visitors, I thank you for all the hospitalities shown to me and my Lady Jane by either you or your Predecessors. I thank you for that and hope you feel the same about your visit to Delaware today.

I especially wish to thank my Lady Jane for supporting me this year, traveling with me on all of our out of state travels and for her extensive work with the arrangements for our Grand Sessions and for the past seven years.

A very special thank you to St. John's Commandery for sponsoring last night's Templar Feast, also Grand Ladies Linda Hunter, Mary Beth Bergstrom, and Miss Claire Herrington & Miss Eleanor Loveless for all they do for us.

Fraternally submitted,
James B. Walsh
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

This is my third report as Grand Treasurer for the Grand Commandery and I am happy to report that we have seen an improvement in our financial picture although some issues remain. As of the closing of the fiscal year, there were outstanding amounts for per capita and insurance of \$4,291.00. I am happy to report that all of the money was collected in February which will improve the picture even more. These gains will help offset the losses of previous years.

The Grand Treasurer due to monthly service charges being levied by WSFS and the receipt of little or no interest of the various funds moved all accounts with the exception of the Permanent Fund CD to M&T Bank and Capital One 360 Bank. The regular checking account is with M&T Bank and all long term funds are with Capital One 360 Bank. The chart below lays out the balances in each of the funds. In addition, the Delaware Chapter of Knight Preceptors made a request from the Grand Commander and the Grand Treasurer to have the Grand Commandery hold their funds. That was accomplished by establishing a new account with Capital One 360 Bank under the Grand Commandery.

The income and expenses received this year are as follows:

INCOME	
Per Capita (from 2013 returns)	\$5,519.00
Eye Foundation	232.00
Rituals Sold	\$50.00
Grand Commandery Interest	\$31.79
Insurance (collected from York Rite bodies)	521.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Interest	\$7.49
Permanent Fund Interest	\$33.04
Knight Preceptor Income and Interest	\$220.25
Total	\$6,616.94
EXPENSES	
Bank Fees – new checks	\$29.95
Grand Encampment Annual Return	\$2,502.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium	\$75.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	\$30.00
Grand York Rite Weekend (2013-2014)	\$788.00
Insurance Expense	\$637.00
Knights Templar Eye Foundation	\$117.59
Knights Templar Education Foundation	17.41
Office Expenses	\$234.34
Postage	\$47.03
Website	50.00
Total	\$4,537.32
Total Net Income	\$2,029.82

The balances in the several accounts for the Grand Commandery are as follows:

	02/01/2014	1/31/2015	Difference
Checking	\$1,592.28	\$2,389.23	\$796.95

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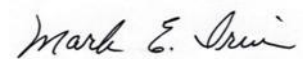
Money Market	\$8,957.23	\$9,830.75	\$873.52
Total	\$10,549.51	\$12,219.98	\$1,670.47
Bible Fund Savings	\$745.25	\$747.62	\$2.37
Holy Land Pilgrim. x783	\$2,349.08	\$2,356.57	\$7.49
Permanent Fund – x173	\$4,199.95	\$4,214.67	\$14.72
Permanent Fund CD	\$10,000	\$10,018.32	\$18.32
Total Permanent Fund	\$13,827.83	\$14,188.75	\$360.92
Knight Preceptors Account	\$0	\$200.25	\$200.25
Total Funds	\$27,843.79	\$29,757.41	\$1,913.62
*Total Grand Commandery Funds	\$27,843.79	\$29,557.16	\$1,713.37

*Excludes Delaware Chapter Knight Preceptor Funds

Interest has improved from .05% to .40% interest by moving savings to Capital One 360 Bank. The Permanent Fund CD matures with WSFS in November. We will look for a more effective return over the .30% on the current CD.

I appreciate the trust the Sir Knights have placed in me.

Sincerely
and Fraternally,



Mark E. Irwin, 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

Your Grand Recorder is pleased to make his report to this Grand Commandery. I thank all who have helped make the year easier. I have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

The following is the Financial Summary for the period February 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income:	Actual	Expenses:	Actual
Annual Returns (1)	\$5,519.00	Annual Conclave (3)	\$788.00
Eye Foundation	\$232.00	Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$2507.00
Insurance	\$521.00	K.T. Eye Foundation	\$135.00
Permanent Fund	0	Grand Recorder Honorarium	\$75.00
Rituals Sold	\$50.00	Grand Recorder Office Expenses	\$243.34
Interest (2)	\$31.79	Grand Treasurer Honorarium	\$30.00
		Holy Land Pilgrimage	0
		Insurance	\$637.00
		Postage	\$47.01
		Bank Fees (4)	\$29.95
		Grand Commander cap/mantle (5)	
		Website/Webmaster	\$50.00

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Total Income: \$6,353.79 Total Expenses \$4,537.30

- (1) Previous Year's returns.
- (2) Grand Commandery Operating Fund Interest
- (3) Expenses for 2013 & 2014
- (4) For new checks
- (5) Not received because of problems with supplier

This shows an increase of \$1,816.49 of income over expenses. The Annual returns do not include the per capita for the 3 Commanderies which were received after January 31st. These amount to \$3,953 which would have contributed to an even larger increase over expenses. There is also 2 outstanding payments due from York Rite Bodies for their share of the liability insurance. On the expense side, problems with the supplier have resulted in not receiving the Past Grand Commander's cap and mantle timely. In addition an order has been made to replace worn and tattered caps and mantles for the Grand Commandery line officers. Those expenses will be incurred in 2015 and will be an estimated \$1,200.

The IRS filings for the Grand Commandery and the subordinate Commanderies have been filed with the exception of St. Johns Commandery. The Grand Recorder will work with that Commandery to correct the situation.

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	122	1	0	0	0	0	2	121
ST. ANDREW'S NO. 2	116	9	0	0	0	0	5	120
TRINITY NO. 3	41	1	0	0	1	1	1	39
TOTALS	279	11	0	0	1	1	8	280
NET GAIN		1						

I congratulate St. Andrew's #2 in having 9 knightings this year, and encourage the other Commanderies to improve on their knightings. There are many Christian Masons in Delaware that should be sought out and invited to join our worthy Order.

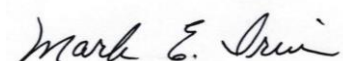
Our Grand Commandery continues to suffer losses through deaths which are unavoidable. We must continue to diligently work on limiting the suspensions and demits while looking for new members in our Blue Lodge ranks. Encouraging a Master Mason to continue his journey to the Commandery will help all bodies of the York Rite.

I would again ask that the Grand Commandery continue to support the Delaware York Rite website by contributing \$20 for its share of the cost of the webhost. I encourage all the Sir Knights to take advantage of the valuable information contained on the site. The web address is <http://www.deyrmasons.org/>

Right Eminent Grand Commander it has been a pleasure working with you this year. I am sorry that my work schedule did not permit me to be in attendance at as many events as I would have liked. I appreciate your understanding and kindness that you have showed me over the years.

Lastly, thanks to all the Sir Knights for the honor you have bestowed on me, I look forward to continuing my support of the Grand Commandery.

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.

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Let us begin with prayer:

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life. By your Holy Spirit lead us in faithfulness all our days. When we have served you in our own generation, may we be gathered with those who have gone before us, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the confidence that we have attempted to serve You faithfully. Open our hearts to your love, and lead us in the way everlasting. AMEN.

Today we bring white carnations to our altar to memorialize those who have gone before us to stand before the Throne of Grace. We pause to remember those some of whom were giants among their peers, others more ordinary men.. Let each of us pause and remember by name those men important to us. (pause) May they rest in peace.

We remember, and bring a carnation in tribute to: Our departed Right Eminent Grand Commanders; Our departed Commanders; Our departed Sir Knights, and those Sir Knights departed from our Sister Grand and Local Connanderies, wheresoever dispersed.

Let us pray:

Thou, O God, knowest our down-sitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. Consider and hear us as we remember those Masonic Brothers of all bodies, and especially those Sir Knights who have gone before us to be with you. Give us faith, that we may see beyond touch and sight, and experience signs of Your kingdom. Give us good hope, so we may bravely walk our earthly way, and look forward to glad heavenly reunion. May You, O God bless and keep us all. AMEN.

James R. Herrington, P.G.C., K.C.T.
Grand Prelate

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

CONTINUANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Grand Recorder reported that the Grand Commandery will continue the liability coverage and share the expense with all of the subordinate bodies.

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND DRILL

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

No fund raising activity occurred this year with the Permanent Fund, Interest earned was minimal due to low interest rates on funds maintained in the bank. The Committee will be exploring new methods to invest the funds in low risk equity funds.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that the 2014 Proceedings were completed and published on the website. In an effort to reduce costs for the Grand Commandery, the Committee had decided to not print copies of the Proceedings but rather publish them on the Internet for the benefit of all members with the exception of any copies that are required by Grand Encampment Constitution. In addition, a pdf formatted file will be sent to all Grand Jurisdictions that are recognized by this Grand Commandery.

The Grand Recorder's office in the last year has received Proceedings in various formats. Some were printed, some sent on CD and some sent via email. Email is the lowest cost alternative. For those Companions who do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Grand Recorder's office for a printed copy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark E. Irwin, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that all of the weekend's activities have been planned and that the proceeds of the weekend will cover all expenses for the Sessions.

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

At the annual banquet for the Grand Commandery, the Knight Templar Cross of Honor was presented to Sir Knight John A. Eberly for his outstanding work in St. Andrews Commandery #2 in Dover. He has been instrumental in the large number of knightings and has filled the office of Recorder with professionalism.

GRAND INSPECTOR REPORT

The past Chivalric Year, St. John's No. 1 conferred the Order of the Red Cross and St. Andrew's No. 3 conferred the Order of the Temple. Both Commanderies performed in an exemplary manner. Trinity Commandery No. 3 conferred the Order of Malta with St. John's filling in for all the major parts.

I would suggest that in the next year or so that St. John's and St. Andrew's switch Orders so that each Commandery will not become rusty and will be able to confer a full set of Orders if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin R. Townsend, P.G.C.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The investment market return for the funds of the Educational Foundation continues to mirror that of its restricted portfolio. We continue to invest only in very safe markets even though some very interesting alternatives are always present. The net investments of the Fund, at the beginning of calendar year 2014 were just over

\$61,550.00. Continued investment of most of our funds in a \$57,500.00 CD, returned interest of \$359.95.

The recent custom of the Committee has been to provide grants in full compliance with the Grand Encampment rules governing the disbursements of moneys from this Fund. This year the return was such that we were unable to provide any grants for the second year in a row. Overall our net worth at the end of the year was slightly higher than it was at the beginning of the year at just under \$61,870.00. The net gain for the year was \$318.54.

We experienced two expenses totaling \$41.41 in 2014. Those expenses were to procure checks and to pay five percent of the Educational Foundation's 2013 income to the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation. To cover postage and any other expenses the Committee may experience in 2015, the committee proposes a budget of \$15.00.

The 2014 annual report to Grand Encampment will be submitted and all inquiries from Grand Encampment will be promptly answered.

The expected income from investments this year will be again quite small, probably less than \$390.00. This amount will be appropriately distributed by the committee and within the guidelines of the Fund. We would recommend that because of the small amount of money involved in this Fund, that the officers need not be bonded.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Secretary/Treasurer, Educational Foundation

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT, PLANNING AND EDUCATION

There was one Leadership Workshop held this past year in conjunction with Grand Chapter. Past Grand Commander Mark Irwin ran this workshop, providing some excellent information. The session was, unfortunately, lightly attended. In future years, I would suggest that the workshop be better publicized.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin R. Townsend, P.G.C.

REPORT OF DELAWARE CHAPTER KNIGHT PRECEPTORS

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Peers,

It is a distinct honor and pleasure to submit this first Report of Delaware Chapter, Knights Preceptor to this Grand Commandery.

As a result of your sterling support, and that of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, on February 8, 2013 in Alexandria, Virginia, Sovereign Grand Preceptor, Anthony Such, of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor Grand Chapter, issued a Charter to Delaware Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor.

On March 6 of last year, just prior to the 2014 annual conclave of this Grand Commandery, Past Sovereign Grand Preceptor Charles W. Wagner, of Robert V. Hines Chapter in the District of Columbia, by virtue of the Power and Authority in him vested, declared open a Chapter of Knights Preceptor at the Wilmington Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, for the purpose of Constituting Delaware Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor and installing its officers. Present to assist him was Past Grand Marshal of the Sovereign Grand Preceptory, William H. Haynes of Pennsylvania Chapter, together with Sir Knight David Hardie, from Ontario, Canada, a member of New Jersey Chapter, Knights Preceptor. Seven of the eight petitioning Knight Preceptors, in the personage of Sir Knight Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC, Sir Knight James R. Herrington, PGC, Sir Knight William Lott, PGC

Connecticut, Sir Knight Arthur A. Loveless, PGC, Sir Knight James A. Pletz, PGC, and Sir Knight Donald D. Thomas, PGC were present.

The Charter elected and appointed officers of Delaware Chapter, Knights Preceptor are:

Preceptor	Knight Preceptor William Lott. PGC
Deputy Preceptor	Knight Preceptor C. Granville McVey. PGC
Master of Templars	Knight Preceptor James A. Pletz, PGC
Seneschal	Knight Preceptor Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
Prelate	Knight Preceptor James R. Herrington, PGC
Treasurer/ Recorder	Knight Preceptor Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Marshal	Knight Preceptor Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC
Sentinel	Knight Preceptor Charles M. Lengel, PGC, by Proxy

Immediately following his installation, Knight Preceptor William H. Lott, PGC, opened the first meeting of Delaware Chapter where the By-Laws were approved. Also at this time, three sojourning Knights Preceptors joined Delaware Chapter giving us an initial membership of eleven.

The first called convention of the Chapter was held on October 16, 2014, at the Dover Masonic Temple. 1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, Delaware, where Knight Preceptor William H. Lott let the officers in conferring the Order upon seven, of the nine, elected Past Commanders who were present that evening, including Right Eminent Grand Commander J. B. Walsh.

Following this Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Delaware, Delaware Chapter, Knights Preceptor will open its Annual Convention where, amongst other matters, the Order will be conferred upon a petitioning body of at least 12 Sir Knights. It has been a most successful Charter year for Delaware Chapter, Knights Preceptor. We are deeply indebted to this Grand Commandery for your support and bid the new incoming Grand Commandery officers our very best wishes for a highly successful Chivalric year.

Non Nobis, Domine, Non Nobis: Sed Nomi Tuo Da Gloriam.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Treasure/Recorder

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

Jurisprudence wishes to congratulate Grand Commander Walsh on his allocution. It was forwarded on time, and presented his year's activities quite completely. The "Calendar" he attached to the allocution made it less complicated to read, and much easier to follow.

G.C. Walsh eagerly conveyed his thanks to the cooperation he got from his staff (with two significant exceptions), the great treatment he received in his reciprocal visits, where he well represented the Grand Commandery of Delaware, and in his appropriate thanks to his Lady Jane, and the other ladies who did so much to make his year a successful one.

The "two significant exceptions" mentioned required him to remove two officers and appoint other Sir Knights to those positions, then "juggle" his progressive line due to the possibility of having his successor also be the Shrine Potentate next year. Some years ago, a distinguished Delaware Mason "proved" that holding two presiding grand officer positions (counting the Shrine Potentate equivalent to a grand presiding officer position) was totally unworkable. Our Lord clearly stated that "One cannot

serve two masters.” The individual holding the positions of Grand Master and Grand High Priest at the same time certainly proved it!

Regarding his removal of one Grand Officer and accepting the resignation of another, he was in his right to do so. The latter was a situation where his Commandery submitted his name for the progressive line without his knowledge or permission. Bad program! That Commandery needs direction on their decision making.(When this was reported in Grand Commandery, the selection committee assured us that proper procedure had been followed—that this Sir Knight knew at that time what he was committing himself to.) The other—requiring an officer to be removed for non-performance—was more difficult for G.C. Walsh, and he sought guidance from the Department Commander and Grand Master Goodwin. In a word, he did not need it. He was perfectly within his authority to do so. He now leaves the Grand Commandery in much better shape, leader-wise, than it would have been had he not taken the appropriate steps to bring more order into a difficult situation.

G.C. Walsh issued two Dispensations during his year, and he was well within his authority to do both.

His recommendations—calling lists to improve Commandery attendance, supporting all three new Commanders, push the Holy Land Pilgrimage program, and encouraging St. John’s Commandery to go to caps and mantles, rather than the ancient frock coats are recommendations that require no action by this Grand Commandery. Thank you, Grand Commander, for your leadership this year.

Fraternally submitted,
James R. Herrington, P.G.C., K.C.T., Chair
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., P.G.C.
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., P.G.C., K.C.T.

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

RESPONSE FOR THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Commander recognized Sir Knight William Reinhold, Grand Commander of Virginia rose and thanked the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the hospitality and courtesies extended to him and the other visiting Sir Knights. He congratulated the Grand Commander on the completion of his term and wished him well in the future.

REMARKS FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Sir Knight Jeffrey Burcham, Right Eminent Department Commander for the Mid-Atlantic Department encouraged all to attend the upcoming Grand Encampment Triennial in August being held in Buffalo, New York. He also encouraged support of the Eye Foundation.

REMARKS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight William Hartman, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment was recognized and addressed the Sir Knights present. He also encouraged attendance at the Triennial. He also spoke about supporting the Eye Foundation, that by each contribution, we can help eliminate problems with the eye in the future. He also spoke of the Holy Land Pilgrimage and reflected on his 4 trips. It was a life changing experience that help him with his understanding of the scriptures and to reflect back on the places he had visited. He encouraged support of this worthwhile cause. He also extended his appreciation for the hospitality shown him during the weekend.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee reviewed the report submitted by the Grand Treasurer for Fiscal Year ending January 31, 2015. All figures as stated in the report reflect the amount shown as checks paid, withdrawals and deposits/credits on our bank statements.

There are two recommendations:

- Make direct contact with our Commanderies with reminders to submit their Sir Knight Reports to the Grand Commandery, along with a payment in a timely fashion.
- Reconcile any differences between the Grand Encampment Member Roster as posted in the York Rite Information System with the number of Sir Knights Reported.

Our project budgeted is shown below, based on:

- Figures collected from the Grand Recorder on Sir Knights Reported, New Members Knighted and Grand Encampment Non-Life Eye Foundation Sponsors in 2014.
- Most current estimates of Grand Representatives for whom we compensate for One Night's Lodging, Friday Banquet Dinners and Saturday Luncheons.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Sir Knights and the Grand Commandery of Delaware.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
A. Tony Maxwell, DGC, Chairman
Cesar Aniceto

2015-16 Grand Commandery Budget

INCOME				
Count	Regular Income			
280	GC Per Capita	\$5.00	per member	\$1,400.00
11	New Members Knighted	\$3.75	per member	\$41.25
\$33.04	Permanent Fund Interest 2/1/2014-1/31/2015 (50% of the interest earned)			\$16.52
\$31.79	Money Market Interest 2/1/2014-1/31/2015			\$31.79
Subtotal	Regular Income			\$1,489.56
	Pass-through Income			
280	GE Per Capita	\$9.00	per member	\$2,520.00
100	GE Non-Life Eye Foundation Sponsors	\$1.00	per member	\$100.00
12	Ritual Books	\$15.00	Per book	\$180.00
	Insurance receivables (divided between 7 Chapters, 3 Councils and 3 Commanderies)			\$628.00
Sub-total	Pass-through Income			\$3,428.00
Total	Income			\$4,917.56
EXPENSES				
	Regular Expenses			
	Grand York Rite Weekend			
2	One Night's Lodging	\$99.00	per night	\$198.00
2	Applicable state occupancy taxes @8%	\$7.92	per night	\$15.84
2	Applicable local occupancy taxes @2%	\$1.98	per night	\$3.96

7	Friday Banquet Dinners	\$40.00	Per person	\$280.00
	Grand Recorder			
a)	Honorarium			\$75.00
280	Sir Knights reported X \$0.25 (but not less than \$75)	\$70.00	Per reported	
b)	Office expenses			\$50.00
c)	Postage			\$51.00
d)	Bank Fees			\$
e)	Proceedings Printing			\$25.00
	Grand Treasurer			
	Honorarium			\$30.00
280	Sir Knights reported X \$0.10 (but not less than \$30)	\$28.00	per reported	
	Past Grand Commander			
a)	Cap			\$85.00
b)	Mantle			\$150.00
c)	Shipping (above ordered from Dominion Regalia)			\$20.00
Sub-total	Regular Expenses			\$983.80
	Pass-through Expenses			
280	GE Per Capita	\$9.00	per member	\$2,520.00
100	GE Non-Life Eye Foundation Sponsors	\$1.00	per member	\$100.00
12	Ritual Books (Sold to Commanderies)	\$15.00	Per member	\$180.00
	Insurance Payables			\$628.00
Sub-total	Pass-through Expenses			\$3,428.00
Total	Expenses			\$4,411.80
	Net Income			\$505.76

*On motion regular made and seconded the proposed honorariums for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, the proposed budget for 2014 -2015, the annual per capita and knighting fees and the Report of The Finance Committee were **APPROVED**.*

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating Committee of Grand Commandery placed in Nomination the following slate of Officers to lead this Grand Commandery for the ensuing Chivalric year:

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Neal J. Sobocinski (3)
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	A. Tony Maxwell (1)
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Fred Palmer (1)
Eminent Grand Captain General	William D. Stephey, Jr. (1)
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Eminent Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC

Due to confusion of filling the vacancies in the progressive line. Trinity Commandery #3 selected Neal Sobocinski for one of the 2 positions that they had to fill (bottom of the line and 1 vacancy). Trinity passed their 2nd pick to St. Johns #1 who filled 2 positions. The Jurisprudence Committee has been directed to review the situation and report back to the Grand Commandery the proper sequence for the future.

The selections for the future were originally scheduled as the following:

2016 – St. Johns #1

2017 – St. Andrews #2

2018 – Trinity #3

Fraternally submitted,
Mark E. Irwin, 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 Walsh, 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. Mark E. Irwin, Past Grand Commander, assumed the East as Grand Installing Officer assisted by R.E. David H. Laucius, Past Grand Commander, and 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 14, 2015.

R. E. Grand Commander	Neal J. Sobocinski
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	A. Tony Maxwell
E. Grand Generalissimo	Fred Palmer
E. Grand Captain General	William Stephey, Jr.
E. Grand Senior Warden	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Junior Warden	W. Fred Horn
E. Grand Prelate	
E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	Michael Downey
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Kenneth Weaver, Sr.
E. Grand Warder	James L. Ferguson
E. Grand Sentinel	Kenneth Jaeger

REMARKS BY INCOMING

R. E. GRAND COMMANDER NEAL J. SOBOCINSKI

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 14, 2015
St. Andrews No. 2	Dover	June 18, 2015
Trinity No. 3	Wilmington	July 29, 2015

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(* Chairman)

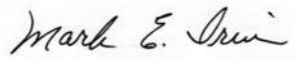
<u>Jurisprudence</u>	<u>Permanent Fund</u>
James G. Horn, PGC*	Mark E. Irwin, PGC*
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGC	David H. Laucius, PGC
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGC	
	<u>Finance</u>
<u>Holy Land Pilgrimage</u>	A. Tony Maxwell, DGC*
Fred Palmer, GG*	
James Pletz, PGC	
James Ferguson	<u>Membership & Awards</u>
	Fred palmer, GG*
<u>Easter Sunrise Service</u>	Jay C. Bergstrom, PGC
William Stephey, Jr, GCG*	A. Tony Maxwell, DGC

	<u>Grand York Rite Youth</u>
<u>Knights Templar Eye Foundation</u>	Commandery – Harold Heitmann*
Mark Irwin, PGC*	Chapter -
Arthur A. Loveless, PGC	Council -
<u>Grand York Rite Annual Meeting</u>	<u>Knights Templar Insert</u>
Chapter - Charles Hart*	Mark E. Irwin, PGC*
Council - William F. Lott	Neal J. Sobocinski, REGC
Commandery -	
Permanent Member - Lionel Hunter	Ritual and Drill
	William Stephey, GCG*
<u>Grand Y.R. Leadership & Education</u>	Franklin R. Townsend, PGC
Council – Mark Irwin, PGC*	James G. Horn, PGC
Commandery -	
Chapter -	<u>Religious Activities</u>
	William Stephey, Jr., GCG

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Conclave will be held at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Wilmington in Wilmington, Delaware, at 1:00 P.M., on Friday, March 11, 2016.

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

GRAND COMMANDERS

1991	*Henry G. Law	1992	*C. Ray Scarborough
1993	Donald D. Thomas	1994	C. Granville McVey
1995	*Charles W. Barkins	1996	* T. Eugene Womach
1997	Franklin R. Townsend	1998	James A. Pletz
1999	Mark E. Irwin	2000	*Robert V. McDowell, III
2001	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	2002	James R. Herrington
2003	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	2004	*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.
2005	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.	2006	Charles A. Depfer
2007	G. Thomas Taylor, III	2008	Jay C. Bergstrom
2009	Charles T. Hart	2010	Wayne T. Slack
2011	David H. Laucius	2012	John D. Hiott
2013	James G. Horn	2014	James B. Walsh
2015	Neal J. Sobocinski		

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO

1994-95 *Richard A. Scarlott

GRAND TREASURERS

1991	*Harry V. Felmev	1992-93	*Richard A. Scarlott
1994	*Henry G. Law	1995	Donald D. Thomas
1996-2000	C. Granville McVey	2001-2002	G. Thomas Taylor, III
2003-2007	*Richard A. Scarlott	2008-2011	Arthur A. Loveless, Jr.
2012-	Mark E. Irwin		

GRAND RECORDERS

1991	C. Granville McVey	1992-1994	*Henry G. Law
1995	C. Granville McVey	1996-1999	Donald D. Thomas
2000-2002	Mark E. Irwin	2003-2004	James T. Ruby
2005-2007	Franklin R. Townsend	2008-2009	G. Thomas Taylor, III
2010-2011	Jay C. Bergstrom	2012	Franklin R. Townsend
2013-	Mark E. Irwin		

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Under Grand Encampment

* F. Irving Crow, PC

Under Grand Commandery

1992	*Chester C. Coffin
1994	Franklin R. Townsend
1996	*James H. Hutchins
1999	*William J. Littel
2001	John B. Dorsey
2002	*Charles J. Conley
2004	James L. Ferguson
2008	A. Tony Maxwell
2015	John A. Eberly

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS OF THE TEMPLE

*Henry G. Law, PGC
C. Granville McVey, PGC
* C. Ray Scarborough, PGC
Donald D. Thomas, PGC
James A. Pletz, PGC
*Richard A. Scarlott PGG
G. Thomas Taylor, PGC
*Chester C. Coffin, HPGC
Mark E. Irwin, PGC
James R. Herrington, PGC
Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
David H. Laucius, PGC

* Deceased

	GRAND REPRESENTATIVES	
Near the Grand Commandery of Delaware	State or Province	From the Grand Commandery of Delaware
Randall C. Mullen	ALABAMA	Richard R. Losch
	ARIZONA	Olin E. Lehman
	ARKANSAS	
James A. Pletz	CALIFORNIA	Frederick L. Smith
Samuel L. Mellin	COLORADO	
	CONNECTICUT	Paul L. Chello
Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	DIST. of COLUMBIA	Caulder B. Morris
	FLORIDA	Dencel R. Smith
C. William Tulloch	GEORGIA	Bobby B. Simmons
C. Granville McVey	IDAHO	William K. Curtis, Jr.
Carl V. Driesbach	ILLINOIS	Harry R. Brahmstadt
	INDIANA	Bobby J. Roberts
	IOWA	Clyde E. Reasland
	ITALY	Ubaldo Bazzucchi
	KANSAS	Barry G. Albin
	KENTUCKY	Gary Thornberry
Franklin R. Townsend	LOUISIANA	Edward A. Reine
James A. Pletz	MAINE	Richard P. Day
	MARYLAND	Eugene D. Racz
	MASS.- RHODE ISLAND	John L. Berini
	MICHIGAN	Stanley O. Simons
	MINNESOTA	Thomas E. Bjerke
	MISSISSIPPI	
Charles A. Depfer	MISSOURI	James G. Wade
	MONTANA	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
G. Thomas Taylor	NEBRASKA	Harry E. Waggener
James L. Ferguson	NEVADA	J. J. McDonald, III
	NEW HAMPSHIRE	Aldine Jack Tillotson
	NEW JERSEY	Stephen Lutz
	NEW MEXICO	Robert Keene
Donald D. Thomas	NEW YORK	Oliver D. Mereness
	NORTH CAROLINA	W. Frank Wood
	NORTH DAKOTA	Cory R. Lien
Mark E. Irwin	OHIO	J. William Wolfgang
	OKLAHOMA	Glen Kinsley
	OREGON	Vernon O. Munson
C. Granville McVey	PENNSYLVANIA	William W. Umstead
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	PHILIPPINES	John D. Estes
	SOUTH CAROLINA	Lee Roy Bruce
Eugene R. Small	SOUTH DAKOTA	Lowell C. Holmgren
	TENNESSEE	Clarence L. Crump
Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	TEXAS	Leonard O. Pierce
John D. Hiott	UTAH	Robert H. Cook
	VERMONT	John B. Seward
John B. Dorsey	VIRGINIA	* George Derrick Stevens
	WASHINGTON	James A. Mosley
	WEST VIRGINIA	George J. Gruber
Warren F. Schueler, Sr.	WISCONSIN	George S. Boyd, III
James R. Herrington	WYOMING	Clarence J. Vranish

* - 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**

Fred M. Palmer	Commander
Philip E. Parke, Sr.	Generalissimo
William D. Stephey, Jr., PC	Captain General
M. Carl Barnes	Senior Warden
Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.	Junior Warden
Jay C. Bergstrom, PGC	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC	Recorder
Wayne T. Slack, PGC	Prelate
Eric L. Thompson	Standard Bearer
Charles L. Porter	Sword Bearer
Robert J. Welsh	Warder
Lionel D. Hunter, PC	Sentinel

KNIGHTED

Kevin M. Reynolds

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Morris Hitchens

Andrew Johnson

**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

Philip R. Webb	Commander
John W. Merkley	Generalissimo
Richard A. Mickles	Captain General
Christopher DeAngelo	Senior Warden
Jason C. Thornton	Junior Warden
William F. Lott, PGC	Treasurer
John A. Eberly, PC	Recorder
Jonathan A. Rehm, Sr.	Prelate
George E. Gadsby, PC	Standard Bearer
H. Roland Cohee, Jr.	Sword Bearer
John D. Hiott, PGC	Warder
Christian L. Dull	Sentinel
James B. Walsh, PGC	Assistant Recorder

KNIGHTED

Perry L. Bratcher	Robert M. Heinrich
James E. Hosfelt, Jr.	Albert S. Lamberston
Justin R. Sauble	Michael W. Travers, Jr.
Michael W. Travers, Sr.	Hunter R. Walsh
Jerry L. Weller, II	

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Glenn M. Campfield	Paul N. Boltz, Sr.
James W. Carey	Maurice C. Barnes, Sr., PC
Lucien T. Lenhart	

**TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: August 19, 1991

Stated Conclave: January, April, July and October

OFFICERS

Samuel R. Smith, III	Commander
Michael H. Downey	Generalissimo
Sheldon M. Waters	Captain General
William Anthes	Senior Warden
	Junior Warden
James R. Herrington, PGC	Treasurer
David H. Laucius, PGC	Recorder
Gilbert E. Greenfield, PC	Prelate
Cesar Aniceto	Standard Bearer
Vaughn LeSage	Sword Bearer
	Warder

KNIGHTED

William P. Anthes

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Walter D. Lee

SUSPENDED

James E. Duck

DIED

Edward Hermann

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 2015 plus 4000 becomes 6015. 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 2015 plus 530 becomes 2545. 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 2015 plus 1000 become 3015. 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 2015 becomes 897. 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 2015 plus 1913 becomes 3928. 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 2015 plus 3760 becomes 5775. 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*.

**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT
of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

2013 - 2015

Most Eminent Grand Master	David D. Goodwin
Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master	Duane L. Vaught
Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Jeffrey N. Nelson
Right Eminent Grand Captain General	Michael B. Johnson
Right Eminent Grand Treasurer	James M. Willson
Right Eminent Grand Recorder	Lawrence E. Tucker
Right Eminent Grand Prelate	William D. Hartman
Right Eminent Mid-Atlantic Department Commander	Jeffrey Burcham

**2016 GRAND COMMANDERY OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF DELAWARE OFFICERS**

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Grand Prelate		
Grand Standard Bearer	Michael Downey 202 Georgetown Ave. Wilmington, DE 19809	302-798-4635 masonmike3546@yahoo.com
Grand Sword Bearer	Kenneth Weaver, Sr. 108 E. Keystone Ave. Wilmington, DE 19804	Jennifer 302-994-8399
Grand Warder	James L. Ferguson 39 Delshire Dr. Dover, DE 19901	Jeanette 302-734-4096 mijgref@verizon.net
Grand Sentinel	Kenneth Jaeger 75 Range Rd. Elkton, MD 21901	302-981-6466 kwjaeger@comcast.net

The Twenty Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
of Delaware will be held at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Wilmington in
Wilmington, Delaware on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.
