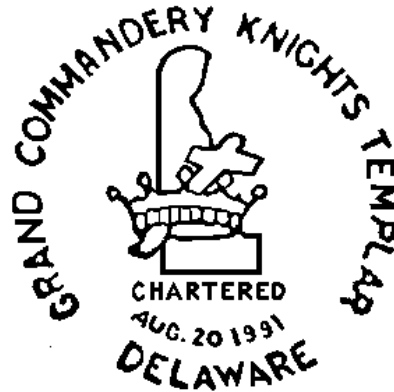


PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF DELAWARE



AT ITS  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
HELD AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE  
MARCH 11, 2016, AO 898



**NEAL JON SOBOCINSKI  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
2015**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
NEAL JON SOBOCINSKI**

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF DELAWARE**

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Delaware was reconvened at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wilmington, on Friday, March 11, 2016, A.O. 884, at 1:00 P.M. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Neal J. Sobocinski for the purpose of conducting the affairs of its Twenty-Fifth Annual Conclave. The following officers were in their respective stations:

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
R. E. Grand Prelate	James R. Herrington, PGC
R. E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
R. 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

Sir Knight Rev. James R. Herrington, Grand Prelate 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 Twenty-Fourth Annual Conclave of March 13, 2015 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	Deputy Grand Master
	Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
R.E. Donald Kline	Past Provincial Grand Prior

#### **DISTRICT of COLUMBIA**

R.E. Robert Malwitz	Past Grand Commander
R.E. James R. Herrington	Past Commander

#### **WEST VIRGINIA**

R.E. Johnnie Sluss	Grand Commander
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#### **MARYLAND**

R.E. Arthur Hebbeler, III	Grand Commander
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#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

R.E. John Habel	Past Grand Commander
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**CONNECTICUT**

R.E. William F. Lott	Past Grand Commander
E. Michael Seamon	Grand Senior Warden
M.E. Richard Eppler	Grand High Priest

**VIRGINIA**

R.E. Malcolm R. Holley, Jr.	Grand Commander
E. Hafford Arritt, Jr.	Grand Sword Bearer
M.E. James Searce, Jr.	Grand High Priest

**NEW YORK**

M.E. Raymond Roche'	Grand High Priest
R.E. Bruce Testut	Grand King

**DELAWARE APPENDANT BODIES**

M.E. Charles T. Hart	Grand High Priest
M.I. Lionel Hunter	Royal Arch Masons in Delaware
Em. Charles T. Hart	Most Illustrious Grand Master
K.C. James A. Pletz	Cryptic Masons in Delaware
R.W. Mark E. Irwin	Eminent Prior
	Jesse Green Priory #70 KYCH
	Intendant General
	Division of Delaware Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine
	Chief Adept
	Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF DELAWARE**

R.E. Donald D. Thomas, 1993  
 R.E. James A. Pletz, 1998  
 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  
 R.E. James B. Walsh, 2014

## **GRAND ENCAMPMENT**

Sir Knight James W. Golladay, Jr., Right Eminent Mid-Atlantic Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and personal representative of Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, 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 Sobocinski. Sir Knight Golladay was presented the Sword of Authority to rule over this Grand Conclave. Sir Knight Golladay 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.

### **MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER**

Most Worshipful Nathan Zahn 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 Sobocinski. He was afforded Grand Honors and presented the Sword of Authority. M.W. Zahn seated the Sir Knights and returned the Sword to the Grand Commander so that he might conduct the business of the Grand Commandery.

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

Greetings:

Most Worshipful Nathan Zahn Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, Mid-Atlantic department commander Sir Knight James W. Golladay, Jr., Most Excellent Grand High Priest Charles Hart, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, Most Illustrious Lionel D. Hunter, Most Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, Right Eminent Grand Commanders from our sister Commanderies in the Mid-Atlantic Department, Distinguished visitors. Members of this Grand Commandery, and Sir Knights all. I most sincerely welcome you all to this our 25<sup>th</sup> annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Delaware. To my brother Red Cords, I will always treasure the friendships formed over this year and hope this is not the end, but will again see more of each other in the future.

It has been both a pleasure and honor to have served as your Right Eminent Grand Commander during this chivalric year 2015 – 2016. As you know, the Deputy Grand Commander Gill Greenfield had to drop out of the line last year due to health reasons, and has since passed, and our Grand Generalissimo could not advance because he was going to be the new potentate of Nur-Shrine, as a result this propelled into the position of Grand Commander two full years before I was planning to assume command. So I had to hit the ground running. And without the help of all the Sir Knights who stepped up to help me I would not have been able to do it.

## NECROLOGY

Before I present the state of the Grand Commandery and accomplishments of this past year I want to first acknowledge That The Supreme Architect of the Universe, thru his Son Jesus called home nine brave Sir Knights this year.

A memorial service led by S.K. James Harrington, Grand Prelate Emeritus will now be held in honor of these Sir Knights.

## Official Visitations to Constituent Commanderies

St Johns Commandery #1 of Wilmington, May 14, 2015, Eminent Commander S.K. Phillip Parke presiding.

St Andrews #2 of Dover, November 17, 2015, S. K. John Merkley presiding.

Trinity #3 of Wilmington, July 29, 2015, Eminent Commander S. K. S. R. Smith presiding.

## Visitations to other Grand Commanderies

One of the most enjoyable responsibilities of a Grand Commander is to represent our great state at other grand jurisdictions. It was my honor to do so at four others. However I missed the Grand Conclave of North Carolina, as we never received an invitation and after realizing it I could not respond in time to attend. I also missed the Grand Conclave of West Virginia, due to illness.

March 20-21,2015 -Annual Grand Conclave of the District of Columbia held in Washington, D.C. Right Eminent Grand Commander Herbert C. Hollander presiding.

May 1-2,2015-193<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grand Conclave of Virginia, held in Charlottesville, Right Eminent Grand Commander William Reinhold presiding.

October 23-25,2015- Annual Grand Conclave of Maryland, held in Ocean City, Right Eminent Grand Commander Randolph Disney presiding.

March 5, 2015-156<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave of New Jersey, held in Somerset, Right Eminent Grand Commander Richard Robins Sr. presiding.

## Courtesy Visitations

March 20<sup>th</sup> Represented by GG Fred Palmer at Brotherhood night sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Delaware. (I was in D.C.).

April 1<sup>st</sup> Jefferson lodge # 15 Lewes De, Presented bible to newly formed DeMolay Chapter.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Hiram lodge #25 Newark De.



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April 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Encampment 85<sup>th</sup> annual Easter sunrise service held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Representatives of all three commandries as well as members of the Grand Staff were present.

August 8<sup>th</sup> 66<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in Buffalo NY. Five past Grand Commanders were present.

September 26<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic Department Conference in Arlington, VA. the G.C, D.G.C ,G.G and G.C.G. were present.

October 5<sup>th</sup> Attended the 210<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware held at Rehoboth beach De.

### Recommendations

Legislative:

Propose an Amendment to the Constitution Rules of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, of the Grand Encampment As follows:

Whereas the current Constitution under “Quorum section 66”.

Is: “ A Quorum of a commandery consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to open the same.”

Add: “ A Quorum for a commandary to open and transact business only, may consists of four\* or five officers:

Commander

Generalissimo

Captain General

Recorder

Treasure

\*(The Recorder and Treasurer may be one officer)

Any of which may be a past Commander of the Commandery.

Non-Legislative #1:

Combine the Christmas observances, for all three Commanderies, on a rotating basis which would increase participation and promote more fellowship.

Non-Legislative #2:

Reiterate and instruct all Commanderies on the proper ritual with which to use when opening and closing a commandery.

Non-Legislative #3:

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The Grand Commandery should make a decision if they still see a need to appoint Grand Representatives. If they think it is still important, then a search should be made to find out what the status of the past appointments are, and if they are still valid.

If we currently do have Grand Representatives, that were appointed in the past, they should be made aware of their responsibility and communicating with their counterpart and reporting back to the Grand Commandery.

Last March when I was installed as Grand Commander I stated I had three goals, which were:

1) To have a Delaware insert in every monthly Knight Templar magazine by enlisting the help of past Grand Commanders who would share their Templar thoughts.

Knight Templar  
Magazine Supplements for 2015-2016

**April:** Donald D. Thomas P.G.C. Unity

**May:** William D. Stephey Jr. G.C.G. Ascension Day

**June:** Franklin R. Townsend P.G.C. K.T. Members

**July:** David H. Laucius P.G.C. Celebrate the Fourth of July

**August:** William Lott Honorary P.G.C. of De. P.G.C. of CT.

**September:** James G. Horn P.G.C. Templar Thoughts

**October:** Donald D. Thomas P.G.C. Unity continued

**November:** Neal J. Sobocinski R.E.G.C. and Donald D. Thomas P.G.C.

**December:** William D. Stephey Jr. G.C.G. Christ is born

**January:** None

**February:** Donald D. Thomas P.G.C. Anthony LaClair Eagle Scout

**March:** Neal J. Sobocinski R.E.G.C.

2<sup>nd</sup>) Set a goal of raising \$2,000 to enable the Grand Commandery of Delaware to send a qualified minister on a trip to the Holy Land next year.

3<sup>rd</sup>) To increase member participation in their home Commandery meetings.

I was taught that a good speech has three parts, a good beginning, a good ending and as little distance between the two. That being said, I want to thank all the Sir Knights for giving me the opportunity to represent you for the last chivalric year both in Delaware and at the various other state Grand Commandery meetings in our district. It has been an educational and rewarding experience for me and one that I will not soon forget.

Sincerely and Fraternaly



Neal J. Sobocinski  
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 4<sup>th</sup> report as Grand Treasurer. Although we showed a slight decline in the assets of the Grand Commandery, much of that loss can be attributed to the onetime charges for Grand Commandery uniforms and Past Grand Commander cap, mantle and jewels. Without those costs, the Grand Commandery would have shown nearly a \$1300 increase.

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

	02/01/2015	1/31/2016	Difference
Checking	\$2,389.23	\$1,372.82	-\$1,016.41
Money Market	\$9,830.75	\$9,870.06	\$39.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,219.98</b>	<b>\$11,242.88</b>	<b>-\$977.10</b>
Bible Fund Savings	\$747.62	\$750.60	\$2.98
Holy Land Pilgrim.	\$2,356.57	\$2,891.63	\$535.06
Permanent Fund – x173	\$4,214.67	\$14,282.23	\$10,067.56
Permanent Fund CD	\$10,018.32	\$0	-\$10,018.32
<b>Total Permanent Fund</b>	<b>\$14,188.75</b>	<b>\$14,282.23</b>	<b>\$93.48</b>
<b>Knight Preceptors Account</b>	<b>\$200.25</b>	<b>\$321.47</b>	<b>\$121.22</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$29,757.41</b>	<b>\$29,488.81</b>	<b>-\$268.60</b>
<b>*Total Grand Commandery Funds</b>	<b>\$29,557.16</b>	<b>\$29,167.34</b>	<b>-\$389.82</b>

\*Excludes Delaware Chapter Knight Preceptor Funds

The Permanent Fund CD matured with WSFS in November. This was moved to the savings account with Capital One.

As interest rates continue to remain low, it is difficult to have reasonable income in both the Grand Commandery operating Fund and the Permanent Fund. This office has been exploring conservative mutual funds that could generate larger returns with low risk. The Permanent Fund was setup to help offset the expenses of the Grand

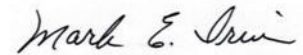
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Commander. With only \$49.24 of interest income and applying the rules for the Permanent Fund, the Grand Commander would only receive \$24.62. This would hardly pay for fuel and tolls to another jurisdiction. The Grand Treasurer will work with the Finance and Permanent Fund Committees to invest a portion of these funds.

I appreciate the trust the Sir Knights have placed in me and look forward to continuing to support the Grand Commandery in the future.

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

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, 2015 to January 31, 2016.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

<b>Income:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Annual Returns (1)	\$3,953.00	Annual Conclave (3)	\$480.00
Eye Foundation	\$211.00	Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$2,520.00
Insurance	\$667.30	K.T. Eye Foundation	\$142.00
Holy Land Donations	\$600.00	Grand Recorder Honorarium	\$75.00
Holy Land Interest	\$10.06	Grand Recorder Office Expenses	\$243.34
Bible Fund Interest	\$2.98	Grand Treasurer Honorarium	\$30.00
Interest (2)	\$39.31	Holy Land Pilgrimage	0
		Insurance	\$615.00
		Postage	\$19.07
		Office Expenses	\$220.86
		Grand Commander cap/mantle	\$535.95
		Website	\$40.00
		Grand Commandery Uniforms	\$1,074.83
		Past Commander Jewels	\$150.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$5,483.65</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,902.71</b>

(1) Previous Year's returns.

(2) Grand Commandery Operating Fund Interest

This shows an amount of \$419.06 more expenses than income. The Annual returns do not include the per capita for the 3 Commanderies which were received after January 31st. These amount to \$3,794 which would have contributed to an 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 were cleared up from the previous year and the expense paid was for last year and this year's Past Grand Commander's cap and mantle. An order was also received to replace worn and tattered caps and mantles for the Grand Commandery line officers. These expenses had been previously reported in last year's report. Thanks to our Grand Generalissimo Fred Palmer, we were able to secure 20 Past Grand Commander's jewels. Without the several onetime charges, the Grand Commandery would have had an increase this year. The future financial pictures looks sound.

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 continue to 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	121	6	0	0	0	1	5	121
ST. ANDREW'S NO. 2	120	0	0	0	4	0	3	113
TRINITY NO. 3	39	2	0	0	0	3	1	37
TOTALS	280	8	0	0	4	4	9	271
NET LOSS		9						

I congratulate St. John's #1 in having 6 knightings and Trinity #3 in having 2 knightings this year. We need to continue our efforts to increase our knightings to offset our losses. There are many Christian Masons in Delaware that should be sought out and invited to join our worthy Order.

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://degcom.deyrmasons.org/>. On this website, you will find copies of Annual Proceedings and information on our subordinate Commanderies and their officers. If you have suggestions for other information that you would like to see on the website, please let me know.

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

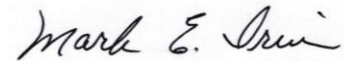
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over the years. I congratulate you on your efforts this year in furthering Chivalric Masonry in our Grand Commandery.

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 in the future.

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 Commanderies, 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.

**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**

NO REPORT

### **REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Educational Foundation had no requests for scholarships. Expenses were limited to the annual filing fee of \$18.87. The fund has a balance of \$62,228.21.

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

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

NO REPORT

### **REPORT OF DELAWARE CHAPTER KNIGHT PRECEPTORS**

At 4:00 P. M., March 13, 2015, Right Eminent Preceptor William Lott opened the Annual Conclave of Delaware Chapter of Knights Preceptor at the Doubletree Hotel, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware with the following officers present and in their proper stations;

Preceptor                      Right Eminent William Lott, PGC  
Master of Templars      Right Eminent James A. Pletz, PGC



Prelate	Right Eminent James R. Herrington, PGC
Treasurer/ Recorder	Right Eminent Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Marshal	Right Eminent Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC

Members, visitors and candidates present numbered twenty, as shown by the Register. Right Eminent Preceptor Lott welcomed all the officers and expressed his sincere appreciation of them attending this Annual meeting.

In view of the fact the all of the members had received a copy of the minutes of our Charter meeting of March 6, 2014 and the called meeting of October 16, 2014, it was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented without reading. Motion was adopted.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$230.25. A copy of the Report was on the Recorder's desk and the Treasurer moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Report be accepted as presented. Motion was Adopted.

The following amendments to the Chapter By-Laws, having been presented to the membership for their consideration, prior to this meeting, were regularly moved and seconded for consideration:

*Amend Section V*

*Membership in the Chapter is open to all Knights Templars in Delaware who have been duly elected to preside over a Delaware Commandery, **or those presiding or who have presided** ~~completed their year of service as a Commander and are a member of a Commandery, or Preceptory, recognized by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America in Delaware.~~ Election to membership is based upon a completed application, received by the Recorder in advance of a called, or special, convention of the Chapter. Election is by unanimous clear secret ballot of all present at the meeting. A rejected petitioner may reapply after a one year period of time.*

**Adopted**

The Recorder noted he was in receipt of applications, and accompanied fees, for membership from the following eligible Sir Knights:

- Past Commander Herbert J. Atkinson
- Past Grand Commander Jay Carl Bergstrom
- Past Commander John A. Eberly
- Past Commander James L. Ferguson
- Past Commander George Gadsby
- Past Commander Lionel D. Hunter
- Past Commander H. Richard Hoffman
- Past Commander Fred Palmer
- Sir Knight Philip E. Parke, Sr.
- Sir Knight Samuel R. Smith, III
- Past Commander William D. Stephey

## Sir Knight Philip R. Webb

These petitions, being in order, were all unanimously approved and said Sir Knights elected to membership in Delaware Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor. With Sir Knight Philip E. Parke, Sr., Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery Number 1, serving as the Exemplar, all the above, with the exception of Sir Knight Lionel D. Hunter (in hospital with a stroke) being present they, and Past Commander David H. Laucius, were admitted into the Chapter for their reception as a Knight Preceptor.

Right Eminent William Lott then proceeded, in a most exemplary manner, in leading the officers, in their respective stations, as noted above, in the conferral of the Order of the Knights Preceptor on this concluding Charter Class of twelve Sir Knights. Following the conferral, the Right Eminent Preceptor presented all the Knight Preceptors present with their membership cards (with the exception of Past Commander H. Richard Hoffman), copies of the By-Laws of the Chapter and a brief paper on the formation of Delaware Chapter. He also presented to Eminent Commander Parke, and several of the Charter members present, a membership Certificate and advised the remaining new members that their Certificate would be presented to them at the next meeting of the Chapter that they attended.

Right Eminent Preceptor Lott then called upon the members of this Charter Class for any comments, several of whom expressed their thanks and appreciation and all of which welcomed the opportunity to be of further service to Templary in Delaware. Preceptor Lott then recognized the new three presiding Commanders in Delaware, Sir Knights Parke, Smith and Webb commended them on their service, bid them well for the forthcoming year and offered to them the assistance of this Chapter.

Right Eminent Jeffrey Burcham, Mid-Atlantic Department Commander for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, commended the Sir Knights of Delaware for establishing this Chapter of Knights Preceptor and shared with them that it has been most successful in Virginia and the officers of your Chapter were to be commended for their work.

Upon request, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates:

Preceptor	Knight Preceptor William Lott. PGC
Deputy Preceptor	Knight Preceptor C. Granville McVey. PGC,
Master of Templars	Knight Preceptor William D. Stephey, Jr.
Seneschal	Knight Preceptor Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
Treasurer/ Recorder	Knight Preceptor Donald D. Thomas, PGC

There being no further nominations, it was regularly moved and seconded that the above named officers be elected by a unanimous ballot cast by Grand Commander Walsh. So approved.

Knight Preceptor Lott then appointed the following officers:

Prelate	Knight Preceptor James R. Herrington, PGC
Marshal	Knight Preceptor Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC
Sentinel	Knight Preceptor James L. Ferguson

Knight Preceptor Lott thanked all for assuming their respective stations and in form, traditional to Delaware, they were duly installed.

The Eminent Preceptor then called upon the Right Eminent Grand Commander, James B. Walsh, who again expressed his great pleasure in seeing a Past Commander's Order established in Delaware and commended the officers on their work this afternoon.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the Chapter, it was closed at 5:15 P.M., with Peace and Harmony prevailing. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Walsh with prayer by Knight Prelate Herrington.

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

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

The Jurisprudence Committee received the R.E. Grand Commander's report on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and have had very little time to review and comment on it. However, it appears to be complete and informative.

Our R.E. Grand Commander Sobocinski expressed thanks to all those Sir Knights who assisted him during this Chivalric Year.

Our R.E. Grand Commander and his staff made grand visits to all three commanderies in Delaware.

We are pleased that he was able to personally visit the Grand Commanderies of the District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey in as much as perpetuating fraternal comradeship between our sister jurisdictions is important.

We are also pleased that he was able to attend the Grand Encampment annual Easter sunrise service in Alexandria, the Triennial Conclave in Buffalo, the Mid-Atlantic Conference in Arlington, the annual Grand Lodge Communication in Rehoboth Beach and presentation of a bible to the DeMolay Chapter in Lewes.

There were no dispensations issued during this chivalric year or other procedures needing action by this committee.

His proposed recommendations concerning a quorum of five officers will be directed to the committee on ritual.

His recommendations for ritual instructions, appointment of Grand Representatives and raising money for the Holy Land trip is commendable and is being referred to his successor for further consideration.

Fraternally submitted,  
James G. Horn, P.G.C., Chair  
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., P.G.C.  
David H. Laucius, P.G.C.

*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, 2016. 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:

- Continue to 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 2015.
- 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

### 2016-17 Grand Commandery Budget

<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Count</b>	<b>Regular Income</b>			
271	GC Per Capita	\$5.00	per member	\$1,365.00
8	New Members Knighted	\$3.75	per member	\$30.00
\$49.24	Permanent Fund Interest 2/1/2015-1/31/2016			\$24.62
	(50% of the interest earned)			
\$39.31	Money Market Interest 2/1/2015-1/31/2016			\$39.31
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Regular Income</b>			<b>\$1,448.93</b>
	<b>Pass-through Income</b>			
280	GE Per Capita	\$9.00	per member	\$2,439.00
100	GE Non-Life Eye Foundation Sponsors	\$1.00	per member	\$105.00
12	Ritual Books	\$15.00	Per book	\$180.00
	Insurance receivables			\$667.30

	(divided between 7 Chapters, 3 Councils and 3 Commanderies)			
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>Pass-through Income</b>			<b>\$3,391.30</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Income</b>			<b>\$4,840.23</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
	<b>Regular Expenses</b>			
	<b>Grand York Rite Weekend</b>			
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	\$710.00
	<b>Grand Recorder</b>			
a)	Honorarium			\$75.00
271	Sir Knights reported X \$0.25 (but not less than \$75)	\$67.75	Per reported	
b)	Office expenses			\$50.00
c)	Postage			\$51.00
d)	Bank Fees			\$
e)	Proceedings Printing			\$25.00
	<b>Grand Treasurer</b>			
	Honorarium			\$30.00
271	Sir Knights reported X \$0.10 (but not less than \$30)	\$27.10	per reported	
	<b>Past Grand Commander</b>			
a)	Cap			\$85.00
b)	Mantle			\$150.00
c)	Shipping (above ordered from Dominion Regalia)			\$20.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>Regular Expenses</b>			<b>\$1,413.80</b>
	<b>Pass-through Expenses</b>			
280	GE Per Capita	\$9.00	per member	\$2,439.00
105	GE Non-Life Eye Foundation Sponsors	\$1.00	per member	\$105.00
12	Ritual Books (Sold to Commanderies)	\$15.00	Per member	\$180.00
	Insurance Payables			\$687.30
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>Pass-through Expenses</b>			<b>\$3,391.30</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Expenses</b>			<b>\$4,805.10</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>			<b>\$35.13</b>

*On motion regular made and seconded the proposed honorariums for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, the proposed budget for 2016 -2017, 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	A. Tony Maxwell (1)
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	Fred Palmer (1)
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	William D. Stephey, Jr. (1)
Eminent Grand Captain General	John A. Eberly (2)
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Eminent Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC

The selections for the future are scheduled as follows:

2017 – Trinity #3

2018 – St. Johns #1

2019 – St. Andrews #2

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 12, 2016.

R. E. Grand Commander	A. Tony Maxwell
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Fred Palmer
E. Grand Generalissimo	William Stephey, Jr.
E. Grand Captain General	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Senior Warden	Michael H. Downey
E. Grand Junior Warden	W. Frederick Horn, Jr.
E. Grand Prelate	Kenneth Weaver, Sr.

E. Grand Treasurer  
 E. Grand Recorder  
 E. Grand Standard Bearer  
 E. Grand Sword Bearer  
 E. Grand Warder  
 E. Grand Sentinel

Mark E. Irwin, PGC  
 Mark E. Irwin, PGC  
 James L. Ferguson  
 Kenneth W. Jaeger  
 Charles L. Porter  
 Philip E. Parke, Sr.

*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. Johns No. 1**

**Wilmington**

**September 8, 2016**

**St. Andrews No. 2**

**Dover**

**October 20, 2016**

**Trinity No. 3**

**Wilmington**

**July 25, 2016**

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(\* Chairman)

#### Jurisprudence

James G. Horn, PGC\*  
 David H. Laucius, PGC  
 Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGC

#### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fred Palmer, DGC\*  
 James Ferguson

#### Easter Sunrise Service

Kenneth Weaver, Sr.\*  
 William Stephey, Jr, GG

#### Knights Templar Eye Foundation

John A. Eberly, PGC\*  
 Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGC

#### Grand York Rite Annual Meeting

Council - William F. Lott\*  
 Commandery -  
 Chapter – Charles T. Hart, PGC  
 Permanent Member - Lionel Hunter

#### Grand Y.R. Leadership & Education

#### Permanent Fund

Mark E. Irwin, PGC\*  
 David H. Laucius, PGC

#### Finance

Michael Downey\*  
 John A. Eberly

#### Membership & Awards

Fred Palmer, DGC\*  
 Jay C. Bergstrom, PGC

#### Grand York Rite Youth

Chapter – John D. Hiott, PGC\*  
 Council – G. Thomas Taylor, III  
 Commandery

#### Knights Templar Insert

Mark E. Irwin, PGC\*  
 Neal J. Sobocinski, REGC

#### Ritual and Drill

William Stephey, GG\*  
 Franklin R. Townsend, PGC



2016

Commandery - David H. Laucius, PGC\*  
Chapter – Neal J. Sobocinski, PGC  
Council - Mark E. Irwin, PGC

**Educational Foundation**

James L. Ferguson

2016

James G. Horn, PGC

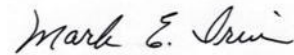
**Religious Activities**

William Stephey, Jr, GG\*

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Conclave will be held at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Wilmington in Wilmington, Delaware, at 1:00 P.M., on Friday, March 10, 2017.

There being no further business to claim the attention of this Grand Commandery, prayer was offered by the Grand Prelate, Kenneth Weaver, Sr., the Grand Commandery called to recess and the Sir Knights dismissed at 3:45 P.M.

Attest:



Mark E. Irwin, PGC  
Grand Recorder

**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	2016	A. Tony Maxwell

**PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

1994-95 \*Richard A. Scarlott

**GRAND TREASURERS**

1991	*Harry V. Felmey	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	
	FLORIDA	Dencel R. Smith
C. William Tulloch	GEORGIA	Bobby B. Simmons
	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. Waggner
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
	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
	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**

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

**KNIGHTED**

Virgil Ciupei	John Paul Chobrda
Michael J. Reider	Ray W. Lynch

**REINSTATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

None

**SUSPENDED**

Milton Wood

**DIED**

Harold T. J. Littleton	Richard L. Weaver
Robert Maclary	Richard W. Garland
James R. Hackett	

**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**

John W. Merkley	Commander
Richard A. Mickles	Generalissimo
Christopher DeAngelo	Captain General
Michael P. Pizzola	Senior Warden
Christian L. Dull	Junior Warden
William F. Lott, PGC	Treasurer
John A. Eberly, PC	Recorder
Jonathan A. Rehm, Sr.	Prelate
Eugene Herr	Standard Bearer
G. Richard Ward	Sword Bearer
Unter R. Walsh	Warder
George E. Gadsby, PC	Sentinel

**KNIGHTED**

None

**REINSTATED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

Perry L. Bratcher	Ellis J. Vest, Jr.
Philp R. Webb	Thomas W. Campbell

**SUSPENDED**

None

**DIED**

Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	Melvin G. Mahoney, Sr.
Charles N. Jackson	

**TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3  
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: August 19, 1991

Stated Conclave: January, April, July and October

**OFFICERS**

Michael H. Downey	Commander
H. Richard Hoffman, PC	Generalissimo
Samuel R. Smith, III, PC	Captain General
Lawrence H. Biederman	Senior Warden
	Junior Warden
James R. Herrington, PGC	Treasurer
David H. Laucius, PGC	Recorder
	Prelate
Cesar Aniceto	Standard Bearer
Vaughn LeSage	Sword Bearer
	Warder
William Anthes	Sentinel

**KNIGHTED**

Lawrence Henry Biederman	Mark Kenneth Button
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**AFFILIATED**

None

**DEMITTED**

None

**SUSPENDED**

Jack Blakely	Jeremy Smith
Anthony Suvie	

**DIED**

Gilbert E. Greenfield, PDGC

## 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 2016 plus 4000 becomes 6016. 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 2016 plus 530 becomes 2546. 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 2016 plus 1000 become 3016. 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 2016 becomes 898. 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 2016 plus 1913 becomes 3929. 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 2016 plus 3760 becomes 5776. After September add another year. Scottish Rite Consistories hold *Reunions* or *Rendezvous*.

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

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 The Twenty Sixth 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 10, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.  
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**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT  
of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
of the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**2015 - 2017**

Most Eminent Grand Master	Duane L. Vaught
Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master	Jeffrey N. Nelson
Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Michael B. Johnson
Right Eminent Grand Captain General	David J. Kussman
Right Eminent Grand Treasurer	Bobby B. Simmons
Right Eminent Grand Recorder	Lawrence E. Tucker
Right Eminent Grand Prelate	William D. Hartman
Right Eminent Mid-Atlantic Department Commander	James W. Golladay, Jr.

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

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