



MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Archie W. Bethard, III

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE

The One Hundred Thirty - Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 8, A.D. 2003, A.I. 2533. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 1:00 P.M. by the Right Excellent Grand King, Robert Wasson, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Archie W. Bethard, III, was then received into the Grand Convocation and afforded Grand Honors. M.E. Companion Bethard extended a warm welcome to all those in attendance.

The following members of Grand Chapter were present:

GRAND OFFICERS

M.E. Grand High Priest	Archie W. Bethard, III
R. E. Grand King	Robert Wasson
R. E. Grand Scribe	Franklin R. Townsend
M.E. Grand Treasurer	Richard A. Scarlott, PGHP
R.E. Grand Secretary	Mark E. Irwin
E. Grand Captain of the Host	Walter F. Lokey
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	Jon B. Cottrell
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	Dean E. Lowe
E. Grand Marshal	Robert A. Benson
E. Grand Master of the 3rd Veil	Lionel Hunter
E. Grand Master of the 2nd Veil	John W. Merkley
E. Grand Master of the 1st Veil	Charles T. Hart
E. Rev. Grand Chaplain	Robert H. Hiddeman
E. Grand Sentinel	Winfield W. Lane
E. Grand Lecturer	Richard L. Weaver
E. Grand Aide to M.E. Grand High Priest	James T. Ruby

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Chester C. Coffin, 1969	Wayne M. Schutz, 1992
Donald D. Thomas, 1978	Charles H. Lengel, Jr., 1993
James A. Pletz, 1983	C. William Tulloch, 1995
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr, 1986	Albert J. Miller, 1996
C. Granville McVey, 1987	Sheldon L. Edwards, 1997
Richard A. Scarlott, 1988	Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1998
John B. Dorsey, 1989	Richard L. Weaver, 1999
Richard W. Garland, 1990	Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., 2000
R. Nelson Biggs, 2001	

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NO. 1

Franklin R. Townsend, PHP Secretary

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4

Lionel D. Hunter High Priest
 John B. Dorsey, PGHP King
 Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP Scribe

DELTA CHAPTER NO. 6

Gordon E. Kyle, Sr. High Priest
 Charles F. Starkey Scribe

HOPE CHAPTER NO. 7

Charles J. Conley, PHP King
 Chester C. Coffin, PGHP Scribe

KENT CHAPTER NO. 8

James T. Ruby, PHP High Priest
 Richard L. Weaver, PGHP King

BRANDYWINE CHAPTER NO. 9

John B. Dorsey, PGHP Treasurer
 David H. Laucius, PHP Secretary

DAYLIGHT CHAPTER NO. 10

William B. Neal High Priest
 James R. Hanby Scribe

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Bethard declared the Grand Chapter empowered to undertake all the work that might be regularly placed before it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 134th Annual Convocation was dispensed with and the Minutes were approved as will be printed in the 2002 Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

ADMISSION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, as listed in the Register of the Grand Chapter, were admitted by courtesy.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Grand Secretary was empowered to present all reports in brief at the will and pleasure of the Grand High Priest and the consent of the members present. Except as may be noted, all Reports herein contained were regularly received, approved and ordered printed in these Proceedings.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Grand Secretary has been advised, by the respective Secretaries of the Constituent Chapters, that the Companions, as noted in the RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS, have been duly elected and installed in their respective Chapters. As such, in addition to the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Past Grand High Priests, and the Past High Priests of the Constituent Chapters of Delaware, these so named Companions are thus entitled to seats in Grand Chapter as representatives of their Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Distinguished Visitors from the neighboring jurisdictions and the several Masonic Bodies in the State of Delaware were presented at the Altar, as follows:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

R.E. Aries Domingues	Grand King
M.E. Scott M. Applebee	Past Grand High Priest
M.E. Robert Bussler	Past Grand High Priest
M.E. F. William Hershiser	Past Grand High Priest
E. Hugh Shawen	Past High Priest

FLORIDA

R.E. Charles L. Hollinger Past District Deputy Grand High Priest

MARYLAND

M.E. Royce A. Watson Grand High Priest
 R.E. Daniel Crouse Grand King
 M.E. Clifton R. Friel Past Grand High Priest
 M.E. Robert B. Malwitz Past Grand High Priest
 M.E. John O. Quillen Past Grand High Priest

NEW HAMPSHIRE

M.E. James Spence Past Grand High Priest
 M.E. Wallace F. Emerson Past Grand High Priest

NEW YORK

R.E. David D. Goodwin Past District Deputy Grand High Priest

PENNSYLVANIA

E. James R. Hanby, Sr. Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies

RHODE ISLAND

M.E. Raymond E. Hassell Past Grand High Priest
 M.E. Robert J. Stearns PGHP, Grand Secretary

VERMONT

R.E. Donald C. Murray Grand King
 R.E. Guy Oldenburgh Grand Scribe
 M.E. Palmer Martin Past Grand High Priest
 M.E. Belford Belles Past Grand High Priest

VIRGINIA

R.E. Charels W. Wagner Grand Principal Sojourner

WISCONSIN

E. Kenneth Bales Grand Principal Sojourner

Each of the Distinguished Visitors was greeted and received by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Bethard with fond words of remembrances of their sojourns together and sincere thanks for joining with us this weekend.

The following Masonic leaders of Delaware were then presented at the Altar and introduced by Right Excellent Mark E. Irwin.

S.K. Charles H. Lengel, Jr. Right Eminent Grand Commander
 Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware
 Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, RCC
 Ill. Donald D. Thomas, 33° Deputy for Delaware, A.A.S.R.
 Intendant General for Delaware, Red Cross of Constantine

Ill. Albert R. Marshall, 33° Active Member, A.A.S.R.
 Ill. Harold T. J. Littleton 33° Active Emeritus, A.A.S.R.
 C. Granville McVey Grand Governor for
 Delaware,

York Rite Sovereign College of North

America

Kt. Haywood I. Buck, Jr. Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70,
 KYCH

K.C. Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. Rep. Dist. No. 4, Convent General, KYCH

RECEPTION OF GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then welcomed at the Altar, the following Past Grand Masters and current officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

M.W. Harold T.J. Littleton

M.W. James A. Pletz

M.W. Herbert P. Fulmer, Grand Treasurer

M.W. Charles H. Lengel, Jr.

R.W. Eugene R. Small, Deputy Grand Secretary

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Right Excellent Mark E. Irwin presented at the altar Right Excellent Roger A. Douillette, Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Northeast Region, and General Grand Master of the Third Veil and representative for the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. Most Excellent Companion Bethard welcomed Companion Douillette to this Grand Convocation and had him escorted to the East where he was afforded Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Chapter. M.E. Companion Douillette thanked the Most Excellent for the honor but returned the gavel to Most Excellent Companion Bethard so he could preside over his Grand Session.

RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE

Most Worshipful P. Donald Carey, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, was escorted into the Grand Chapter by MEPGHP James A. Pletz and presented to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was invited to the East, afforded Symbolic Grand Honors and presented the gavel to preside over Grand Chapter. The Grand Master extended a warm welcome to the visitors and all present and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in this Grand Jurisdiction. Most Worshipful Carey then returned the gavel of authority to Most Excellent Companion Bethard so he could preside over his Grand Session.

RECOGNITION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

On direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Past Grand High Priests in attendance, as noted above, assembled west of the Altar. They then introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. M.E. Companion Bethard thanked them for all their past endeavors and for their advice, assistance and labors during the year. They were then afforded Capitular Grand Honors.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Grand Representatives arose, and were greeted by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, who reminded them to continue their good work of cementing the bond of brotherly love between the sister jurisdictions.

Most Excellent Bethard than called on the Grand Marshal to escort the following Companions who were then presented with their commissions as Grand Representatives to the noted Grand Chapters:

James R. Herrington	Quebec
Wayne T. Slack	Minnesota
Robert Hiddeman	Nebraska

CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Secretary noted that he had received regrets from the Grand High Priests of Ontario, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia who were unable to attend and join in our festivities.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

It is with mixed feelings that I stand before you today. I am saddened that the year is over and my term has come to an end, because it has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I can only express to you how proud I felt to represent the great State of Delaware in all my travels.

It is a great honor you, my Companions have bestowed upon me. I can remember receiving the Capitular Degrees in Brandywine Chapter and saying how beautiful the High Priests apron was, and I set a goal to aspire to that position. Well I did aspire to that position twice and was honored to receive my High Priest apron. Never in my wildest dreams did I believe I would aspire to the position of Most Excellent Grand High Priest. I am truly humbled and proud.

I am so impressed by the lessons taught in this particular branch of

Masonry, the act of kindness and sharing of a mere shekel of silver to a companion in need has made a lasting impression for the rest of my life.

I want to thank all of you for your support and sharing this special year with Lady Dianne and me. I want to thank her for traveling with me and being the wonderful wife and companion for 33 years, what wonderful memories!

I want to Thank Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Dorsey who gave me the petition for Chapter, McVey for giving me my first assignment on Grand Staff, Thomas for offering guidance, words of wisdom and a love for this Fraternity that truly is exemplary.

It is my hope that I leave this Grand Chapter a little better off under my guidance, God bless each and every one of you and I look forward to serving this Grand Chapter for many years to come.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO SISTER JURISDICTIONS

2002

March 15-16 Washington, D.C.

April 5-6 Rhode Island & Providence Plantation

April 26-27 Maine

May 4 New Jersey

May 10-11 New Hampshire

May 14 Maryland

June 1 Connecticut

June 10-11 Vermont

November 15 Virginia

December 9 Massachusetts

VISITS BY THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

2002 - 2003

March 22 Brotherhood Night

March 23 Grand Lodge Semi Annual

March 27 Hope Chapter # 7 Degree work

April 4 Official Visit Brandywine #9

April 12-13 Grand Lodge Retreat

April 22 Official Visit Daylight Chapter #10

May 1 Official Visit Kent Chapter # 8

May 2 Brandywine Chapter # 9

May 16 Council of Deliberation

May 20 Joshua Assoc., Brandywine #9 Order of the Rose

June 18 St. Johns Chapter # 4

June 22 St. Johns Day Dinner

July 13 Royal Arch Family Picnic

September 7 Official Visit Saint Johns Chapter # 4

September 9 Official Visit Delta Chapter # 6

October 1	Grand Masters Dinner
October 2	Grand Lodge
October 3	Grand Masters Installation
October 5	Multi State Festival Alexandria, Va
October 21	Official Visit Washington & Lafayette # 1
October 25	Grand Masters York Rite Reception, Dover De
November 5	Official Visit Hope Chapter # 7
January 21	Installation of Officers Saint Johns # 4
January 27	Joshua Association Annual Dinner

Sincerely and fraternally,



Archie W. Bethard, III
Grand High Priest

On Motion, regularly moved, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

This report will consist of a few figures and comments. The detailed figures and account numbers are available and will be printed in the proceedings of this Grand Convocation. The financial net worth of this Grand Chapter, including all of the six accounts, as of 1/31/03 is \$37,742.12. This amount reveals a gain of \$643.31 from 1/31/02. All of the investment accounts made moderate gains during the year.

As Grand Treasurer, I recommend that the Finance and Jurisprudence Committee review and consider changing the due date for filing the annual report. Currently, the report and fee are due on the same date as the closing date for the fiscal year, which is January 31. As a result some of the payments of annual fees are not received by the Grand Treasurer until after the fiscal year has ended. This results in annual fees for one year, appearing in the financial report for next fiscal year. That amount this year is \$1150.15. This adversely affects the year end financial report.

Some years ago this Grand Chapter enacted legislation to provide a stipend for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. Apparently that legislation was lost. Therefore, I recommend that the Finance and Jurisprudence Committee's review this issue and enact a proper solution. The Grand Commandery has a workable legislation.

I move that this report be received, printed in the proceedings of this Grand Convocation and referred to the Finance and Jurisprudence Committee's for their action.

Respectively submitted,
 Richard A. Scarlott
 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 SECRETARY

Your Grand Secretary is pleased to make this report to this Grand Chapter. I thank all who have helped me this year and have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

Here is a record of all income received in the Grand Secretary's Office and an accounting for all vouchers issued.

Income:		Expenses:	
Annual per capita	1890.60	Annual Convocation	627.22
Permanent Fund Donations	0	Engraving	17.50
RARA Donations	1000.00	Rituals	0
Rituals	90.00	Gen. Gd. Chapter Per Capita	256.95
		GHP Apron and Case	257.45
		Grand Secretary Honorarium (1)	125.00
		Grand Secretary Office Expenses	53.33
		Postage	113.47
Total Income:	2980.60	Printing/mailling proceedings	0 (2)
		RARA	1100.00
		Insurance	56.00
		Total Expenses	2606.92

- (1) Does not reflect Delta Chapter's return
- (2) Proceedings not completed in fiscal year

From a membership perspective, I must sadly report a loss for the year.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

CHAPTER	START	EXALT	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUSP	DIED	END
WASH & LAFAY. NO. 1	82	0	0	0	1	1	2	78
ST. JOHN'S NO. 4	92	0	0	0	0	2	5	85
DELTA NO. 6	90	1	0	0	0	0	3	88
HOPE NO. 7	99	3	3	1	1	5	3	97
KENT NO. 8	65	4	0	1	1	0	4	65
BRANDYWINE NO. 9	95	0	1	0	2	0	2	92
DAYLIGHT NO. 10	48	0	0	1	1	0	3	45
TOTALS	571	8	4	3	6	8	22	550
NET LOSS	21							

Our Grand Chapter was hit hard by death this year. We need to continue our efforts in finding new members. There are many Master Masons who have not received the additional light that could benefit from our teachings.

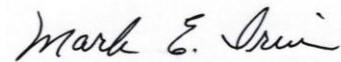
I appreciate all the support I have received from the Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters. I do ask that all file timely monthly reports as this makes things easier for this office.

The Internet and email have been most helpful this year. Many Secretaries have used this means for requesting dispensations, waiver of jurisdictions as well as asking questions of this office.

To our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Archie W. Bethard, I appreciate your support during the year as well as your understanding. I trust you and Diane will be able to rest after your 2 years of labor.

I would like to thank all the Companions for the trust that they reposed in me by electing me to this office. I regret that due to my unpredictable work schedule, I am unable to fully discharge the duties to my satisfaction and therefore will not seek reelection. Thank you for the opportunity that you have given me and I pledge my support to my successor.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



Mark E. Irwin
Grand Secretary

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the report of the Grand Secretary was received and appropriate portions referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE 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 our testimony of a good conscience, in the confidence that we have attempted to serve You faithfully. Our open 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. Some were “giants among their peers”, others more ordinary men. All had God’s plan in their lives, and fulfilled it to varying degrees. There are those whom we remember as having great impact upon our lives and our fraternity – others much less so. 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 Past Grand High Priests; Our departed Past High Priests; Our departed constituent Companions; Those departed Companions from our Sister Grand and Local Chapters, 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 Companions 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

The Rev. James R. Herrington, PHP
Grand Chaplain

At the request of the Grand High Priest, the previous recipients of the F. Irving Crow Award of Honor were asked to stand in place while the following report was read.

F. IRVING CROW AWARD OF HONOR

We, the members of the F. Irving Crow Award of Honor Committee are pleased to announce that we have selected John B. Dorsey as a most worthy candidate to receive this honor.

John B. Dorsey was born on June 25, 1935 in Gwinhurst, Delaware and moved to Claymont at the age of 6 where he attended Claymont Public Schools. On February 23, 1954 he became employed with Diamond State Telephone Co. and retired in 1982 with 39 years of faithful service to the company.

Brother John is also a faithful member of the craft, as the following will attest:

Past Master of Brandywine Lodge No. 33 and Treasurer since 1979
Past Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Delaware
Past High Priest and present Treasurer of Brandywine Chapter No. 9

Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware
 Past Illustrious Master of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1
 Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware and presently Grand Treasurer
 Past Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery No. 1
 Past Sovereign Price of the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem in the Valley of Wilmington
 Past Commander in Chief of the Delaware Consistory
 Was Coroneted a 33° Member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction
 Past Sovereign of the Delaware Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine
 Past Governor of First State York Rite College #45
 Received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America
 Past Commander Noah of Two by Two Lodge No. 15, Royal Ark Mariners
 Past Excellent Chief of Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons
 Past Sovereign Master of Keystone Council #113, Allied Masonic Degrees
 Past Grand Tall Cedar of Brandywine Forest No. 20 and presently Treasurer
 Past President of the Joshua Association

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard L. Weaver, PGHP (2002), Chairman
 Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., PGHP (2003)
 R. Nelson Biggs, PGHP (2004)

The F. Irving Crow Award was presented to our esteemed Companion at the Friday Night Banquet in the presence of his devoted wife Judy.

REPORT OF THE YORK RITE ADVANCEMENT, PLANNING AND EDUCATION

The Committee is pleased to offer this report. A specific York Rite Education Workshop was not held by this Committee in the last year as it was decided that greater benefit could be derived by encouraging participation in the Grand Lodge workshops. Last year, the Knight Templar Education Foundation paid registration costs for some to attend the Leadership Workshop held. We encourage the continuance of that practice and encourage all to plan on attending this year's retreat on the weekend of April 4-6 in Dewey Beach.

The Grand Commander in his address recommended a workshop for the progressive Grand Line Officers to be conducted by past presiding Grand Officers. We heartily encourage that and this Committee will endeavor to organize such an event. We must improve the knowledge

of our officers and train them on their responsibilities and what to expect as they progress to the Grand East. This can only result in improvement in our York Rite Bodies as a whole.

Mark E. Irwin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Committee is disappointed to report that proceedings are not available as yet for the last 2 sessions. The 2001 Proceedings are at the printer but due to a formatting problem have not been completed yet. We anticipate they will be available shortly. Some biographical information and reports for the 2002 Proceedings are being obtained and it is anticipated that those will be received and the 2003 Proceedings to the printer by May. This year's proceedings are well on the way to completion and should be ready for the printer shortly after these sessions.

We encourage all committee chairman to submit their reports timely and where possible in electronic format to the Grand Secretary/Recorder. This makes the job of assembling the proceedings much easier.

The Committee would also recommend the establishment of an Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder to assist in performing various special projects such as the assembling of the proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark E. Irwin, Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual Committee is pleased to report that during this past year most of the chapters have opened and closed proficiently.

Some of the chapters are doing better than others because stations have been filled by officers who have served more than one year and have become more familiar with the ritual.

Some chapters cannot get enough officers to fill the stations and therefore it is difficult to perform their rituals properly.

The degree work in each chapter has been conferred in a most proficient manner. This is a result of using the round robin system along with selecting the better qualified ritualists for a degree team.

In 2003 the Ritual Committee will be instructing the chapter officers to help them improve their ritualistic work.

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne M. Schutz, P.G.H.P.
Chairman

INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Grand Recorder regularly moved, and it was duly seconded, that this Grand Chapter, in conjunction with the other York Rite Bodies meeting this weekend, continue with the Liability Insurance coverage program. The cost will be the same as last year. **APPROVED.**

REPORT OF THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Multi-Jurisdictional Festival was held at the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia on October 5, 2002. It was hosted by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia. Most Excellent Russell G. Snodgrass, Grand High Priest presided.

M. E. Archie W. Bethard, Grand High Priest headed the Delaware delegation. M. E. John B. Dorsey, PGHP conferred the Mark Master Degree in his usual impressive manner with the aid of the following cast:

M. E. John B. Dorsey, PGHP	Right Worshipful Master
E. James Ruby, HP	Senior Warden
M. E. C. William Tulloch, PGHP	Junior Warden
R. E. Franklin R. Townsend, GS	Senior Deacon
E. Robert A. Benson, GM	Marshall
M. E. Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Master Overseer
M. E. Sheldon L. Edwards, DDGGHP	Senior Overseer
E. Winfield Lane, PHP	Junior Overseer
R. E. Sherwood S. Parrott (Virginia)	Sentinel

Frank Charles Lind and Dr. Steven Berlin were candidates from Delaware.

Maryland conferred the Past Master Degree with E. Robert Lumbert as Right Worshipful Master. R. E. Charles A. Via conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree for Virginia. After lunch, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by M. E. Scott Applebee, PGHP representing the District of Columbia. There were at least one and thirty six companions in attendance.

The committee decided that the festival would be held next year on October 4, 2003. The District of Columbia will be the host. The tentative lineup is as follows:

Mark Master Degree

District of Columbia

Past Master Degree
 Most Excellent Master Degree
 Royal Arch Degree

Virginia
 Delaware
 Maryland

Pennsylvania and New Jersey will be invited to participate again.

Respectfully Submitted,
 C. William Tulloch, PGHP

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING

Fraternally submitted,

The Committee

REPORT OF THE PORTRAIT AND JEWEL COMMITTEE

The portrait of the incoming Grand High Priest has been shot by Mateja Studios and PGHP McVey is constructing the frame. The brass name-plate has been ordered and the apron case has been purchased from Philadelphia Regalia.

Fraternally submitted,
 Franklin R. Townsend, P.H.P.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

DeMolay in Delaware continues to struggle, due to lack of leadership, with the absence of an Executive Officer. By the time this report is read at the annual Grand Communication, a new Executive Officer should be in place.

There are still only 3 chartered DeMolay Chapters and one with Letters Temporary. All four have a good "esprit de corps" although Wilmington, Newport and Middletown are in need of a larger membership and a few more advisors.

Job's Daughters in Delaware do not, for the most part, lack an adequate number of adult leaders. A few Bethels are experiencing a decline in membership. However, some Bethels are thriving. One this past year even went from the brink of having its charter forfeited to almost a full officer line.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robert E. Wasson, P.H.P., Chairman

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Your Committee on By-laws has not had any requests for changes in by-laws this Capitular year.

Fraternally,
Eugene R. Small, PHP Chairman

GOVERNOR TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST REPORT

The trust this year had received a request from the Claymont Volunteer Fire Company to enter into an agreement with a commercial communications company to erect an Antenna Tower on their property presently under lease. The Fire Company would receive compensation for such sub leasing. However, after much discussion and consideration, the request was denied.

Also, in line with the binding terms of the will, a grant of \$85,000.00 was approved to the Benefactor, the Y.M.C.A., for the year 2002. This will assist the Y.M.C.A. with sponsoring camperships, which is the point of stress along with defraying the annual operating expenses incurred in the maintaining the camp.

I wish to thank M.E.G.H.P. Archie Bethard for this opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP Chairman

REPORT OF THE R.A.R.A. COMMITTEE

Fraternally Submitted,
Richard W. Garland, PGHP, Chairman

During the presentation of this Report representatives from several Chapters made donations.

REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

No award was made this year.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee on Finance reports that we have reviewed the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them to be in order. We would like to thank both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for providing the proper material there by allowing this committee to perform its duties.

This committee is very pleased to see that in spite of the economy has seen a modest gain again this year.

The Finance Committee recommends acceptance of the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year just ended. The recommendations of the Grand Treasurer should be taken under consideration by the Finance and Jurisprudence Committees and reported on at the next annual commutation of this Grand Chapter.

The proposed 2003 budget is attached. It is comparable with the last few years. We recommend adoption of it as presented.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are to be commended for their diligence to their duties, for all of their efforts and wisdom in guiding the finances of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,
Herbert P. Fulmer
Harold T.J. Littleton
Arthur A. Loveless

Proposed Grand Chapter 2003 Budget

Description	2000 Actual	2001 Actual	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
Income:	\$ 2,534.85	\$ 3,421.10	\$ 2,980.60	\$2,425.00
Expenses:				
Gen. Gd. Chapter Per Capita	270.90	262.35	256.95	260.00
Grand High Priest Expense (1)	523.97			300.00
Grand Secretary Honorarium		250.00	125.00	125.00
Grand Secretary Office Expenses	260.31	78.09	53.33	80.00
Copier/copies				
Insurance Share			56.00	28.00
Postage		227.46	113.47	125.00
Engraving		32.50	17.50	20.00
GHP Apron and Case	236.95	257.45	257.45	257.45
Annual Convocation	831.27	1,038.51	627.22	750.00
Printing/mailling proceedings	894.00			2,700.00
Miscellaneous				
Education Committee	8.52			25.00
RARA	66.00	1,262.53	1,100.00	100.00
Aprons	425.00			
GHP Jewels (10)	54.67			
Grand Lodge for GWMNM				
DeMolay add				
Refund of Annual Report fees				
Bible for DeMolay - shared cost	41.67			
Accounts Payable	203.40			
Total Expenses	\$3,816.66	\$3,408.89	\$2,606.92	\$4,770.45

Adjust expenses to proper year	312.24	803.00	872.00	(1,800.00)
Adjusted Annual Expense	\$4,128.90	\$4,211.89	\$ 3,478.92	\$2,970.45
Reimbursable Expenses:				
Dues Cards	-	-	-	-
Rituals	-	75.00	-	-
GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$ 4,128.90	\$ 4,286.89	\$ 3,478.92	\$2,970.45

*On motion regularly made, seconded and approved the Report of the Finance Committee and the above Budget was **APPROVED**.*

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

Your Committee for the Grand Chapter Permanent Fund wishes to report that the Fund is in good order, having increased in the amount of \$273.08 this past year, in spite of a poor economy and extremely low interest rates. We are not pleased however that the participation in donations has declined from previous years. This Fund can not increase as it has in the past without the help of the Subordinate Chapters and projects by the Grand High Priests as the rules prescribe.

The progress of this year is as follows;

Beginning CD Balance 1/1/02	\$11,000.00
Interest (12 months)	334.25
Interest transferred to Savings	-334.25
Ending Balance 12/31/02	11,000.00
Beginning Savings Balance 1/1/02	\$ 1,386.46
Receipts	230.00
CD interest	334.25
Interest (12 months)	8.83
Expenditure (G.H.P. Apron)	-300.00
Ending Balance	1,659.54
Total Assets in Fund	\$12,659.54

At this point I must state that our total assets would have been almost \$600.00 higher, but the previous Grand Treasurer paid for two Grand High Priest Aprons from the Fund, one in October 2001 and one January 2002, which should have been paid for from the general funds. This is not to criticize, for when he took over as Grand Treasurer, he apparently neglected to read the rules of the Fund as set by action of this Grand Chapter.

It has been a pleasure serving on this committee and we look forward to its growth.

Fraternally submitted
John B. Dorsey, P.G.H.P.
C. Granville McVey, P.G.H.P., Chairman

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE
ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware Now In Session:

Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Archie Bethard has presented his Report on his tenure as the Grand Presiding Officer of this Body in less than two minutes - 90 seconds to be exact. Surely a record. His attachment of his travels indicates that he visited ten of our Sister Jurisdictions and we thank those Jurisdictions who honor us by their reception of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest. We also note that he has been vigilant to his duties within the State and some of the affairs of this Grand Lodge. We thank him for this attentiveness.

This Committee finds nothing in this Report that warrants the attention of this Committee. We thus find no reason why it should not be accepted, perhaps with reluctance.

The brevity of our Most Excellent's Report tends to bring to mind Abraham Lincoln who, with his wife Mary Todd, like Archie and Dianne, enjoyed the theater. We hope that simile does not bring to Archie and Dianne the same fate. In a somewhat similar manner we acknowledge that Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was likewise brief and viewed by some critics at the time as frivolous. History has proven that address to be one of the most moving and impressive speeches of record. We would like to hope that in the future our Companions will look back on our Grand High Priest's Address as one of the most significant addresses ever presented. Sadly we do not feel this will be the case.

We express the sincere thanks of this Grand Chapter to our Most Excellent and Dianne for their dedicated service over many years. You have brought a spirit of vitality to every organization that you have touched. We bid you both well.

Fraternally submitted,
Donald D. Thomas, PGHP, Chairman
James A. Pletz, PGHP
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP

Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the Report of the Grand High Priest was ordered printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Session.

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then recognized Most Excellent Companion.

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of all members of the Grand Chapter for all their efforts during the past year.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Most Excellent Companion Bethard announced the time had arrived for the Election of Officers for the ensuing Capitular year. The results of the Election by unanimous ballot of M.E. Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP were:

M.E. Grand High Priest	Robert E. Wasson
R. E. Grand King	Archie W. Bethard
R. E. Grand Scribe	Franklin R. Townsend
M.E. Grand Treasurer	Richard A. Scarlott
M.E. Grand Secretary	James T. Ruby

Each of those named accepted his respective office and was declared duly elected.

The Grand Secretary then noted that Brandywine Chapter No. 9 had proposed the name of Excellent Companion Charles J. Conley for the station of Grand Captain of the Host. Such proposal being in accordance with the Code of this Grand Jurisdiction, Right Excellent Companion Wasson then announced the following appointments for the ensuing Capitular year:

E. Grand Captain of the Host	Charles J. Conley
E. Grand Principal Sojourner	Wayne T. Slack
E. Grand Royal Arch Captain	Maurice C. Barnes
E. Grand Lecturer	Richard L. Weaver, PGHP
E. Grand Marshal	Robert A. Benson
E. Grand Master of Third Veil	Cesar Aniceto

E. Grand Master of Second Veil	Milton O. Wood
E. Grand Master of First Veil	John A. Loeb
E. Grand Chaplain	Robert H. Hiddeman
E. Grand Sentinel	Jon B. Cottrell
E. Grand Aide to Grand High Priest	Lionel Hunter

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by
, assisted by Excellent as Grand Marshal.

APRON & JEWEL PRESENTATIONS

Grand High Priest Wasson was presented with his Grand High Priest Apron, and the traveling Grand High Priest Jewel, while Past Grand High Priest Bethard was presented his Past Grand High Priest jewel from Most Excellent Companion .

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

I would like to express my utmost sincere thanks to the installing team. Further I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the Companions for the confidence and trust reposed in me by electing me as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I hope to meet or at least communicate with my appointed committees and present my expectations of them, outlining what you should do to generate ideas for improvement of the craft. I will expect an annual report and maybe a semi-annual report to see how we stand. In addition, I solicit ideas, assistance and any suggestions from all companions of the realm. Lastly, I plan to have a fund raiser of some sort this year.

Robert Wasson
Grand High Priest

SCHEDULED VISITATIONS

The Grand High Priest directed the Grand Secretary to read the following schedule of visitations to the Constituent Chapters.

Washington & Lafayette Chapter No. 1	October 20, 2003
St. John's Chapter No. 4	September 16, 2003
Delta Chapter No. 6	September 8, 2003
Hope Chapter No. 7	November 4, 2003
Kent Chapter No. 8	May 7, 2003
Brandywine Chapter No. 9	April 3, 2003
Daylight Chapter No. 10	April 28, 2003

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

On motion, the date and place of the 136th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware was set at 1:00 P.M., or earlier as

necessity may require, on Saturday, March 13, 2003, in Wilmington, Delaware.

APPOINTMENTS

The Grand High Priest directed the Grand Secretary to read the list of Committee Appointments for the year. First named is the Chairman.

JURISPRUDENCE

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP
James A. Pletz, PGHP
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP

FINANCE

Herbert P. Fulmer
Harold T.J. Littleton
Arthur A. Loveless

GRAND HISTORIANS

Herbert J. Atkinson
Maynard H. Mires
Franklin R. Townsend

PERMANENT FUND

C. Granville McVey, PGHP
John B. Dorsey
Ronald C. Jamison

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Archie W. Bethard, III, PGHP (2005)
R. Nelson Biggs, PGHP (2004)
Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., PGHP (2003)

YOUTH

Franklin R. Townsend, (2003 - Council)
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. (2004- Commandery)
Robert H. Hiddeman (2005 - Chapter)

F. IRVING CROW AWARD

Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr., PGHP, (2003)
R. Nelson Biggs, PGHP, (2004)
Archie W. Bethard, III., PGHP, (2005)

CREDENTIALS

Mark E. Irwin
James M. Brittingham
Arthur A. Loveless

MEMORIALS

Rev. James R. Herrington
Robert Hiddeman

PORTRAIT AND JEWEL

Franklin R. Townsend

ROYAL ARCH RES. ASSISTANCE

Richard W. Garland, PGHP
Kings of all Chapters

PRINTING

James T. Ruby
Donald D. Thomas, PGHP

FESTIVALS

Herbert J. Atkinson
C. William Tulloch, PGHP
High Priests of all Chapters

BY-LAWS

Eugene R. Small
Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Jon B. Cottrell
James T. Ruby
High Priests of all Chapters

RITUAL

Richard L. Weaver, PGHP
Eugene R. Small
Wayne T. Slack

YORK RITE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION

Franklin R. Townsend (2003 - Council)
Donald D. Thomas, PGHP (2004 - Commandery)
Mark E. Irwin (2005 - Chapter)

GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING

Arthur A. Loveless (2003 – Chapter)
James R. Herrington (2004 - Council)
Warren F. Schueler, Sr. (2005 - Commandery)

ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

Sheldon L. Edwards, PGHP, Governor

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Wasson closed Grand Chapter in Ample Form at 3:50 P.M.

Attest:



Mark E. Irwin
Grand Secretary

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * 1952 Alfred E. Pool | * 1977 Samuel B. Rash, Jr. |
| * 1953 James A. Lewis | p 1978 James A. Pletz |
| * 1954 Harold A. Shaub | * 1979 Wilfred T. Mason |
| * 1955 Joseph R. Pittard | * 1980 James L. Crouse |
| * 1956 Jesse E. Farlow | * 1981 Robert E. Stewart |
| * 1957 Thomas R. Saunders | p 1982 Wayne M. Schutz |
| + 1958 Martin C. Rauh | p 1983 C. William Tulloch |
| * 1959 Clarence W. Thompson | 1984 Ray A. Schell |
| * 1960 Ernest M. Rogers | 1985 Samuel L. Mellin |
| 1961 Joseph P. Miller | * 1986 Lambert E. Argo |
| * 1962 Thomas L. Sheldon | * 1987 J. Norman Nicklas |
| * 1963 James R. Hanna | p 1988 Charles H. Lengel, Jr. |
| * 1964 Harry H. Conner | p 1989 Franklin R. Townsend |
| * 1965 G. Willard Millman | p 1990 Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr. |
| * 1966 Willard S. Dickerson | 1991 Harry D. Newell |
| # 1967 Lawrence B. Jones | * 1992 John F. McBride |
| * 1968 Charles J. Brodie | p 1993 Archie W. Bethard, III |
| + 1969 George S. Flumerfelt | 1994 William H. Athan |
| * 1970 E. Paul Wootten | 1995 John N. Phillos |
| * 1971 Clifton A. Lutz | 1996 James A. Johnson |
| * 1972 Ralph Cassel | 1997 David F. Coady |
| * 1973 Paul E. Hurter | 1998 Frank M. Keiser |
| * 1974 George S. Buhl | p 1999 Charles J. Conley |
| * 1975 Harry E. McBride | 2000 Maurice C. Barnes |
| * 1976 George Kuba | 2001 Vernon E. Lee |

F. IRVING CROW AWARD OF HONOR

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * 1978 Raymond A. Howard | p 1991 Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. |
| p 1979 Chester C. Coffin | p 1992 C. Granville McVey |
| * 1980 Charles E. Green | p 1994 James A. Pletz |
| * 1981 William H. Cantwell | p 1995 Franklin R. Townsend |
| * 1984 C. Ray Scarborough | p 1996 Richard A. Scarlott |
| 1985 James H. Hutchins | p 1997 Charles H. Lengel, Jr. |
| p 1986 Donald D. Thomas | 1998 Maynard H. Mires |
| 1987 Henry G. Law | p 1999 Warren F. Schueler, Sr. |
| * 1989 Richard H. Thomas | * 2000 William J. Littel |
| 1990 John J. Goodier | 2002 John B. Dorsey |

* - Deceased e - Excused p - Present

**GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *Daniel C. Godwin, 1869-70 | *John R. McFee, 1872 |
| *Allen V. Lesley, 1871 | *George W. Stone, 1873-74 |

*Willis Holden, 1875-76
 *Jacob F. Mynich, 1877
 *Alfred G. Coe, 1878-79

*John W. Lawson, 1880-81
 *Thomas Davidson, 1882-83
 *John Otto, Jr., 1884-85

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE
(Continued)

*William C. Baggerly, 1886-87
 *Joseph A. Bond, 1888-89
 *John L. Clark, 1890-91
 *Francis L. Carpenter, 1892
 *George W. Andrews, 1893-94
 *Eugene Massey, 1895
 *Virginius V. Harrison, 1896-97
 *Lewis W. Flinn, 1898
 *Harry Galbraith, 1899-1900
 *Joseph Row, 1901
 *J. Paul Lukens, 1902-03
 *J. Harmer Rile, 1904
 *John Oliver, 1905
 *Harry W. Lowe, 1906
 *Thomas J. Jacobs, 1907
 *Alfred M. Clower, 1908
 *A. Henry Berlin, 1909
 *Stuart J. Horn, 1910
 *Albert F. Polk, 1911
 *Samuel H. Benson, Jr., 1912
 *Walter W. Bacon, 1913
 *Alexander J. Taylor, 1914
 *Asa Bennett, 1915
 *John W. Macklem, 1916
 *George S. Scott, 1917
 *Leon Walker, 1918
 *W. Frank Sharp, 1919
 *George L. Dickerson, 1920
 *W. Harry Lewis, 1921
 *George A. Salmon, 1922
 *Charles A. Willin, 1923
 +John E. Krauss, 1924
 *West A. Trotter, 1925
 *George O. Fearon, 1926
 *J. Wallace Woodford, 1927
 *Frank L. Long, 1928
 *Obadiah Clark, 1929
 *William O. Wingate, 1930
 *Harold W.T. Purnell, 1931
 *John P. LeFevre, 1933
 *Henry S. Young, 1934
 *Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1935
 *Herman H. Hanson, 1936

*Cornelius E. Beatty, 1937
 *Frank L. Harrar, 1938
 *Joseph T. Maxwell, 1939
 *Charles R. Cannon, 1940
 *George E. Vandegrift, 1941
 *Stephen E. Hamilton, 1942
 *Andrew J. Bock, Jr., 1943
 *Charles S. Cahoon, 1944
 *Joseph O. Willis, 1945
 *Harvey W. Bentley, 1946
 *William H. Cantwell, 1947
 *F. Irving Crow, 1948
 *J. Ralph Carey, 1949
 *R. Earle Dickey, 1950
 *Harry R. Craig, 1951
 *James Carswell, 1952
 *Harry W. Loose, 1953
 Irwin R. Murray, 1954
 *J. Henry McDonnell, 1955
 *Alfred E. Pool, 1956
 *Charles E. Green, 1957
 *Claude P. Davidson, 1958
 *A. Warren Wheatley, 1959
 *Rhey H. Smith, 1960
 *Raymond A. Howard, 1961
 *Powell E. Craig, 1962
 *Ernest H. Martyn, 1963
 *Warren W. Edinger, Jr., 1964
 *Samuel A. Wise, 1965
 Chester G. Dahlstrom, 1966
 *John S. Proud, 1967
 *Richard H. Thomas, 1968
 Chester C. Coffin, 1969
 #Lawrence B. Jones, 1970
 *John J. McClearnen, 1971
 *Bruce C. Ward, 1972
 John J. Goodier, 1973
 *C. Ray Scarborough, 1974
 Charles W. Barkins, 1975
 *Clifton A. Lutz, 1976
 *James E. Peo, 1977
 Donald D. Thomas, 1978
 *George Kuba, 1979

James H. Hutchins, 1980
 *Raymond M. Savage, 1981
 Henry G. Law, 1982

James A. Pletz, 1983
 *George K. Harris, Jr., 1984
 Lewis J. Blackwell, 1985

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF DELAWARE

(Continued)

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1986
 C. Granville McVey, 1987
 Richard A. Scarlott, 1988
 John B. Dorsey, 1989
 Richard W. Garland, 1990
 *T. Eugene Womach, 1991
 Wayne M. Schutz, 1992
 Charles H. Lengel, Jr., 1993
 William J. Littel, 1994

C. William Tulloch, 1995
 Albert J. Miller, 1996
 Sheldon L. Edwards, 1997
 Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1998
 Richard L. Weaver, 1999
 Carl V. Dresibach, 2000
 R. Nelson Biggs, 2001
 Archie W. Bethard, III, 2002
 Robert E. Wasson, 2003

GRAND TREASURERS

*Stilman A. Hodgemen, 1869-74
 *James H. Cameron, 1875
 *James Ponder, 1876
 *James M. Jones, 1877
 *William W. Lobdell, 1878
 *Alfred D. Warner, 1879
 *Joseph W.H. Watson, 1880
 *James H. Price, 1881
 *Winfield S. Quigley, 1882
 *Joseph A. Bond, 1883
 *Wilmer Palmer, 1884
 *John B. Book, 1885
 *James S. Dobb, 1886
 *Francis W. Carswell, 1887
 *Benjamin F. Bartram, 1888
 *Mark L. Garrett, 1889
 *J. Parke Postles, 1890
 *Thomas O. Cooper, 1891
 *Lewis B. Jervis, 1892
 *George H. McCall, 1893
 *William L. Crossan, 1894
 *Harry W. Lowe, 1895

*Harrie H. Campbell, 1896
 *J. Jackson Pierce, 1897
 *J. Harmer Rile, 1898
 *Thomas G. Pennington, 1899
 *George M. Fisher, 1900
 *William M. Eaton, Jr., 1901
 *John B. Martin, 1902-06
 *Thomas Reardon, 1907-18
 *George S. Scott, 1919-40
 *James McMillan, 1941-52
 *James Carswell, 1953-66
 *Ernest H. Martyn, 1967-70
 *Raymond A. Howard, 1971-79
 *C. Ray Scarborough, 1980
 Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86
 Henry G. Law, 1987-91
 C. Granville McVey, 1992 - 94
 Donald D. Thomas, 1995
 C. Granville McVey, 1996 - 00
 G. Thomas Taylor, 2001
 Richard A. Scarlott, 2002 -

GRAND SECRETARIES

*Alfred T.A. Torbert, 1869
 *William F. Godwin, 1870-71
 *John P. Allmond, 1872-79
 *Henry B. McIntire, 1880-85
 *William Marshall, 1886
 *James H. Price, 1887-1914
 *Stuart J. Horn, 1915-23

*John W. Macklem, 1924-43
 *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1944-6
 *Alfred E. Coe, 1957-61
 *Raymond A. Howard, 1962-70
 #Lawrence B. Jones, 1971-72
 Donald D. Thomas, 1973-74
 Henry G. Law, 1975-80

2003

2003

*C. Ray Scarborough, 1981-91
Henry G. Law, 1992-1994
C. Granville McVey, 1995
Donald D. Thomas, 1996- 99

Mark E. Irwin, 2000 – 2002
James T. Ruby, 2003 -

* - Deceased + - Withdrawn # - Suspended

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

**WASHINGTON & LAFAYETTE CHAPTER NO. 1
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869
Stated Convocations: Third Monday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Robert A. Benson	High Priest
Wayne D. Mower, III	King
Peter Tyrrell	Scribe
Joseph L. Kaufman	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PHP	Secretary
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Timothy D. Spence	Principal Sojourner
Howard L. Robertson, III	Royal Arch Captain
Henry George, IV.	Master of the 3rd Veil
Francis E. Kates	Master of the 2nd Veil
William H. Athan	Master of the 1st Veil
Scott A. Dalton	Chaplain
Lionel D. Hunter	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

Maurice C. Barnes, Jr.

SUSPENDED

William H. Downing

DIED

Ernest H. Meyer

William H. Thorne, III

**ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER NO. 4
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: January 20, 1869

Stated Convocations: Third Tuesday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Lionel D. Hunter	High Priest
John B. Dorsey, PGHP	King
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., PGHP	Scribe
C. Granville McVey, PGHP	Treasurer
Cesar Aniceto	Secretary
Stephen J. Barron, Jr.	Captain of the Host
Milton Weaver	Principal Sojourner
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP	Royal Arch Captain
Charles T. Hart, PHP	Master of the 3rd Veil
Robert E. Wasson, MEGHP	Master of the 2nd Veil
Raymond C. Childress, PHP	Master of the 1st Veil
Joseph Kauffman	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

Lester M. Pennington

Carlson L. Stoneman

DIED

Edward H. Pollock
George H. Robinson
James A. Johnson

Elmer W. Randall
Abram Goldstein

**DELTA CHAPTER NO. 6
NEWPORT**

Date of Charter: January 21, 1874
Stated Convocations: Second Monday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Gordon E. Kyle, Sr.	High Priest
John S. Hanna, Jr.	King
Charles F. Starkey	Scribe
Eugene R. Small, PHP	Treasurer
Herbert J. Atkinson, PHP	Secretary
	Captain of the Host
A. Tony Maxwell	Principal Sojourner
Dean E. Lowe, PHP	Royal Arch Captain
Philip V. Allen	Master of the 3rd Veil
John A. Loeb, PHP	Master of the 2nd Veil
Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., PHP	Master of the 1st Veil
Newton L. Willoughby	Sentinel

EXALTED

Sean McMonagle

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

George B. McGlashan
Bayard J. Taylor

William J. Littel

**HOPE CHAPTER NO. 7
GEORGETOWN**

Date of Charter: January 23, 1893
Stated Convocations: First Tuesday of each Month
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

John W. Merkley	High Priest
Charles J. Conley	King
Chester C. Coffin, PGHP	Scribe
James B. Walsh, PHP	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes, PHP	Secretary
Samuel L. Mellin, PHP	Captain of the Host
Lucien T. Lenhart, PHP	Principal Sojourner
James G. Horn	Royal Arch Captain
	Master of the 3rd Veil
	Master of the 2nd Veil
	Master of the 1st Veil
Robert W. Currie, Sr.	Chaplain
Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	Sentinel

EXALTED

Steven D. Berlin		Walter C. Hopkins
	Daniel E. Lundquist	

REINSTATED

Ulysses S. Grant	Willard W. Davis
Leon D. Ware	

AFFILIATED

Charles J. Conley

DEMITTED

Joshua J. Willey

SUSPENDED

Carlos J. Bounds	Thomas W. Campbell
Kenneth D. Mosher	James E. Parker
Jay F. Plummer	

DIED

William G. Lambden	James R. Whaley
Lewis J. Blackwell	

**KENT CHAPTER NO. 8
DOVER**

Date of Charter: January 19, 1921
Stated Convocations: First Wednesday of each Month
Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

James T. Ruby, PHP	High Priest
Richard L. Weaver, PGHP	King
James L. Ferguson	Scribe
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP	Treasurer
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP	Secretary
Archie W. Bethard, III, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Jon B. Cottrell, PHP	Principal Sojourner
S. Curtis Cole	Royal Arch Captain
Richard L. Shehorn	Master of the 3rd Veil
Robert P. Newnam	Master of the 2nd Veil
Kenneth P. Brown	Master of the 1st Veil
Paul J. Bastian	Chaplain
C. William Tulloch, PGHP	Sentinel

EXALTED

Benjamin B. Betts	Charles F. Moran
William K. Roussell	Frank C. Lind

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

Robert A. Benson

DEMITTED

David F. Coady

SUSPENDED

DIED

Charles W. Barkins	Norman B. Kalar
Stanley F. Nelson	Frederick W. Price

**BRANDYWINE CHAPTER NO. 9
WILMINGTON**

Date of Charter: January 15, 1966
Stated Convocations: First Thursday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

Herbert R. Hoffman	High Priest
John C. Rayias	King
Dennis Abbo	Scribe
John B. Dorsey, PGHP	Treasurer
David H. Laucius, PHP	Secretary
John W. Peronti	Captain of the Host
Gilbert L. Greenfield	Principal Sojourner
Neal J. Sobocinski	Royal Arch Captain
Milton Landis	Master of the 3rd Veil
Lyman L. Krimmel	Master of the 2nd Veil
Ralph E. Snyder	Master of the 1st Veil
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Chaplain
Wayne T. Slack, PHP	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

REINSTATED

John H. Downs, PHP

AFFILIATED

None

DEMITTED

Lynn Messerole	R. Dale McKinney
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SUSPENDED

None

DIED

Robert V. McDowell, III, PHP	George T, DeMond
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**DAYLIGHT CHAPTER NO. 10
NEWPORT**

Date of Charter: March 12, 1994
Stated Convocations: 11:00 A.M. Fourth Monday of each Month
Closed: July and August

OFFICERS

William B. Neal	High Priest
Edward G. Roth, III	King
James R. Hanby	Scribe
Albert R. Marshall	Treasurer
Richard W. Garland, PGHP	Secretary
Wayne M. Schutz, PGHP	Captain of the Host
Loren W. Kunkle	Principal Sojourner
Harry A. Diehl	Royal Arch Captain
Winfield W. Lane	Master of the 3rd Veil
Charles F. Mitchell, Jr.	Master of the 2nd Veil
Vernon E. Lee	Master of the 1st Veil
Harold T.J. Littleton	Chaplain
Andrew J. Johnson, Jr.	Sentinel

EXALTED

None

AFFILIATED

James R. Hanby

DEMITTED

John B. Dorsey

SUSPENDED

None

DIED

William J. Littel	James A. Johnson
William E. Fawcett, Jr.	

**GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND CHAPTERS
RECOGNIZED
BY THE GRAND CHAPTER OF DELAWARE**

ALABAMA	Arthur C. Harding	P.O. Box 320262 Birmingham, Al 35232
ALASKA	David A. Hunt	P.O. Box 100641 Anchorage, Ak 99510-0641
ALBERTA	Lyle C. Dowdell	619 Hunterburn Hill NW Calgary, Alberta T2K 4S6
ARGENTINA	Miquel Bogado	Presidente Peron 1242 1038 Capital Federal
ARIZONA	David G. Stankow	345 W. Monroe St. Phoenix, AZ 85003
ARKANSAS	Homer F. Chamness	P.O. Box 24 Fort Smith, AR 72902-0024
AUSTRIA	Helmut Ramberger	Weilburgstrasse 10 A-2500 Baden
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MASONIC CALENDAR

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 2003 plus 4000 = 6003.

Scottish Rite, same as 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 2003 plus 3760 = 5763. After September add another year.

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 2003 plus 530 = 2533.

Cryptic Rite (Royal and Select Masters) dates 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 2003 plus 1000 = 3003.

Knights Templar 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 2003 = 885.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACITOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 2003 plus 1913 = 3916.