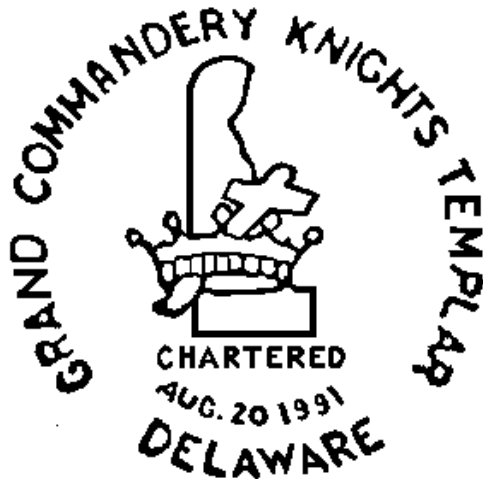


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF DELAWARE**



**AT ITS
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
HELD AT THE SHERATON WILMINGTON SOUTH HOTEL
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE
MARCH 9, 2018, AO 900**



**FRED M. PALMER
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
2017**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
FRED M. PALMER**

Right Eminent Fred Palmer was born on December 20, 1970. Fred is the only Son of Jennifer and Daniel Palmer in Wilmington, Delaware. His Father passed in 1997 leaving a void still felt to this day. His mother remarried to a great man named Kenneth C. Weaver who has joined Fred on his Masonic Journey. Fred grew up in Wilmington Delaware and attended Howard Career Center as well as Wilmington High School. He has become one of the premier stonemasons in the tri-state area. His work is sought after by various companies. He has been with Testardi and Son for almost 25 years which is the company where he learned his trade. He has a daughter named Lily Lee, aged 12. She is his little Buddy. The two of them share many hobbies and activities together including cooking, baking, making others so uncomfortable because it's funny to them. He finds her to be an amazing beautiful, smart, clever, leader of others.

Masonic Record

Symbolic Lodge

Ionic Lodge 31

Initiated October 2008

Passed November 2008

Raised December 2008

Delaware Lodge of Research 2015

Scottish Rite of Delaware

Valley of Wilmington

32° MSA Sottish Rite Mason, MSA 2015

Chapter of Rose Croix

Senior Warden

Knights of Saint Andrew of Delaware

Past Chief 2015

Scottish Rite Mason of the Year 2017

York Rite

Capitular Masonry

Delta Chapter 6

Exalted February 2010

High Priest 2014

Grand Chapter

Grand Master Second Veil 2014

Grand Captain of the Host 2015

Grand Scribe 2016

Grand King 2017

Chivalric Masonry

St. John's Commandery

Knighthood 2011

Eminent Commander 2015

Grand Commandery

Grand Captain General 2014-15

Grand Generalissimo 2015-16

Deputy Grand Commander 2016-17

Grand Commander 2017-18

Convention of the High Priest

Order of the High Priesthood 2013

Keystone Council 113 AMD

Sovereign Master 2015-2016

Junto Council 537 AMD Member

Cryptic Masonry

Gunning Bedford 1

Greeted 2010

Super Excellent Master 2010

Royal Ark Mariners Lodge 15

Conductor

Delaware College S.R.I.C.F
2nd Herald

Knight Masons Delaware Council 18
Senior Warden

First State York Rite College 45
Preceptor

Delaware Conclave Order of the Red Cross of Constantine Preceptor
Herald

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF DELAWARE**

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Delaware was reconvened at the Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel in New Castle, on Friday, March 9, 2018, A.O. 900, at 1:00 P.M. by Right Eminent Grand Commander Fred M. Palmer for the purpose of conducting the affairs of its Twenty-Seventh Annual Conclave. The following officers were in their respective stations:

R. E. Grand Commander	Fred Palmer
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	William Stephey, Jr.
E. Grand Generalissimo	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Captain General	Randall C. Mullen
E. Grand Senior Warden	Lionel D. Hunter
E. Grand Junior Warden	Mark K. Button
E. Grand Prelate	Kenneth Weaver, Sr.
E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	John W. Merkle
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Michael P. Pizzola
E. Grand Warder	Samuel R. Smith, III
E. Grand Sentinel	Philip E. Parke, Sr.
Aide to the Grand Commander	Lawrence H. Biederman

Sir Knight Kenneth Weaver, Sr., 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

Peter Tyrrell	Eminent Commander
Eric L. Thompson	Generalissimo
Charles L. Porter	Captain General
Jay Bergstrom, PGC	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend	Recorder

ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY NO. 2

G. Richard Ward	Eminent Commander
Christopher DeAngelo	Generalissimo
Michael P. Pizzola	Captain General
William F. Lott	Treasurer
John A. Eberly	Recorder

TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3

Mark K. Button
Michael H. Downey
David H. Laucius

Eminent Commander
Treasurer
Recorder

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-Sixth Annual Conclave of March 10, 2017 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

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

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

GRAND PRIORY OF ONTARIO

R.E. David Hardie

Most Eminent Grand Master
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

R.E. Donald Kline

Past Provincial Grand Prior

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

R.E. George Nicol

Grand Commander

R.E. Robert Malwitz

Past Grand Commander

R.E. James R. Herrington

Past Commander

FLORIDA

E. Charles L. Hollinger

Past District Deputy Grand Commander

MARYLAND

R.E. Spyridon Treklas Grand Commander

PENNSYLVANIA

R.E. Ray K. Sheaffer Grand Commander
V.E. Benjamin Beynon Deputy Grand Commander

CONNECTICUT

R.E. Clyde Kayser, II Past Grand Commander
R.E. William F. Lott Past Grand Commander

VIRGINIA

R.E. Roy B. Henderson, Jr. Grand Commander
E. Joe Gilbert Broce, Sr. Past District Deputy Grand Commander
Grand High Priest

NEW YORK

R.E. Stenrick Adams Grand Commander
E. Kenneth Jordan Grand Sentinel

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

R.E. Glen Cunningham Grand Commander

DELAWARE APPENDANT BODIES

M.E. James G. Horn Grand High Priest
Royal Arch Masons in Delaware
M.I. A. Tony Maxwell Most Illustrious Grand Master
Cryptic Masons in Delaware
Em. James B. Walsh Eminent Prior
Jesse Green Priory #70 KYCH
K.C. David H. Laucius Intendant General
Division of Delaware Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine
R.W. Mark E. Irwin Chief Adept
Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

R.E. John M. Lewis Past Department Commander-Northeast

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF DELAWARE

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. G. Thomas Taylor, III, 2007
R.E. Jay C. Bergstrom, 2008
R.E. David H. Laucius, 2011
R.E. John D. Hiott, 2012
R.E. William F. Lott, Honorary, 2013
R.E. James G. Horn, 2013
R.E. James B. Walsh, 2014
R.E. Neal J. Sobocinski, 2015
R.E. A. Tony Maxwell, 2016

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight Henry Adams Right Eminent South East 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 Palmer. Sir Knight Adams was presented the Sword of Authority to rule over this Grand Conclave. Sir Knight Adams 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.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Right Worshipful Donald Rosenberry, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware and representing Most Worship Grand Master John Maranucci 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 Palmer. He was afforded Grand Honors and presented the Sword of Authority. R.W. Rosenberry 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

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Rosenberry, Right Eminent Department Commander Henry Adams, Distinguished Guests, Sir Knights, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you and extend Chivalric greetings. Thank you for giving of your time and efforts to share in our 27th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Delaware. Our thanks to St. John's Commandery #1 for sponsoring last evening's Templar Feast. Those of us who participated enjoyed good food, good

companionship, and excellent enlightenment from the speaker, the Brother Clyde Card from New York. Thank you to the Sir Knights that provided the Honor Guard for the reception of our distinguished guests. We look forward to your providing this service each year. The constitutional number of Commanderies being present, the Grand Conclave is in order. It has been my honor and pleasure to represent the Grand Commandery at the Grand Conclave of: District of Columbia, where the Grand Prelate of Delaware was also in attendance. I have found it interesting and informative to witness the ways Templary is working in our sister jurisdictions. My biggest regret was conflicting schedules in Masonry and Life that kept me from attending sessions in more sister jurisdictions. I represented the Grand Commandery at the Annual Brotherhood Night, the Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, VA, the Department Conference in Virginia along with all the elected officers of our Grand Commandery, at the Annual Christmas Observance which was a joint meeting in Dover hosted by St. Andrew's with all three Commanderies represented, as well as numerous other regular Masonic body meetings.

We did start a Knight Templar of the month that was a feature in every supplement of the Knight Templar magazine. Also, I am happy to report not a single supplement was missed. A singular goal I had for myself.

Official Visits to Constituent Commanders

St. John's	1	September 14, 2017		
St. Andrew's		2	scheduled	
for October 19 th moved due to conflict, never rescheduled				
Trinity		3	July	27,
2017				

At last year's Grand Conclave and during the year at visits, I asked each of the Eminent Commanders and their Recorders to select an individual who has worked tirelessly in their Commandery. Each Commander and Recorder was given a nomination form for the Gold Honor Award from the York Rite Sovereign College. My goal of catching members doing something right and recognizing them for it, did not work out as planned. Not a single nomination was turned in. We also did not receive a single nomination for the KTCH in a timely enough manner to act on it.

Official Visits to Sister Jurisdictions

Always a special part of being the head of a Masonic Body is the inter visitation that presents itself. It is a huge honor to represent Delaware Templary in our Sister jurisdictions and I personally failed in doing an adequate job at making these visits happen. Due to conflicting schedules in Masonry and in my personal life I simply could not make more visits.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRAVEL

Headed up by S.K. Kenneth Weaver, Sr., Grand Prelate, twelve Sir Knights attended the ceremonies and mingled with other Sir Knights from other states and departments during the Easter Sunrise Service.

All elected officers attended the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference held in Crystal City, Virginia this past September. I completed my 3rd year in the Grand Encampment's Leadership program, while S.K. William Stephey, Deputy Grand Commander and S.K. Jae Eberly, Grand Generalissimo completed their 2nd year of training.

4/16/2017 Easter Sunrise Service Alexandria, VA

9/30/2017 Mid-Atlantic Department Conference Arlington, VA

Other Visits representing Grand Commandery of Delaware

3/11 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

3/11 Miss Job's Daughter Pageant

3/24 Delaware Annual Brotherhood Night

4/6 Ionic lodge Stated Meeting Recognized as Grand Commander

4/7 Garibaldi Lodge 542 Conferred EA Degree in Italian I was a special guest and sat in the east

5/6 York Rite Appendant Bodies, AMD, Knight Masons, York Rite College, Royal Ark Mariners

5/17 Delaware College SRICF

5/18 Job's Daughter Bethel #9 Shadow Night

6/12 Installation of Cesar Anecito as WM of Hiram Lodge presented words of welcome from GC

6/17 Installation of Officers for the Delaware Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington

6/29 Installation of Bryan Irwin as WM of Ionic lodge 31

7/20 Installation of John Thompson as WM of Unity Lodge 32

9/11 Delta Chapter RAM American Pride presentation

9/17 Delaware College SRICF

9/18 Unity Lodge 32 featuring special guest Andrew Hammer author of Observing the Craft

9/30 Department Conference - Finished 3rd year of York Rite Leadership Program

10/19 Bethel #9 Job's Daughters provided refreshments on behalf of Grand Commandery

12/19 St. George Tabernacle No. XII of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

12/21 Joint Christmas observance hosted by St. Andrew's in Dover

12/29 Order of Anointed High Priesthood

Necrology

The Young may die. The old must die, and the wisest knoweth not when. While Freemasonry steels one to an individual's own death, we cannot help but mourn the men who pass before us, leaving us all with an unhappy dissolution of our union, by the loss of their friendship and wisdom.

This past chivalric year, 5 Sir Knights have been Called Home. One of these Sir Knights is Past Grand Commander, Charles T. Hart. He was important to Delaware Masonry and Delaware Templary in general. He will be sorely missed by all in this grand jurisdiction. A memorial service for deceased Sir Knights will be conducted by our Grand Prelate later in this Grand Conclave.

Conclusion

It has been a challenging year. I ended up with pneumonia twice in the past year. I have also gone through some major life changes which I am still dealing with. The support of my Brothers, Companions, and fellow Sir Knights has been amazing. I am not one to reach out when I have personal issues. I'm more a bottle it up and help others kind of man. My family has been incredible in their support of me through this past year, if not for them it would have been a lot more difficult. Especially the support of my little Buddy Lily. She is and will always be my biggest inspiration. I had many plans for this year, accomplishing many of them. This year has been great for my growth as a leader and I am positive that it is going to serve me well in future endeavors. All I can hope is Delaware Templary is a small bit better than when I took the reins. I am very honored to have served as your Grand Commander and thank you for the opportunity.

Condition of the Rite

At the start of the year, I talked about catching people doing things right. It is very easy to point out all the wrong things that people do. Don't believe me? Listen to the murmurs in the lobby after this session and you will hear a hundred things I did wrong this year. I think it's very important to recognize men for a job well done, no matter how big or small. Always remember a person's biggest emotional need is to feel appreciated. It doesn't have to be a fancy award or a shiny bauble. One of the biggest emotional lifts I have received was a hand written thank you note from the head of a body. It took almost no effort to make me feel very appreciated.

One thing that will be necessary for the York Rite to start to grow and flourish is working with other Appendant and Concordant bodies of Freemasonry. Scheduling was and has continued to be a huge problem. We need to make a bigger effort when scheduling degree work and events to look at the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and Eastern Star calendars.

I don't believe an influx of new members is what is needed when we do not treat these new members with enough respect to even find out what they want to get out of the York Rite. Instead we force a ritual book into their hands and say sit there. This has simply proven to drive men that sought us out, to leave. We need to seriously look at training new members and exposing them to a quality meeting including Masonic education. We need to find out why 6 members out of 70 plus are showing up to a meeting. So before running out to drum up membership I strongly suggest giving your current members a more quality experience to come out for.

Sincerely and Fraternaly



Fred M. Palmer
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

I want to thank the Sir Knights for bestowing the honor of serving this Grand Commandery again this year.

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

	2/1/2017	1/31/2018	Difference
Checking	\$2,200.29	\$2,630.49	\$430.20
Money Market	\$10,911.47	\$10,955.11	\$43.64
Total	\$13,111.76	\$13,585.60	\$473.84
Bible Fund Savings	\$753.60	\$756.65	\$3.05
Holy Land Pilgrim.	\$4,362.63	\$4,921.90	\$559.27
Permanent Fund – x173	\$14,333.39	\$14,396.75	\$57.36
Total Permanent Fund	\$14,339.39	\$14,396.75	\$57.36
Knight Preceptors Account	\$382.95	\$404.56	\$21.61
Total Funds	\$32,950.33	\$34,065.46	\$1,115.13

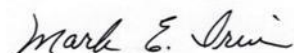
*Total Grand Commandery Funds	\$32,567.38	\$33,660.90	\$1,093.52
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*Excludes Delaware Chapter Knight Preceptor Funds

A recommendation was made last year to look for better investments of the Money Market savings and Permanent Fund accounts. Thanks to the efforts of R.E.P.G.C. G. Thomas Taylor, we have been able to establish a York Rite Fund that will look at a balanced approach at investing the funds of the Grand Commandery and improve the financial position for the future.

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

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, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income:	Actual	Expenses:	Actual
Annual Returns (1)	\$3,930.88	Grand York Rite Weekend	\$809.74
Eye Foundation	\$9.12	Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$2,556.00
Rituals Sold	\$201.60	K.T. Eye Foundation	\$159.00
Jewels Sold	\$100.00	Grand Recorder Honorarium	\$75.00
Postage	\$3.50	Grand Recorder Office Expenses	\$51.23
Interest (2)	\$43.64	Grand Treasurer Honorarium	\$30.00
Insurance	\$544.54	Holy Land Pilgrimage	0
Holy Land Income	\$540.00	Insurance	\$646.00
Holy Land Interest	\$19.27	Postage	\$1.47
Bible Fund Interest	\$3.05	Donations	0
		Website	\$20.00
		Grand Commander cap/mantle	0

Total Income: \$5,395.60 Total Expenses \$4,189.44

- (1) Includes Previous Year's returns.
- (2) Grand Commandery Operating Fund Interest

This shows an amount of \$1,206.16 more income than expenses. Part of the gain is attributed to the gun raffle supporting the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund. Unfortunately, we were again not able to send a minister this year. There are adequate funds in the savings account to fully fund a minister next year. The Annual returns do not include the per capita for 2 Commanderies which were received after January 31st. This amounts to \$1,897 which would have contributed to an even larger increase over expenses. There are receivables of \$296.42 due to Grand Commandery for insurance. On the expense side, there were only typical expense, although the expense for the Past Grand Commander's cap and mantle have not been paid yet. The cost for those are approximately \$240. The future financial picture 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	ADJ	DEMIT	SUSP	DIED	TOTAL
ST. JOHN'S NO. 1	119	7	1	0		-1	-3	-5	118
ST. ANDREW'S NO. 2	112	2	0	0	-11	-3	-3	-4	93
TRINITY NO. 3	38	9	0	0		-1	-0	-2	44
TOTALS	269	18	1	0	-11	-5	-6	-11	255
NET LOSS		14							

I congratulate all Commanderies in having 18 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. I would note that an adjustment reducing the membership count in St. Andrew's was made to correct a 2010 error that overstated the membership.

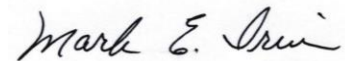
I thank all of the Recorders for working with me to reconcile the database in MMS. We now have an accurate database that will support the management of the Commanderies and the Grand Commandery moving forward.

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.deymasons.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 the understanding and kindness that you have showed me. 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

No report received

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

No report received

REPORT OF THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE COMMITTEE

A group of Sir Knights from Delaware gathered at the Newport Temple at 5 am Easter Sunday to travel to the George Washington Memorial for the Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Grand Encampment. We had good fellowship with other Sir Knights and made some new friends.

The lines were formed, and we began the march up Shooter's Hill to the seating area. The Grand Prelate for Grand Encampment, opened the service with prayer. We listened to the sermon and sang hymns about the Risen Lord. The service finished about 10 am and we met additional Sir Knights and Brothers and continued to have great fellowship.

We departed and stopped on our way back for brunch. We returned to the Newport Temple feeling very tired from travel and departed from one another with handshakes, best wishes and thanks.

The Sir Knights attending were:

Fred Palmer - Grand Commander

William D. Stephey, Jr. - Deputy Grand Commander

Ken Weaver, Sr. - Grand Prelate

Arthur Loveless, Jr. Past Grand Commander

Eric Thompson - Senior Warden – St. Johns Commandery #1

Jay Bergstrom – Past Grand Commander

Erich Krauss - Warder – St. Johns Commandery #1

David Laucius – Past Grand Commander

Neil Sobocinski – Past Grand Commander

Peter Tyrell – Generalissimo – St. Johns Commandery #1

Fraternally Yours,
Kenneth C. Weaver Sr.
Chairman

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. The total cost for the year is \$645.

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

The mission statement of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is “To improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care.” Each year, a voluntary

campaign is conducted from October 1st to April 30th, to support the Foundation and its mission. The 50th Voluntary Campaign is drawing to a close. The aspiration for each jurisdiction is an average of \$10.00 per member. The jurisdiction of Delaware has historically struggled in meeting that goal, and this year has been no different, with involvement decreased from the 49th Voluntary Campaign of last year.

As of March 3, 2018, the members of the three Commanderies comprising our jurisdiction have contributed an active member per capita of \$4.82. Trinity Commandery No. 3 has continued its proud tradition of support for this Masonic charity, a tradition maintained since its chartering in 1991, with an average active member per capita of \$13.18 and total contributions to date of \$580.00. St. John's Commandery No. 1 has an average active member per capita of \$4.35 and total contributions to date of \$500.00. St. Andrew's Commandery No. 2 has an average active member per capita of \$1.49 and total contributions to date of \$140.00. The total number of Sir Knights participating in the Voluntary Campaign from our jurisdiction this far stands at 27, short of the 38 members who participated in the 49th Voluntary Campaign.

Sir Knights, it requires everyone's attention and charitable support to help the Foundation achieve success. You can become a life sponsor for only \$30.00. When submitting your annual dues to your Commandery, please consider adding a little extra and telling your Recorder to designate that contribution to the Foundation.

Twenty years ago, Sir Knight Warren F. Schueler, Sr., then the chairman of this Committee, instructed us to remember the noble words Faith, Hope and Charity, and directed our attention to the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians, and those words still ring true today. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal, and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could move mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

The Committee expresses its appreciation for all those Sir Knights who have contributed to the 50th Annual Voluntary Campaign, or to the Foundation in other ways, and encourage your continued support of this outstanding program.

Fraternally submitted,
John A. Eberly, K.T.C.H.
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND DRILL

NO REPORT

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Permanent Fund regrets that there was very little activity to help grow the fund. The interest generated is solely from the savings account investment with Capital One Bank. New investment strategies are being looked into to provide a greater return and will be done in conjunction with the Finance Committee.

Fraternally yours,
Mark Irwin, PGC, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that the 2017 Proceedings were completed and published on the website. More and more jurisdictions are making the move to publishing their Proceedings on their websites.

A bound copy was sent to the Grand Encampment Office to be placed in the archives.

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 responsibilities of the committee include the banquet, ladies' luncheon, men's luncheon and the facilities that provide the lodging for our Distinguished guest. We also would like to thank the ladies who worked in the hospitality room, they did a fine job. We would like to give a very special thank you to Mark E. Irwin for all the work he does for us and is always there when needed. The committee wants to thank all the people who helped to make this a successful weekend.

Fraternally,
Lionel Hunter
Chairman

REPORT OF THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

No report

REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

No report

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Educational Foundation had no requests for scholarships. Expenses were limited to the annual filing fee of \$313.27. The fund has a balance of \$62,341.48. It is recommended that the Grand Commandery consider transferring the fund to the Grand Encampment to manage the investment. It does not eliminate control of the fund but does permit the ability to obtain a greater rate of return. The foundation was originally setup to provide no interest loans to worthy college students who were children of a Sir Knight. The rules have been changed to only allow outright grants from the Foundation's income. In addition, the committee needs assistance from former members of the foundation in establishing an application process for applying for these grants.

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

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT, PLANNING AND EDUCATION

A specific York-Rite Education workshop was not held this year, in part due to a lack of response and past participation. As a result, there is nothing to report.

It is recommended that before a new committee is appointed for next year the heads of the York-Rite Bodies meet and put forth a plan for future activities.

Fraternally submitted,
Neal J. Sobocinski, Grand Chapter Representative and Chairman
Mark E. Irwin, Grand Council Representative
Fred Palmer, Grand Commandery Representative

REPORT OF DELAWARE CHAPTER KNIGHT PRECEPTORS

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Peers,

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

The Fourth Annual Conclave of Delaware Chapter, Knights Preceptor was held on March 10, 2017, at the Doubletree Hotel, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware with the following officers present and in their proper stations;

Preceptor	Knight Preceptor William Lott. 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
Prelate	Knight Preceptor James R. Herrington, PGC
Marshal	Knight Preceptor Sheldon L. Edwards, PGC
Sentinel	Knight Preceptor J. B. Walsh, PGC, p.t.

A constitutional number of Knights Preceptors being present, Right Eminent Preceptor William Lott declared Delaware Chapter open at 3:30 P. M. Minutes and the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$383.07, were presented and approved. The following Sir Knights were favorably voted upon - Sir Knight G. Thomas Taylor, Sir Knight G. Richard Ward.

Both Sir Knights being present, they were admitted into the Chapter and Right Eminent William Lott then proceeded, in a truly exemplary manner, in leading the officers, in their respective stations, in the conferral of the Order of the Knights Preceptor upon them.

The following officers were duly elected, and/or appointed, and installed in their proper stations:

Preceptor	Knight Preceptor William Lott. PGC
Deputy Preceptor	Knight Preceptor James G. Horn. PGC
Master of Templars	Knight Preceptor William D. Stephey, Jr.
Seneschal	Knight Preceptor Arthur A. Loveless, PGC
Treasurer	Knight Preceptor Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Recorder	Knight Preceptor Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Prelate	Knight Preceptor James R. Herrington, PGC
Marshal	Knight Preceptor J. B. Walsh, PGC
Sentinel	Knight Preceptor James L. Ferguson

Time and place of the next annual session of Delaware Chapter was established in concert with the Grand Commandery of Delaware, as immediately following their 2018 annual session at the Doubletree in Wilmington on March 9, 2018.

The Eminent Preceptor then called upon the Right Eminent Grand Commander A. Tony Maxwell who expressed his pleasure in again observing the labors of the Chapter and commended the officers on their work this afternoon.

It has again been a most successful year for Delaware Chapter, Order of 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. The Fifth Annual meeting of the Chapter will commence immediately following the conclusion of this Grand Commandery.

Delaware Chapter was closed with Peace and Harmony prevailing by Right Eminent Grand Commander Maxwell with prayer by Knight Prelate Herrington.

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

Fraternally Submitted,
Donald D. Thomas, PGC
Recorder

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

The Jurisprudence Committee wishes to thank Grand Commander Palmer for his allocution, which was submitted in time to allow sufficient time for the committee to review. It was easy to read and follow, and clearly summarized his year's activities. Our R.E. Grand Commander and his staff made official visits to all three commanderies in Delaware, attended the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia Sessions, the Easter Sunrise Service in Alexandria, and the Mid-Atlantic Department conference. We commend Right Excellent Grand Commander Palmer for visiting all three Commanderies and for attending the Grand Sessions in the District of Columbia. Support for our sister jurisdictions promotes brotherhood and unity and, importantly, allows for the exchange of ideas. It is unfortunate that circumstances limited Right Eminent Grand Commander Palmer from attending other grand sessions.

We are pleased that he was able to attend the Easter Sunrise Service supported by other Sir Knights from Delaware. We are also pleased that he was present at the Department Conference in Crystal City, Virginia accompanied by the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Generalissimo. The information conveyed at the Conference establishes fraternal relationships between Grand Commanderies and provides valuable information, ideas and insights to our Grand Commandery. The committee also commends Right Eminent Grand Commander Palmer for his support for and attendance at the Christmas Service in Dover sponsored by our three Commanderies.

In addition, Right Eminent Grand Commander Palmer also attended many other Masonic functions where he represented the Grand Commandery although we note that he did not include attendance at either the Semi-Annual or the Annual Grand Session of the Grand Lodge of Delaware when summarizing his activities. Support and strong ties between and among the Blue Lodge and the York Rite within the state is important and of value.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Palmer capably supported the Knight Templar Magazine crafting an article of interest each month for the Sir Knights of Delaware. There were no dispensations issued during this chivalric year or other procedures needing action by this committee and Right Eminent Grand Commander Palmer.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Palmer offered no official recommendations but did offer that improved coordination between the various appendant and concordant bodies within the State of Delaware would be of benefit. He also advised each Commandery to openly welcome, engage and support new members by offering quality programs and improving the masonic education we offer.

The committee commends and thanks Right Eminent Grand Commander Palmer for his service.

Fraternally submitted,
David H. Laucius P.G.C., Chairman
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., 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 Glenn Cunningham, Grand Commander of Massachusetts-Rhode Island who 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 OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Sir Knight Henry Adams, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander, extended the greetings of the Grand Master, Duane Vaught. He spoke of the Holy Land Pilgrimage and the 51 ministers that were sent this year. He also spoke about the starter grants that the Knight Templar Eye Foundation gives amounting to \$65K. There were 50 grants given last year. He also spoke about the Triennial Meeting that is scheduled for Indianapolis in August and he encouraged all to attend.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2018 Grand Commandery Budget

Description	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed
Per Capita	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$15.00
Income:			
Annual Returns-per capita	5,392.12	3,930.88	3,825.00
Eye Foundation	253.88	9.12	130.00
Insurance	580.80	646.00	646.00
Bible Fund Interest	3.00	3.05	3.05
Interest	41.41	43.64	45.00
Rituals		201.60	100.00
Total Income	6,271.21	4,834.29	4,749.05
Expenses:			
Grand Encampment Per Capita	2,439.00	2,295.00	2,295.00
Annual Conclave	585.00	809.74	600.00
Knight Templar Eye Foundation	159.00	130.00	130.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00	75.00	150.00
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	8.42	100.00	100.00
Postage	70.91	75.00	75.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	30.00	30.00	30.00
Rituals	0.00	100.00	100.00
Website	20.00	50.00	50.00
Past Commander Jewels	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Commander Cap/Mantle	215.00	0.00	215.00
Grand Commandery Uniforms	90.00	0.00	500.00
Insurance	632.00	646.00	645.00
Grand Session per capita		134.50	127.50
Bicentennial Jewels	150.00		
Bank Fees			
Total Expenses	4,474.33	4,445.24	5,017.50
Income over Expenses	1,796.88	389.05	-268.45

*On motion regular made and seconded the proposed honorariums for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, the proposed budget for 2018, 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	William D. Stephey, Jr. (1)
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	John A. Eberly (2)
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Randall C. Mullen (3)
Eminent Grand Captain General	Philp E. Parke, Sr. (1)
Eminent Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
Eminent Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC

The selections for the future Grand Captain General are scheduled as follows:

2019 – St. Andrews #2

2020 – Trinity #3

2021 – St. Johns #1

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 Palmer, 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. A. Tony Maxwell, Past Grand Commander, assumed the East as Grand Installing Officer assisted by R.E. David H. Laucius, Past Grand Commander as Marshall and R.E. James R. Herrington as Prelate, 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 10, 2018.

R. E. Grand Commander	William Stephey, Jr.
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	John A. Eberly
E. Grand Generalissimo	Randall C. Mullen
E. Grand Captain General	Philip E. Parke, Sr.
E. Grand Senior Warden	Kenneth W. Jaeger
E. Grand Junior Warden	Mark Button
E. Grand Prelate	Kenneth Weaver, Sr.
E. Grand Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, PGC
E. Grand Standard Bearer	John W. Merkley
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Michael P. Pizzola

E. Grand Warder
E. Grand Sentinel

Samuel R. Smith, III
Lawrence H. Biederman

INCOMING GRAND COMMANDER REMARKS

Right Worshipful Donald E. Rosenberry, Deputy Grand Master of Delaware, Sir Knight Henry Adams, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander, Sir Knight David P. Hardie, Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Visiting Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Sir Knights all, welcome and thank you for your attendance here today.

I am both proud and humbled by this opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery and the constituent Commanderies and more importantly each Knight Templar in their journey in this, our Fraternity. I began to wonder to myself what does it even mean to be a Knight Templar, much less Grand Commander? After some soul searching I remember as a child both being drawn to the sword and the Cross, the stories of King Arthur and the knights of the round table and such, and also being enamored by the solemn mass on Sunday, both Knight and Priest, I wished to be. Then I discovered it was the desire to help people, that some of my most rewarding deeds were done in the service of others, and many times without reward or recognition. Well having been ordained in my church and being dubbed a Knight, I have learned the titles I bear are meaningless unless I live up to what they infer. In fact, in a way they help me try to live up to the ideal. So Now what does a Grand Commandery mean? Well I believe it should serve the constituent Commanderies and the Knight Templar himself, so the theme I will set is, Back to the Basics. This is Christian Masonry and as that title implies, as Knights we are servants, but whom do we serve? As Masons we are to build better men, but who are these men? Just our Fraters? Companions? brothers? or is it all men, and women that come within our influence? I would say the Latter, after all when we serve others are we not in the service of Our God? it serves us no good to be an example in lodge or conclave alone, it is akin to being a saint in church on Sunday, yet a devil the other six days.

So first we must look at ourselves as the individual then as a Commandery and Grand Commandery. Let us put Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ first, He and His Name are nothing to be ashamed of, especially now in a world that wishes to vilify believers. Let us have trust in God, in his holy Name. Second, we must think outside the box where our Commanderies stand, while staying within constitutional bounds. A conclave that is nothing but a business meeting with a ten-minute program if that, really leaves much to be desired. Remember the order of business is subject to the pleasure of the Commander. If you, as a Commander have an Idea, and are not sure if it will pass muster, contact your Grand Commandery, that's why we are here, to serve you. Likewise, listen to your Sir Knights, whether they be old and bold or young and ambitious, they might surprise you. Remember titles, rank, and position are not to serve the vanity of one, but to serve all, and sitting in a chair does not entitle one with the only ideas, as there are many. Third let us think also of non-conclave events, let us think of sponsoring events on the Commandery level as well as the Grand

Commandery level to which the public can participate. it need not be large, expensive or extravagant. The Religious observances are always acceptable. Church services, Holiday parties, food drives, etc. etc., the sky is the limit. If we show ourselves worthwhile and meaningful I think membership will cease to be a negative issue. As this year proceeds, let us all take the time to get back to the basics, let us serve one another, and love one another. Let ourselves and our works define us, be not afraid but stand resolute with Faith and Courage. Thank you and God love you.

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	June 14, 2018
St. Andrews No. 2	Dover	September 20, 2018
Trinity No. 3	Wilmington	July 30, 2018

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(* Chairman)

Jurisprudence

David H. Laucius, PGC*
Jay C. Bergstrom, PGC

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fred Palmer, PGC*
William D. Stephey, Jr., REGC

Easter Sunrise Service

Kenneth Weaver, Sr.*
William Stephey, Jr, REGC

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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

Grand York Rite Annual Meeting

Chapter – David H. Laucius, PGC*
Council – William D. Stephey, Jr., DGC
Commandery – Eric Thompson

Grand Y.R. Leadership & Education

Council - Mark E. Irwin, PGC*

Permanent Fund

Jay C. Bergstrom, PGC*

Finance

A. Tony Maxwell, PGC*
John A. Eberly, DGC

Membership & Awards

Randall C. Mullen, GG*
William D. Stephey, Jr., REGC

Grand York Rite Youth

Commandery – Kenneth W. Jaeger*
Chapter – Hunter Walsh
Council – G. Thomas Taylor, III

Knights Templar Insert

Mark E. Irwin, PGC*
William D. Stephey, Jr., REGC

Ritual and Drill

John W. Merkley*

Commandery – Fred Palmer, REGC
Chapter – Ken Weaver, Sr.

Randall C. Mullen

Educational Foundation

Fred Palmer, PGC* - 2018
Mark Button – 2019
Michael P. Pizzola – 2020
Randall C. Mullen, GG – 2021
Jay C. Bergstrom, PGC - 2022

Religious Activities

Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.*
William Stephey, Jr, REGC

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Conclave will be held at Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, at 1:00 P.M., on Friday, March 8, 2019.

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 were dismissed at 3:45 P.M.



Attest:

Mark E. Irwin

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
2017	Fred M. Palmer	2018	William D. Stephey, Jr.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

2013 *Gilbert E., Greenfield

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
2005 James L. Ferguson
2009 A. Tony Maxwell
2010 *Gilbert E. Greenfield
2013 *Maurice C. Barnes, Jr.
2015 John A. Eberly
2017 Kenneth C. Weaver, Sr.

KNIGHTS COMMANDERS OF THE TEMPLE

1993 *Henry G. Law, PGC
1994 *C. Ray Scarborough, PGC
1995 Donald D. Thomas, PGC
1997 *C. Granville McVey, PGC
2007 *Richard A. Scarlott PGG
2002 James A. Pletz, PGC
2010 G. Thomas Taylor, III, PGC
2010 *Chester C. Coffin, HPGC
2010 Mark E. Irwin, PGC
2012 James R. Herrington, PGC
2013 Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PGC
2014 David H. Laucius, PGC
2014 James G. Horn, PGC
2015 James B. Walsh, PGC
* Deceased

COMPANIONS OF THE TEMPLE

2014	Mary Beth Bergstrom
2014	Claire Herrington
2014	Barbara Lott
2014	Eleanor Loveless
2014	Jane Thompson
2015	Brenda Hiott
2015	Beth Laucius
2015	Joan Horn

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	
	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
G. Thomas Taylor, III	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

Peter Tyrrell	Commander
Eric L. Thompson.	Generalissimo
Charles L. Porter	Captain General
William D. Stephey, Jr., GC	Senior Warden
Erich Krauss	Junior Warden
Jay C. Bergstrom, PGC	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PGC	Recorder
Phillip Console	Prelate
Philip E. Parke, Sr., PC	Standard Bearer
Kenneth Weaver, Sr., PC	Sword Bearer
Joseph Dawson, III	Warder
John Chobrda	Sentinel

KNIGHTED

Thomas E. Keller, III	Matthew E. Weisman
Craig A. Skotnicki	Bruce A. Beck
John A. Thompson	Thomas Keller, Jr.
William Kriger-	

REINSTATED

Jared I. Card

DEMITTED

Barry Hughes

SUSPENDED

Harold J. Heitmann	Charles Maas
Sean Nicklers	

DIED

Joseph J. Brady	Charles S. Horn, III
Larry M. Speaks	Ellis E. Stern
George Long	

**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

Michael P. Pizzola	Commander
Christopher DeAngelo	Generalissimo
Richard A. Mickles	Captain General
Christian L. Dull, Jr.	Senior Warden
Hunter R. Walsh	Junior Warden
William F. Lott, PGC	Treasurer
John A. Eberly, PC	Recorder
James B. Walsh, PGC	Assistant Recorder
Jonathan A. Rehm, Sr.	Prelate
Eugene Herr, PC	Standard Bearer
Robert E. Lowes	Sword Bearer
James L. Ferguson, PC	Warder
George E. Gadsby, PC	Sentinel

KNIGHTED

Jeffrey D. Haas	William S. Hadder
Robert E. Lowes	

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

P. Donald Carey	Donald F. Schneck
George A. Rummel	

SUSPENDED

David L. Johnson	Frank C. Lind
Jason C. Thornton	

DIED

Kenneth P. Brown	Jonathan L. Mears
William W. Pepper	Herschel N. Poore

**TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 3
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: August 19, 1991

Stated Conclave: January, April, July and October

OFFICERS

Mark K. Button	Commander
Lawrence H. Biederman	Generalissimo
Samuel R. Smith, III, PC	Captain General
Gerald Kissel	Senior Warden
Kelvin Blassingame	Junior Warden
G. Thomas Taylor, III, PGC	Treasurer
David H. Laucius, PGC	Recorder
Michael Jones	Prelate
Thomas Sandilands	Standard Bearer
Joseph Marivan	Sword Bearer
	Warder
	Sentinel

KNIGHTED

Kelvin D. Blassingame	Michael L. Flores
Michael W. Jones	Joseph S. Marivan
Thomas D. Sandilands	Erik G. Vargas
James A. McClain	Kevin O'Rourke
Kenyatta Cortez	

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Brian L. Hart

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Herbert P. Fulmer, II

Charles T. Hart, PGC

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 2018 plus 4000 becomes 6018. 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 2018 plus 530 becomes 2548. 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 2018 plus 1000 become 3018. 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 2018 becomes 900. 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 2018 plus 1913 becomes 3931. 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 2018 plus 3760 becomes 5778. 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*.

The Twenty Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of Delaware will be held at the Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel to be
determined on Friday, March 8, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

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

2015 - 2018

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.

2018 GRAND COMMANDERY OF DELAWARE OFFICERS

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E. Grand Junior Warden	Mark Button 36 Greenwood St. Elkton, MD 21921	Heike 443-303-9058 buttnit@hotmail.com
Grand Prelate	Kenneth Weaver, Sr. 108 E. Keystone Ave. Wilmington, DE 19804	Jennifer 302-994-8399 kenweaversr@comcast.net
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