

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER  
ARCHIE W. BETHARD, III**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE**

The Seventieth-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 9, 2002, A. Dep. 3002. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Wayne T. Slack with prayer by Grand Chaplain C. William Tulloch followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Archie W. Bethard, III was then received into the Grand Assembly and afforded Grand Honors.

The following officers were in their respective stations:

**GRAND OFFICERS**

M.I. Grand Master	Archie W. Bethard
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Wayne T. Slack
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	Albert H. Westerside
M.I. Grand Treasurer	John B. Dorsey, MIPGM
M.I. Grand Recorder	Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
I. Grand Chaplain	C. William Tulloch
I. Grand Captain of the Guard	Charles J. Conley
I. Grand Conductor of the Council	Maurice C. Barnes
I. Grand Marshal	James R. Herrington
I. Grand Steward	Jon B. Cottrell
I. Grand Sentinel	James B. Walsh

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

Chester C. Coffin, 1966	Richard A. Scarlott, 1991
Donald D. Thomas, 1985	James Albert Pletz, 1993
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987	Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1994
C. Granville McVey, 1989	Charles Henry Lengel, Jr., 1995
John Basil Dorsey, 1996	Franklin R. Townsend, 1998
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999	

**CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

**GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1**

Herbert J. Atkinson	Illustrious Master
David Laucius	Deputy Master
Lionel D. Hunter	Principal Conductor of the Work

**ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2**

Jon B. Cottrell	Illustrious Master
Richard L. Weaver	Deputy Master
James T. Ruby	Principal Conductor of the Work

**JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3**

Charles J. Conley	Illustrious Master
Chester C. Coffin, MIPGM	Principal Conductor of the Work

**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4**

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM

Illustrious Master

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM

Deputy Master

C. Granville McVey, MIPGM

Principal Conductor of the Work

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS**

The Grand Recorder declared that a Constitutional number of Councils were represented, that a quorum had been established and this Grand Council could rightfully proceed with its labors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the reading of the Minutes of the 74th Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in the Proceedings.

**RECEPTION OF REPORTS**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the Grand Recorder was authorized to give Reports in brief, subject to the will and pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council. Except as may be noted herein, all Reports were received, accepted and ordered to be printed in these Proceedings.

**ADMISSION OF SELECT MASTERS**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, all Select Masters in good standing, as listed in the Grand Council Register, were admitted by courtesy.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

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

**CONNECTICUT**

M.P. Richard E. Larcom

Past Most Puissant Grand Master

M.P. Richard E. Eppler

Past Most Puissant Grand Master

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

M.I. Richard B. Baldwin

Most Illustrious Grand Master

M.I. F. William Hershiser

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

R.I. Ayres Domingues

Deputy Grand Master

I. Robert B. Bussler

Past Illustrious Master

R.E. W. Frederick Gore

Grand Commander

**FLORIDA**

M.I. Charles L. Hollinger

Most Illustrious Grand Master

**MARYLAND**

M.I. Joseph F. Chalker

Most Illustrious Grand Master

M.I. Caulder B. Morris

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

R.I. Patrick A. Curits

Deputy Grand Master

I. Robert B. Malwitz

Grand Steward

M.E. Carl J. Cicchetti

Grand High Priest

**MASSACHUSETTS**

M.I. Clayton A. Bemis Most Illustrious Grand Master  
 R.I. Wayne L. Robbins Grand Master of Ceremonies

**NEW JERSEY**

M.I. Paul D. Loveland, Jr. Most Illustrious Grand Master  
 R.I. Brian H. Blades Deputy Grand Master  
 M.I. Saul M. Tischler Past Most Illustrious Grand Master  
 M.I. William Schoene, Jr. Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

**NEW YORK**

M.I. E. William Whittaker Most Illustrious Grand Master  
 R.I. Rueben "Rex" Long Deputy Grand Master  
 R.I. Donald Harrison Grand Principal Conductor of Work

**PENNSYLVANIA**

M.E. Ronald L. Pennell Grand High Priest

**RHODE ISLAND**

M.I. Raymond E. Hassel Most Illustrious Grand Master  
 R.I. Robert J. Stearns Deputy Grand Master  
 M.E. Dewey L. Smith Grand High Priest

**VERMONT**

M.I. Belford Belles Most Illustrious Grand Master

**VIRGINIA**

M.E. George D. Stevens Past Grand High Priest

**GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL**

R.P. Oliver D. Mereness General Grand Sentinel  
 M.I. John B. Dorsey Ambassador for Delaware

Most Illustrious Grand Master Bethard cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions. He stated that he had enjoyed his sojourns to sister jurisdictions and sincerely hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware as enjoyable. Cryptic Grand Honors were then afforded the visitors.

The following Masonic leaders of Delaware were then presented at the Altar and introduced by Most Illustrious Donald D. Thomas.

M.E. R. Nelson Biggs Grand High Priest  
 Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Delaware  
 S.K. James R. Herrington Right Eminent Grand Commander  
 Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware  
 Ill. Robert V. McDowell, III, 33° Deputy for Delaware, A.A.S.R.  
 C. Granville McVey Grand Governor for Delaware,  
 York Rite Sovereign College of North America  
 Kt. Wayne M. Schutz Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, RCC  
 Kt. Donald D. Thomas Intendant General for Delaware,

## Red Cross of Constantine

Each were greeted personally by the Most Illustrious Grand Master and welcomed to the 76th Annual Assembly.

**RECEPTION OF  
GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then welcomed at the Altar, the following Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

M.W. Warren F. Schueler, Sr., P.G.M.  
M.W. Herbert J. Atkinson, P.G.M.  
M. W. James A. Pletz, P. G. M.  
M. W. Charles H. Lengel, Jr., P. G. M.

**RECEPTION OF THE  
RIGHT PUISSANT NORTHEAST REGIONAL DEPUTY GRAND  
MASTER  
GORDON E. KIMBALL**

Most Illustrious John B. Dorsey, MIPGM, then presented at the altar, Right Puissant Gordon E. Kimball, Northeast Regional Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Grand Master Bethard most cordially welcomed our distinguished Companion to Delaware, invited him to the East where he was afforded Cryptic Grand Honors and presented to him the gavel of authority to rule over this Grand Council. Right Puissant Kimball commented on his pleasure of being in Delaware and given the authority to preside over this Grand Council but suggested the labors should be returned to Grand Master Bethard.

**RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL  
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN DELAWARE**

Moat Worshipful James S. Russell, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware was escorted into the Grand Council by MW Warren F. Schueler, Sr., PGM, and presented to Most Illustrious Grand Master Bethard and Right Puissant Kimball. The Most Worshipful was invited to the East, afforded Symbolic Grand Honors and presented the gavel to preside over Grand Council. The Grand Master extended a warm welcome to the visitors and all present and wished for them a most enjoyable stay in the Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master then complimented Most Illustrious Grand Master Bethard for his year of service to Cryptic Masonry and thence returned to him the gavel of authority so he could preside over his Grand Session.

**RECEPTION OF  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters in attendance assembled at the Altar. They then introduced themselves and stated their year of service to the Companions. M.I.G.M. Bethard thanked them for their past endeavors

and for their advice and assistance during the past year. The assembled MIPGM were then afforded Grand Honors.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

On direction of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Grand Representatives arose, and were greeted by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

### **REGRETS**

The Grand Recorder expressed the regrets from the Grand Masters of Eastern Canada and New Hampshire.

### **ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

I would first like to dedicate my year to the memory of Right Illustrious John Losten who would have been the Most Illustrious Grand Master this year, except for the untimely calling of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

I would also ask that you keep in your prayers Most Illustrious Past Grand Master William J. Littel who has been in failing health since leaving this position last year.

Last year as I stood before this distinguished gathering and made the profound statement that "history has proven that when ever mankind is faced with challenges, the greater the challenge the higher we rise to meet the challenge." Well needless to say in light of the tragedies on September 11, 2001 We Americans have risen to heights unknown to mankind. This Country is strong in patriotism and we have met the threats to this great nation head on. This Fraternity especially our brothers from New York, Washington DC and the Scottish Rite have done this nation proud with their support both physically and financially, and we salute you.

I want to especially thank Most Worshipful James S. Russell, Jr. for taking the time to be with us today, and congratulate him and his Lady Linda on their untiring work they are doing for our Fraternity. Most Excellent William Schoene, Jr., General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons International you honor us with your presence here today. To all the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Past Illustrious Grand Masters and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests it is indeed an honor to have you in attendance.

I want to express a very special thank you to R. Nelson Biggs and his Lady Jean for the great companionship and wonderful times we spent together. We will never forget our flight back from Maine on September 9, and the beautiful site of the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building and the last view of the World Trade Center. Thank You Sheldon L. Edwards Eminent Grand Commander and Lady Nancy for all your guidance, help and friendship through out this year.

Thank you to my staff, committee members and supporters for a job well done.

I Most of all I want to thank my Dear Wife Dianne for all her love, support and her willingness to travel with me, it made for memories that will last forever! Thank You Sweetheart for 32 Wonderful Years!

I had the hope and desire that we could stabilize our membership and achieve the dream of **JUST ONE MORE MEMBER** then we had the previous year, but it was not to be. My goal was to make the absolute best out of a year that I was totally not prepared for, with the help of my wife and companion for 32 years **WE** made the best effort we could. We made a lot of friends along our path and I feel we did a great job representing the Grand Council Of Delaware.

### OFFICIAL AND OTHER VISITS

Adoniram Council No. 2	September 5, 2001
Gunning Bedford Council No. 1	September 26, 2001
Joppa Council No. 3	December 4, 2001
Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4	December 27, 2001
Brotherhood Night	
Grand Lodge	
Multi State Festival	
3 visits to each of the constituent councils	

### SISTER JURISDICTION VISITATIONS

District of Columbia	March 17, 2001
Massachusetts	March 30-31, 2001
Rhode Island	April 6-7, 2001
Maine	April 27, 2001
Pennsylvania	April 30, 2001
New Jersey	May 4-5, 2001
Maryland	May 7, 2001
New Hampshire	May 12, 2001
Connecticut	June 2, 2001
Vermont	June 11-12, 2001
New York	August 17-18, 2001
N.E. Conference, Maine	September 7-8, 2001

### DISPENSATIONS

March 10, 2001 – To all Constituent Chapters to waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigation and balloting on petitions received during the period from March 10, 2001 to March 8, 2002. For the same period to waive the waiting period between the several degrees and to allow balloting upon petitions at special Convocations if proper notice given.

October 17, 2000 – To Adoniram Council No. 2 to change their time of meeting from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. This change was requested to

provide for the reception of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

This year I recommended two Companions to serve as Grand Representative near Delaware for the following grand jurisdictions:

Florida	Jon Cottrell
Rhode Island	Archie W. Bethard, III

I was pleased to receive the following from other jurisdictions for Grand Representative near their grand jurisdictions.

Eastern Canada	Cecil E. Decker
Illinois	James W. Patton

### **CONDITION OF THE RITE**

We again experience a year where any gains are offset by deaths and suspensions. We need to work closely with the Recorders of the constituent Councils to head off suspensions prior to notifications.

Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 has a full line of officers; they are having scheduled practice sessions and are experiencing a nice turn out of Companions.

Adoniram Council No. 2 and Joppa No. 3 are experiencing problems in filling officer positions and barely have enough members present to open.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

I would recommend that each constituent Council appoint a three man committee to biannually review the receipt of dues with their respective Recorder to closely monitor where problems may exist and there by identify potential suspensions for non payment of dues.

I would also recommend that each constituent Council appoint a member to each Blue Lodge under its jurisdiction to be the representative for that Council for the sole purpose to identify and recruit new members.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

It has been a wonderful experience to serve this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, it has been a great honor. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support and most of all your friendship. God Bless You All and may God Bless this wonderful Country we live in.

Fraternally Yours,  
Archie W. Bethard, III



Most Illustrious Grand Master

*On Motion, regularly moved, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.*

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

On my first report as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, I am pleased to report an increase of \$1,244.70 for the year of 2001. With the turmoil of the stock market and the lowering of interest rates, I think we did quite well for the limited funds involved. I look forward to the upcoming year as your new Grand Treasurer. A special thanks to that tight fisted squeeze of a buffalo Scotsman for all his help in getting me over the rough spots. Thanks Granny!

	IMMA SAVINGS	CHECKING ACCOUNT	TWO INVESTMENT CD's	PERM FUND
<b>BALANCE</b>				
2/15/01	\$4,723.99	\$693.14	\$14,531.31	\$1,011.91
<b>DEPOSITS</b>				
Receipts	\$999.70	\$725.55	\$430.73	\$67.00
Transfer	\$485.15			
Interest	\$50.37			
Accrued				\$12.30
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	\$6,259.21	\$1,418.69	\$14,926.04	\$1,091.21
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Checking	\$800.55			
Expenses		\$1,410.00		
<b>BALANCE</b>				
2/15/02	\$5,458.66	\$8.69	\$14,962.04	\$1,091.21

	YEAR-TO-YEAR SUMMARY		
ASSETS	2/15/02	2/15/01	Increase
Imma Savings	\$5,458.66	\$4,723.99	\$734.67
CD Accruing	\$6,864.25	\$6,433.52	\$430.73
CD Transferring	\$8,097.79	\$8,097.79	\$0.00
Perm Fund	\$1,091.21	\$1,011.91	\$79.30

Checking Account #372746018	\$8.69
Grand Council Money Market #206110389	\$5,458.66
Grand Council CD Transfer #495752461	\$8,097.79
Grand Council CD Accumulate #495752479	\$6,864.25
Grand Council (Savings) Perm Fund #496385063	\$1,091.21
<b>TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS (02/15/02)</b>	<b>\$21,520.60</b>

Total all Accounts 02/15/01	\$20,275.90
Total all Accounts 02/15/02	\$21,520.60
<i>Total Increase of</i>	<i>\$1,244.70</i>

Fraternally Submitted,  
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM  
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 this report to this Grand Council. I thank all who have helped make the year. I have appreciated the assistance given to me by all bodies that I have corresponded with this year.

Following is a record of all income received in the Grand Recorder's office and an accounting for all vouchers issued.

### SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income		Expenses:	
Annual Returns	1099.70	Annual Assembly	484.95
Cans	20.00	Copier/copies	30.10
CMRF	60.00	Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	125.30
T.I.M. Jewels	15.00	Grand Recorder Honorarium	(1) 150.00
		Name Tags	30.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>1194.70</b>	Postage	139.50
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>959.85</b>

From a membership perspective, this office notes the following:

### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

COUNCIL	START	GREET	REIN	AFFIL	DEMIT	SUS.	DIED	TOTAL	DUAL
G. BEDFORD	214	5	0	0	4	5	4	206	
ADONIRAM	56	0	1	0	1	2	1	53	3
JOPPA	82	2	3	0	0	3	2	82	1
T. I. M.	57	0	2	0	0	0	2	57	57
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>11</b>								

In reviewing the last several reports, it is noted that deaths are continuing to run around 10 per year. This number cannot be helped, but we must redouble our efforts in the Demits and suspensions, which amounted to a large part of our membership decline. Every effort should be made by a personal visit to maintain these members. My Companions, there are many Capitular Masons who have not received the additional light that could benefit from our lessons.

I appreciate all the support I have received from the Recorders of the subordinate Councils. 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. I encourage all who need to contact this office to take advantage of it. Monthly reports may be filed in this manner and I encourage all Recorders to provide me with their email address.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Archie W. Bethard, I know you were thrown into the fire but I congratulate you on your term of office. I know that you and Diane will not be able to rest much as you take on new responsibilities this afternoon.

Lastly, thanks to all the Companions for the honor you have bestowed on me, it has been trying at times. My new position at Social Security makes my task most difficult and I regret that I was unable to be present at this Grand Assembly. I extend my deepest gratitude to Most Illustrious C. Granville McVey for covering the Grand Recorder duties today.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
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.*

### **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Grand Recorder reported that Insurance would be continued as in the past with all bodies of the Grand York Rite participating in the shared cost.

Fraternally submitted,  
Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
Grand Recorder

### **REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

During the past year, the Supreme Architect of the Universe has received some of those who have labored with varying successes in the quarries of our fraternity. They have arrived in the presence of the Supreme Illustrious Grand Master, and have been judged on how they used the talents that they have been given. We do not know specifically how they have been received, but in faith affirm that justice will be tempered by grace and mercy. Our fervent prayer is that they will hear the glorious, "Well done, good and faithful servants..."

Their passing confronts us with mortality. They have sojourned to where we also will proceed. We proceed on faith, affirming a loving and

compassionate Creator. In faith we affirm that we were created in order that our God could love us. The deep spiritual insight of James Weldon Johnson stated, (God speaking in the Oratorio, "God's Trombones"), I am lonely; I will make me a world." And from chaos and nothingness, He brought Light, Order, and finally, Humanity. Oscar Wilde's insight in "The Picture of Dorian Gray", that it is death that gives life meaning, is never more obvious than when we intentionally remember those who have gone before us, to meet the Supreme Architect.

Let us pray: God of Heaven and Earth, we your sons affirm Your love and care, and our dependence on that love, both in this life and the next. Receive those whom we remember today, and be with, guide and support us, as we make our earthly pilgrimages. Receive those who have gone before us, and in your mercy, lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

James R. Herrington  
Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of this Grand Council, your Committee on York Rite Leadership and Education is pleased to report on a most successful year. As has been noted in the past, the challenge to this Committee is one common across all York Rite Bodies and thus the reason that several years ago we enacted legislation within Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery for a common Committee across those three bodies. We also recognized at that time that we share a like charter with the Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite and would continue to work with those bodies in this area. This effort has paid off handsomely this year as we join with the Grand Lodge in the first Retreat weekend sponsored by this Grand Lodge – "A Leadership Retreat – Your Journey to the East." A weekend at Dewey Beach wherein Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, Sublime Princes and their Ladies will join together to be well FUELED with Fun, Unity, Education and Leadership. This represents a magnificent opportunity for all Appendant Bodies to join and learn together.

The Committee is very proud of this accomplishment and is indebted to those of the Grand Lodge who have made this possible. The particulars – April 12, 13, and 14<sup>th</sup> at Ruddertown, Dewey Beach, cost – a very nominal \$70 per person registration fee including all Retreat materials, meals, gratuities, hospitality and entertainment – an absolute bargain. Hotel arrangements may be made at the Best Western Gold Leaf. Further particulars can be obtained from the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

### **REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES COMMITTEE**

This committee received no requests from the Companions of this Jurisdiction. This leads the committee to believe that there are no items presently contained in our Constitution and Statutes that require introduction or amending at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM

**REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

Fraternally submitted,  
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM

**REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR**

Fraternally submitted,  
Franklin R. Townsend,  
Grand Inspector

**REPORT OF THE 2001 GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF  
DELAWARE  
GRAND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE**

Fraternally submitted,  
The Committee

**REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE  
TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST**

Support of the day camp and youth sports facility operated by the YMCA on land leased by it from the Trustee continues to be the principal activity of the Hanby Trust.

A grant of \$85,000.00 was approved by the Board of Governors, to be made to the YMCA for the year 2001.

As with previous grants the funds will be used for the general expenses of operating the camp with particular emphasis on helping to defray the camping fees of underprivileged children.

Fraternally submitted,  
Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM  
Governor

*Upon order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the previous recipients of the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award were assembled at the altar. The following report was then presented.*

**REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION  
COMMITTEE**

The following recommendations for Awards this year are as follows:

Cryptic Mason of the Year  
Jon B. Cottrell of Adoniram Council No. 2

Companion Jon is one of the spark plugs of the Dover area. He is active in the three York Rite Bodies in Dover, as well as, Nur Temple Shrine. He has proven to be dependable despite a tough work schedule.

This Committee sees many future possibilities in this devoted Companion, and highly recommend him for this Award.

Cryptic Adult Leadership Award

One of the more important recognitions that this Grand Council can provide is the Adult Leadership Award. We all recognize the necessity of providing Leadership within our individual Councils. We acknowledge the importance of endeavoring to provide education and training to our officers through our Leadership Training Programs and we stress the importance of the ritual so that our new members become well familiar with the teachings of the Cryptic Rite.

Too often however many of us forget to recognize the true importance of our Youth. We quickly forget the admonition of the Volume of the Sacred Law that a little child shall lead them. Fortunately there are a select few that attend to that duty that is oft overlooked. Over the past several years, this Grand Council has indeed been fortunate to recognize those who have served with our youth and made them better young men and women. In the past the decision of whom to so acknowledge has been a difficult one. Oft time it was made more difficult because we would uniquely see a team working together which was working marvelously well. This year is no different as we again find a team that not only inspired our youth but also brought a fresh outlook to their activities. They offered them new things to try and do. They experimented with new ideas – and they were tremendously successful. The choice between which of the two to recognize was again very difficult. Whereas in the past we would find ourselves in a dilemma, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International has attentively listened to our plea and solved our problem. This year, for the first time in Delaware, we are pleased to acknowledge and recognize a remarkable team who has brought to the Jobbies in Delaware great guidance, mentoring and leadership. A team that have been innovative in the approach to working with the Youth, who dare to try new things, new challenges and by so doing has invoked a new spirit, new excitement in the Youth.

The Committee with pleasure proposes Most Worshipful Herbert P. and Lady Carol Fulmer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM

### **PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report received

### **THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT**

At their stated Assembly of December 27, 2001 of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4, Companion Herbert J. Atkinson, Illustrious Master elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, and Charles J. Conley, Illustrious Master elect of Joppa Council No. 3 were duly elected affiliated members of that Council. The Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was then conferred upon them in a most proficient manner by the Officers of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 with M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey assuming the role of Benaiah and M.I.P.G.M. Richard L. Scarlott delivering King David's Charge. In attendance at this meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Archie W. Bethard together with members of his staff. The Most Illustrious Grand Master complimented the officers on the work and said he hoped that each of our Councils would have an enjoyable year.

The next degree conferral is scheduled for December 27, 2002 at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware commencing at 6:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted,  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Recorder, TIM No. 4

### **JURISPRUDENCE REPORT**

The Jurisprudence Committee regrets its inability to provide you a complete report on the Address of our Most Illustrious Grand Master. Rather regretfully, due to circumstances which we are sure were beyond his control, this Committee did not receive his report in sufficient time to enable a total review of his actions. Thus we comment on what we heard presented here today.

We commend our Most Illustrious for his stewardship as head of this Grand Body for this past year. A service that he was suddenly called upon to perform due to the illness and subsequent death of Right Illustrious John Losten. We share with our Most Illustrious the sadness cast upon this Grand Council by Illustrious Brother John's illness and his death and are only heartened by the knowledge that John is at peace with the world, no longer suffering from the pains of his illness.

Our Most Illustrious has attended to his duties in a most attentive manner. Eleven of our sister jurisdictions have honored him by welcoming him into their Grand sessions and we are well pleased that he has carried the flag of the First State to so many. His attendance at the Northeast Regional Conference in Maine demonstrates his firm

commitment to the Craft. He has graced the asylums of each of the four Councils on not only his official visitations but also on several regular assemblies sharing freely with them of his time and knowledge. He has also insured that the Cryptic Rite was present and well recognized at several of the functions of our Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not possess information regards his Dispensations and Grand Appointments. We are confident that they were all within the powers and prerogatives of his office however withholds judgment on them until they have been presented to the Committee. We would seek approval on them subject to further review.

One year ago, the Most Illustrious challenged each member of this Grand Council to have one more member than we had last year. As he notes, that was not to be the case. We share in his disappointment in that matter. Although membership is a primary problem today in all Masonic Bodies its solution, insofar as the Appendant Bodies of the York Rite are concerned, is to provide a uniform plan across Chapter, Council and Commandery and then to work that plan. That plan can be further enhanced through involvement and participation with the Craft Lodges and Grand Lodge.

The Most Illustrious makes two recommendations to this Grand Council – both, not too surprising, have reference to membership. Each of the recommendations has reference to recommendations to Constituent Councils. The Committee concurs with the Most Illustrious on these recommendations and believes that they are positive suggestions the Councils should give due consideration but which require no legislative action by the Grand Council.

The Committee sincerely thanks the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Lady Dianne for their time and effort on behalf of this Grand Council. They have labored long and hard on our behalf and their dedication is most appreciated. Dianne and Archie's love for the theater forces us to reflect upon the words of the Bard in 'As You Like It':

'All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players.  
They have their exits and entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts.'

The Most Illustrious has played Act 1; we await with pleasure his performance in Act 2.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM

*Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was ordered printed in the Proceedings of the Annual Assembly.*

#### **REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE**

Your committee for the Permanent Fund is not pleased with growth of



the fund this year, however it did have a minimal increase. The interest rates are at an all-time low, the Councils have shown very little support and your committee (including your chairman) has not aggressively sought new revenue this year. Though this is a comparative new Fund, we feel it should prosper at a faster rate and have high hopes that this will happen in the new year.

Balance as of 2/15/01	\$1,011.91
Receipts	67.00
Interest	12.30
Balance as of 2/15/02	\$1,091.21

Like the "Ant and the Rubber Tree Plant" your Committee has "High Hopes" and with your help can succeed.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Eugene R. Small, PIM  
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM, Chairman

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fraternally  
submitted,  
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., PMIGM  
Eugene R. Small

### PROPOSED GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET

Description	1997 Actual	1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Proposed
<b>Income:</b>	1682.89	1683.34	2199.41	1700.00	1,700.00
<b>Annual Expenses:</b>					
Gen. Gd. Council Per Capita	125.65	142.10	122.85	128.45	130.00
Grand Recorder Honorarium	75.00	75.00	75.00		75.00
Grand Recorder Office Exp.	122.58	37.95	120.05	196.54	125.00
Copies and copier		34.48	17.83		45.00
Insurance Share	29.00	23.67	28.00		28.00
Postage		41.23	51.93		75.00
Printing/Mailing Proceedings	502.00	578.47	467.24	439.00	450.00
Annual Assembly Expense	105.20			324.94	325.00
MIGM Apron				90.00	90.00
Rituals	20.00			25.00	
Education Committee				8.52	
Grand Lodge for GWMNM			100.00		
CMMRF				141.00	

2002					2002
DeMolay ad				30.00	
Miscellaneous		13.98			
Bible for DeMolay-shared					41.67
Accounts Payable					103.00
Total Annual Expenses	979.43	946.88	1,012.90	1,395.12	1,368.00
Adjusted Annual Expenses	1,031.20	895.11	1,012.90	1,395.12	1,368.00
<b>One Time Expenses</b>					
Aprons/Cases & Jewels					850.00
<b>Reimbursable Expenses</b>					
Dues Cards			533.90		
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,031.20</b>	<b>895.11</b>	<b>1,546.80</b>	<b>2,245.12</b>	<b>2,168.00</b>

One time expenses are paid from accrued earnings.

*On motion regularly made, and seconded the above Budget was **APPROVED.***

#### **RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert Hassell of New Jersey for his remarks. Most Illustrious Hassell extended the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality shown and shared how much the bond between our jurisdictions has grown.

#### **RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Right Puissant Gordon Kimball for his remarks. Companion Kimball also extended his thanks for the courtesies extended to he and his lady both now and over the years. He spoke of the invaluable work of the Cryptic Masons Research Foundation in its fight against arteriosclerosis.

#### **DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel then discharged all Committees, expressing his thanks and that of the Grand Council for all their efforts during the past year.

#### **ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Littel announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year. The results of the Election, by acclamation, were as follows:

M.I. Grand Master  
R.I. Deputy Grand Master

Wayne T. Slack  
Albert H. Westerside

R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
 M.I. Grand Treasurer  
 M.I. Grand Recorder

Charles J. Conley  
 John B. Dorsey, MIPGM  
 Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM

Most Illustrious Companion Slack then had the Grand Recorder announce the following appointments for the ensuing year:

I. Grand Captain of the Guard	James R. Herrington
I. Grand Chaplain	Lyman L. Krimmel
I. Grand Conductor of Council	Robert V. McDowell, III
I. Grand Marshal	Warren F. Schueler, Sr.
I. Grand Steward	Jon B. Cottrell
I. Grand Sentinel	James B. Walsh

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Franklin R. Townsend, with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master C. Granville McVey serving as Grand Marshal.

### REMARKS OF THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER

Most Worshipful James S. Russell, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Delaware. As I humbly stand here before you today as Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Delaware let me first thank all of my companions who have placed their trust in me. I will try to live up to that trust.

I want to thank MIPGM Townsend and MIPGM Thomas for installing the elected and appointed officers for the coming year. I want to congratulate our out going Grand Master Bethard for having a successful year.

Twenty six years ago, I started my Masinic journey. What a journey it has been. In that journey I have met many interesting Brethren and hope to meet many more.

My concern for the coming year will be membership and fellowship. Membership – We are losing members to death, which is avoidable – suspensions due to non-payment of dues, to some saying they have lost interest. It is important to have new members join our ranks but like a Good Shepherd who will bring the lost sheep back before he adds to the flock.

We as leaders must find out what we are doing or not doing to keep our members coming out to the meetings. Why are they losing interest? What do they expect of us as leaders? How we can get them back. By having more interesting meetings, such as good speakers, this brings up fellowship.

Maybe a dinner before the meetings with our wives. Have a speaker for the wives, while we go to our meeting. After which we would join the wives for more fellowship.

Visiting other councils in and out of state.

My officers and I will be available at all times to give any assistance that is needed to our Councils. With your help this can be done.

I am dedicating this year in honor of my wife Joanne without whose love and understanding my Masonic life would not be. Also to the memory of RIPDGM John Losten who did a lot for the Grand Council of Delaware.

Companions, I thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne T. Slack  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

### **APPOINTMENTS**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then directed the Grand Recorder to read the Committee appointments for the ensuing year. The first named to be the Chairman of each Committee:

#### **Jurisprudence**

Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Charles H. Lengel, Jr., MIPGM  
C. Granville McVey MIPGM

#### **Grand Inspector**

Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM  
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM  
Maurice C. Barnes

#### **Finance**

Charles J. Conley  
Eugene R. Small

#### **Constitution and Statutes**

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM  
Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM

#### **Memorials**

Lyman L. Krimmel  
R. Nelson Biggs

#### **Gov. Albert T. Hanby Trust**

Richard A. Scarlott, M.I.P.G.M.

#### **Permanent Fund**

C. Granville McVey, MIPGM  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM  
Eugene R. Small

#### **York Rite Leadership & Education**

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM (2002-Chapter)  
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM (2003-Council)  
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM (2004-Commandery)

#### **Awards and Special Recognition**

Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM-2002  
William J. Little, MIPGM-2003  
Archie W. Bethard, III, MIPGM-2004

#### **Grand York Rite Youth**

Robert E. Wasson (2002 – Chapter)  
Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM (2003 – Council)  
Eugene R. Small (2004 – Commandery)

**Grand York Rite Annual Meeting**

Jon B. Cottrell (2002 – Commandery)  
 Arthur A. Loveless (2003 – Chapter)  
 James R. Herrington (2004 – Council)

**General Grand Council Benevolent Foundation**

Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.  
 Horace Patterson, Jr., M.I.P.G.M.

**VISITATION SCHEDULE**

The schedule of visitations to the Constituent Councils was then announced by the Grand Recorder:

Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington	September 25, 2002
Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover	May 1, 2002
Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown	October 1, 2002
Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington	December 30, 2002

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date and place of the 76th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:50 A.M. by Most Illustrious Grand Master Wayne T. Slack. The Companions then repaired to the Fourth Floor Banquet Hall of the Grand Opera House for lunch.

ATTEST:

*Mark E. Irwin*

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM  
 Grand Recorder

### MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *Harvey W. Bentley, 1926-1927   | *Royden L. Hammond, 1927-28    |
| *George O. Fearon, 1928-29      | *John McMillan, 1929-30        |
| *Cornelius E. Beatty, 1930-31   | *Herman H. Hanson, 1931-32     |
| *Harry L. Holson, 1932-33       | *Clarence B. Hess, 1933-34     |
| *J. Wallace Woodford, 1934-35   | *Calvin E. Afflerbach, 1935-36 |
| *Thomas R. Saunders, 1936-37    | *John P. LeFevre, 1937-38      |
| *Marshall M. Carpenter, 1938-39 | *Harry W. Kennedy, 1939-40     |
| *George S. Buhl, 1940-41        | *Andrew J. Bock, 1941-42       |
| *R. Earle Dickey, 1942-43       | *William H. Cantwell, 1943-44  |
| *Charles S. Cahoon, 1944-45     | *Frank B. Newell, 1945-47      |
| *Harry R. Craig, 1947           | *James Carswell, 1948          |
| *M. Haswell Pierce, 1949        | *Walter L. Conway, 1950        |
| *George E. Vandegrift, 1951     | *J. Ralph Carey, 1952          |
| *Harry V. Holloway, 1953        | *Irwin R. Murray, 1954         |
| *Howard C. Barlow, 1955         | *Henry S. Young, 1956          |
| *J. Henry McDonnell, 1957       | *Stephen E. Hamilton, 1958     |
| *Percy W. Gardner, 1959         | *Alfred E. Yeaton, 1960        |
| *F. Irving Crow, 1961           | *Emerson Keeler, 1963          |
| *Raymond A. Howard, 1964        | *John J. McClearnen, 1965      |
| Chester C. Coffin, 1966         | *Rhey H. Smith, 1967           |
| *Warren R. Gray, 1968           | *C. Ray Scarborough, 1969      |
| *Ernest H. Martyn, 1970         | *A. Warren Wheatley, 1972      |
| *James L. Crouse, 1973          | *John M. Johnson, 1974         |
| *E. Paul Wootten, 1975          | *Richard H. Thomas, 1976       |
| #James H. Durrill, 1977         | *Dallas E. Marvel, 1978        |
| Charles W. Barkins, 1979        | *Paul E. Hurter, 1980          |
| James H. Hutchins, 1981         | *Raymond M. Savage, 1982       |
| Henry G. Law, 1983              | W. Thomas Musser, 1984         |
| Donald D. Thomas, 1985          | Lewis J. Blackwell, 1986       |
| Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., 1987    | Horace G. Patterson, Jr., 1988 |
| C. Granville McVey, 1989        | *T. Eugene Womach, 1990        |
| Richard A. Scarlott, 1991       | Maynard H. Mires, Jr., 1992    |
| James A. Pletz, 1993            | Haywood I. Buck, Jr., 1994     |
| Charles H. Lengel, Jr. 1995     | John B. Dorsey, 1996           |
| Mark E. Irwin, 1997             | Franklin R. Townsend, 1998     |
| Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999   | William J. Littel, 2000        |
| Archie W. Bethard, III, 2001    | Wayne T. Slack, 2002           |

**GRAND TREASURERS**

*John McMillan, 1925-27	Chester C. Coffin, 1981-86
*Harvey W. Bentley, 1927-33	Henry G. Law, 1987-91
*John McMillan, 1933-52	C. Granville McVey, 1992-94
*James Carswell, 1953-66	Donald D. Thomas, 1995
*Paul Yearsley, 1967-68	C. Granville McVey, 1996-2000
*Alfred E. Yeaton, 1969-80	G. Thomas Taylor, III 2001
	John B. Dorsey, 2002 -

**GRAND RECORDERS**

*Marshall M. Carpenter, 1925-38	Henry G. Law, 1976-80
*Harvey W. Bentley, 1938-39	*C. Ray Scarborough, 1981-91
*Marshall M. Carpenter, 1939-56	Henry G. Law, 1992-94
*Alfred H. Coe, 1957-64	C. Granville McVey, 1995
*Raymond A. Howard, 1965-70	Donald D. Thomas, 1996-99
#Lawrence B. Jones, 1971-72	Mark E. Irwin 2000 -
*John J. McClearnen, 1973-75	

\* - Deceased # - Suspended

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Chester C. Coffin	1975	* James Richardson	1989
* Raymond A. Howard	1976	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	1990
* James L. Crouse	1977	Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	1991
Henry G. Law	1978	John B. Dorsey	1992
* C. Ray Scarborough	1979	NONE AWARDED	1993
* Robert Parke, Jr.	1980	John N. Phillos	1994
* Samuel B. Rash, Jr.	1981	NONE AWARDED	1995
* Lewis J. Blackwell	1982	James T. Elliott, Jr.	1996
* J. Norman Nicklas	1983	Maurice C Barnes	1997
Richard A. Scarlott	1984	Eugene R. Small	1998
C. Granville McVey	1985	David F. Coady	1999
John A. Irwin	1986	James A. Johnson	2000
NONE AWARDED	1987	Jon B. Cottrell	2001
James A. Pletz	1988		

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

* Marion C.T. Townsend	1983	George W. Taylor	1993
* J. Norman Nicklas	1984	Robert R. Hiddeman	1994
David B. Craig, Jr.	1985	NONE AWARDED	1995
James H. Hutchins	1986	Donald E. Rosenberry	1996
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	1987	G. Thomas Taylor	1997
Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr.	1988	Mrs. Bernice G. Newth	1998
James A. Pletz	1989	J. David Goss	1999
Franklin R. Townsend	1990	Edwin Newth	2000
* Walter D. Wagner	1991	Carol & Herb Fulmer	2001
Eugene R. Small	1992		

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MEDAL OF HONOR  
Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993**



## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Near the Grand Council of Delaware</u>	<u>State or Province</u>	<u>From the Grand Council of Delaware</u>
*Eugene R. Small	<b>ALABAMA</b>	George H. Busby
Donald F. Taylor	<b>ALASKA</b>	Russell A. Kenderick
Horace G. Patterson, Jr.	<b>ARIZONA</b>	David W. Blood
John Losten	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	Wesley M. Newton
*James A. Pletz	<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Raymond F. Van Fossen
Samuel L. Mellin	<b>COLORADO</b>	Lawrence McCurry
*Haywood I. Buck, Jr.	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	Richard L. Smail
*John B. Dorsey	<b>DIST. of COLUMBIA</b>	Scott M. Applebee
*C. Granville McVey	<b>EASTERN CANADA</b>	Cecil E. Decker
*Donald D. Thomas	<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	Robert Keith Hind
*Jon B. Cottrell	<b>FLORIDA</b>	Charles Lee Hollinger
*Archie W. Bethard, III	<b>GEORGIA</b>	Bobby L. Byrd
Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.	<b>GERMANY</b>	Walter E. Eichen
Charles E. Farrell	<b>HAWAII</b>	Thomas L. Wilkerson
Harry D. Newell	<b>IDAHO</b>	M. William Echo
*James T. Elliott, Jr.	<b>ILLINOIS</b>	James W. Patton
G. Richard Ward	<b>INDIANA</b>	Robert Price
*Wayne T. Slack	<b>IOWA</b>	George R. McCormick
Carl E. Buffington	<b>KANSAS</b>	F. Earl Riley
*John A. Irwin	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	Douglas F. Long
*Franklin R. Townsend	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	Archie A. Cline, Jr.
W. Thomas Musser	<b>MAINE</b>	Colwyn F. Haskell
*Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.	<b>MARYLAND</b>	Clifton R. Friel
Warren F. Schueler, Sr.	<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	Gerald H. Pass
*Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	<b>MICHIGAN</b>	Theodore A. Cannell
Charles H. Ware	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	Steven Score
C. William Tulloch	<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	Billy Frank Smith
*Franklin R. Townsend	<b>MISSOURI</b>	Alvin E. Gerstenschlager
*Charles H. Lengel, Jr.	<b>MONTANA</b>	Theodore Hiltz, Jr.
D. Julian Massey	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	Abbott George Burkeu
*David F. Coady	<b>NEVADA</b>	William G. Roberts
Lewis J. Blackwell	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	Thomas G. LaBerge
*William J. Littel	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	Robert J. Sheridan
David B. Harman	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	John E. Smith
*Albert H. Westerside	<b>NEW YORK</b>	*Walter E. Barlow
* Mark E. Irwin	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	Otis V. Jones, Jr.
Maurice C. Barnes	<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	Harley Kingsbury
*Richard A. Scarlott	<b>OHIO</b>	John N. Ulsh
Eugene W. Knapp	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	Charles L. Stuckey
Henry Y. Lutton	<b>ONTARIO</b>	R. Frank Russell
S. Robert Lyons	<b>OREGON</b>	Maurice F. Roberts
Chester C. Coffin	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	Edward L. Helgerman
*C. William Tulloch	<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	Evaristo A. Leviste
Henry G. Law	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	Raymond E. Hassell
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Maynard H. Mires, Jr.	<b>TENNESSEE</b>	William P. Bouton
*James A. Pletz	<b>TEXAS</b>	Vernon I. Bartlett
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James H. Hutchins	<b>VERMONT</b>	Guy Oldenburg
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*Albert J. Miller	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	William C. Cannon
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2002

C. Parker Moore  
\*William J. Littel

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Clarence A. McElmurry  
Charles Gregg

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RECOGNIZED BY  
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE**

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<b>WYOMING</b>	Kenneth S. Watts	506 West Park Ave. Riverton, 82501

**RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**  
**Gunning Bedford Council No. 1**  
 Wilmington

Date of Charter: October 1, 1918  
 Stated Assembly: Fourth Wednesday of each Month  
 Closed: June, July, August, and December

**OFFICERS**

James R. Herrington	Illustrious Master
Robert V. McDowell, III	Deputy Master
Herbert J. Atkinson	Principal Conductor of the Work
William J. Littel, PMIGM	Treasurer
Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM	Recorder
Lionel D. Hunter	Captain of the Guard
David Laucius	Conductor of the Council
Charles D. Hart	Steward
Howard L. Robertson, III	Chaplain
C. Norwood Hudson	Sentinel

**GREETED**

**DEMITTED**

**SUSPENDED**

**DIED**

**Adoniram Council No. 2**  
Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Wednesday of each Month except October  
Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

Jon B. Cottrell	Illustrious Master
Richard L. Weaver	Deputy Master
James T. Ruby	Principal Conductor of the Work
C. William Tulloch, PIM	Treasurer
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., MIPGM	Recorder
Kenneth P. Brown	Captain of the Guard
James L. Ferguson, PIM	Conductor of the Council
Archie W. Bethard, PIM	Steward
Robert P. Newnam	Chaplain
Charles W. Barkins, MIPGM	Sentinel

**GREETED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

Richard L. Weaver

**REINSTATED**

**DEMITTED**

None

**SUSPENDED**

Jesse E. Collier	A. Lewis Friday	Gordon S. Pink
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**DIED**

John R. Secord, Jr.	Wilbur J. Bulkley	Freeman R. Smith, PIM
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**Joppa Council No. 3**  
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Tuesday of each Month  
Closed: June, July and August

**OFFICERS**

James B. Walsh	Illustrious Master
Charles J. Conley	Deputy Master
John W. Merkley	Principal Conductor of the Work
Chester C. Coffin, MIPGM	Treasurer
Maurice C. Barnes	Recorder
Samuel L. Mellin	Captain of the Guard
	Conductor of the Council
	Steward
	Chaplain
	Sentinel

**GREETED**

None

**AFFILIATED**

Charles J. Conley

**SUSPENDED**

Richard H. Anthony	Harold R. Valerious	Albert C. Vopalecki
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**DEMITTED**

None

**DIED**

Edward J. Fields	Richard Lecates
W. Bruce Davis	Kenneth A. Sloan

**Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4  
Wilmington**

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

**OFFICERS**

Richard A. Scarlott, MIPGM	Illustrious Master
Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. MIPGM	Senior Warden
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM	Junior Warden
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM	Treasurer-Recorder
John B. Dorsey, MIGM	Steward
Franklin R. Townsend, PIM	Sentinel

**AFFILIATED**

Jon B. Cottrel	James B. Walsh
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**DIED**

Freeman R. Smith

## 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 2002 plus 4000 = 6002

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 2002 plus 3760 = 5762. 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 2002 plus 530 = 2532

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 2002 plus 1000 = 3002

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 2002 = 884.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest, Melchizedek. ANNO BENEFACTOR (A.B.), "in the year of the blessing." To the Common era add 1913. Thus 2002 plus 1913 = 3915.

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Prior to 1947, the Annual Assembly was always held on the first Wednesday in October. Past Illustrious Grand Master Frank B. Newell was elected to that office on October 3, 1945, and served until January 15, 1947. At the Annual Assembly that was held on the third Saturday on January, 15, 1977 Past Illustrious Grand Master James H. Durrill was elected to that office and served until March 11, 1978, the first Annual Assembly that was held on the second Saturday in March.

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2002**

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The Seventy-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic  
Masons of Delaware will be held in the Masonic Temple, 818 Market  
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