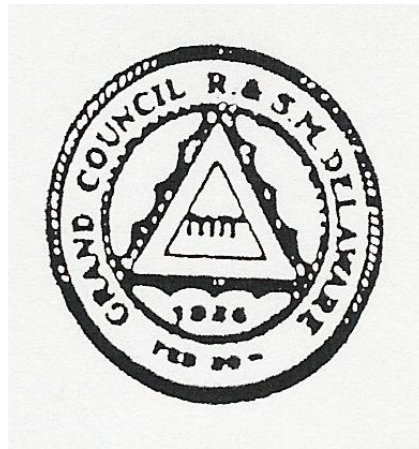


**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF
DELAWARE**



**AT ITS
EIGHTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD AT THE
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL WILMINGTON
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
MARCH 10, 2012, A.D. 3012, A. Dep.**



**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
ROBERT A. BENSON**

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The Eighty-Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Delaware was held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Wilmington, Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday, March 10, 2012, A. Dep. 3012. The Grand Council was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, James G. Horn with prayer by Grand Chaplain Wayne T. Slack followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert A. Benson was then received into the Grand Assembly and afforded Grand Honors.

The following officers were in their respective stations:

GRAND OFFICERS

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| M.I. Grand Master | Robert A. Benson |
| R.I. Deputy Grand Master | James G. Horn |
| R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work | Neal J. Sobocinski |
| M.I. Grand Treasurer | Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM |
| M.I. Grand Recorder | Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM |
| I. Grand Chaplain | Wayne T. Slack |
| I. Grand Captain of the Guard | Jay C. Bergstrom |
| I. Grand Conductor of the Council | G. Thomas Taylor-pt |
| I. Grand Marshal | Lionel D. Hunter |
| I. Grand Steward | Jon B. Cottrell |
| I. Grand Sentinel | George Gadsby-pt |

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

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| Donald D. Thomas, 1985 | James A. Pletz, 1993 |
| John B. Dorsey, 1996 | Mark E. Irwin 1997 |
| Franklin R. Townsend, 1998 | Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., 1999 |
| Wayne T. Slack, 2003 | James R. Herrington, 2005 |
| Charles T. Hart, 2006 | Richard L. Weaver, 2007 |
| Arthur A. Loveless, 2008 | James B. Walsh, 2009 |
| Gilbert E. Greenfield, 2010 | |

CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

GUNNING BEDFORD NO. 1

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| M.I. James R. Herrington, MIPGM | Treasurer |
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ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 2

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| M.I. Robert A. Benson, MIGM | Deputy Master |
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JOPPA COUNCIL NO. 3

G. Thomas Taylor

Illustrious Master

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS COUNCIL NO. 4

Herbert J. Atkinson
James A. Pletz, MIPGM

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master

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 85th Annual Assembly was dispensed with and they were approved as published.

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

Ill. Danny Arthur Camp

Grand Captain of the Guard

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

M.I. Jeffrey G. Burcham
M.I. Aires M. Domingues
Ill. Howard F. Coleman
Ill. James W. Golladay

Most Illustrious Grand Master
Past Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Recorder
Grand Captain of the Guard

MARYLAND

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| M.I. Ronald L. Aughenbaugh | Most Illustrious Grand Master |
| M.I. Robert Malwitz | Past Most Illustrious Grand Master |
| R.I. James Coker | Deputy Grand Master |
| M.E. Robert Lumbert | Grand High Priest |

NEW YORK

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| M.E. Michael T. Dunn | Grand High Priest |
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PENNSYLVANIA

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| M.E. Richard B. Meredith | Grand High Priest |
| R.E. Charles L. Klingaman | Grand King |

ONTARIO

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| M.I. Donald F. Kline | Past Most Illustrious Grand Master |
| M.I. David P. Hardie | Past Most Illustrious Grand Master |

Most Illustrious Grand Master Benson cordially greeted each of the visiting Companions. He stated that he hoped that they would find their stay in Delaware enjoyable.

DELAWARE MASONIC LEADERS

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

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| M.E. Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. | Grand High Priest Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Delaware |
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| S.K. John D. Hiott | Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery K.T. of Delaware |
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| V.E.D. Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. | Grand Governor for Delaware, York Rite Sovereign College of North America Puissant Sovereign Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine |
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| K.C. James A. Pletz | Intendant General Division of Delaware, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine |
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| K. Randall Mullen | Eminent Prior Elect Jesse Green Priory #70, Knights of the York Cross of Honour |
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| R.W. Mark E. Irwin | Chief Adept, Delaware College S.R.I.C.F. |
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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. Benson 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.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then had the Grand Marshal pro temp, G. Thomas Taylor, conduct Most Illustrious Companion Donald Kline from Ontario and Most Illustrious Charles T. Hart, MIPGM to the altar where presentation was made of a commission to Most Illustrious Kline as Grand Representative to Delaware near Ontario by Most Illustrious Grand Master Benson, Then Most Illustrious Donald Kline presented a commission to Most Illustrious Companion Hart as the Grand Representative to the Grand Council of Ontario.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

WELCOME REMARKS

R.W. H. Richard Hoffman, Past Illustrious Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests, Companions all. Welcome to the 86th annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Delaware. Thank you for attending. Our location venue was changed this year from Rehoboth to Wilmington, Delaware and we hope your stay has been a positive and enjoyable experience.

REPORT

Jurisdiction Visits

This past year I enjoyed the privilege of representing this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Delaware. Unfortunately I was unable to travel to sister jurisdictions due to work and health issues. Please accept my sincere regrets.

Constituent Councils

The Grand Council staff and I had the opportunity to make an official visit to each constituent Council of Cryptic Masons in Delaware. This duty and privilege was complete by the end of May, 2011. Our reception was always done in a manner “that makes you want to come back” and we were always greeted with friendship and brotherly love

as is fitting for a Masonic meeting. All Councils were well attended and conducted their respective business in good fashion. Opening and closings for the most part were done in an acceptable manner. There is always room for improvement but it is gratifying to state we are making progress where needed. My compliments to the companions who undertake the responsibility of serving as officers and leaders...Thank You.

Representatives Accepted

It was a distinct honor to welcome, on your behalf, the following as Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of Delaware:

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| Wayne L. Robbins | Massachusetts |
| William J. Brown | Kentucky |
| Earl Ronald Creech | Tennessee |
| John D. Melidonis | Greece |

Greetings

Our Grand Council saw the greetings of 12 new members.

Dispensations

March 11, 2011 - All Constituent Councils to waive the usual waiting period between reception, investigating and balloting upon petitions and to waive the usual waiting period between the several Cryptic Degrees and the ability to hold Special Assemblies for the purpose of receiving and balloting upon petitions and for all Constituent Councils to move their respective Charters to the location of any Cryptic Festivals for the purpose receiving and balloting upon petitions.

January 4, 2012 – Dispensation allowing Illustrious Master-elect to be installed prior to relinquishing Deputy Master office in another council.

Grand Council

In my remarks at the installation in March 2011 my goal was to support the progress being made in the York Rite and follow the momentum into the 2011-2012 year. We have played a role in that effort and received the benefits of adding new members to the Council rolls.

This past fall Deputy Grand Commander John Hiott and I as MIGM began a series of presentations on the York Rite to the Symbolic Lodges in Delaware. This effort has borne fruit adding members to all York Rite Bodies, and our plan is to continue these presentations as we move to the year 2012-2013. We must “market “ to our source for members.

Appreciation

Every Grand presiding officer has a debt of gratitude and appreciation to so many for the support he receives. First on my list are the

Companions who attend and serve in the Constituent Councils, without their dedication and support we could not and would not have a Grand Council.

The Grand Staff this year has been a source of support, encouragement and solid advice during my year as Most Illustrious Grand Master. Each Most Illustrious Grand Master believes his staff is the best and I am no exception on this account. My sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you as well as to your families. I wish you the best as you continue your Masonic journey.

A word of special recognition to M.:Ill.: PGM Mark Irwin. Companion Mark...you did your best to keep me out of trouble despite my best efforts to get into trouble. This past year was a difficult one for me on a personal perspective, and I would have been lost without knowing I could call on you for advice and direction...thank you for the many times you gave me wise counsel.

To those of you who served on various committees, we are indebted to you for your time and input to this Grand Council. I especially want to thank the Finance and Jurisprudence committees for their work this past year as they handled their respective responsibilities.

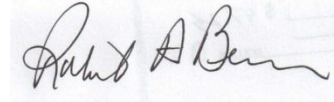
And now the “boiler plate comment”. To all of you whom I could and should have remembered and have not mentioned by name...you are remembered, trust me you are. But, I’m getting tired of writing this report so I’m gonna stop..

Recommendations

- 1 In the age of electronic communication the Grand Council and the constituent Councils are pretty much in the “Dark Ages.” We need to continue to focus on finding a software package that allows us to keep track of membership, generate required reports and lend itself to electronic communication.
- 2 We still need to work better participation in our planning council to better coordinate Grand Council and constituent Council activities and functions.
- 3 Last and most difficult. We all are aware of the problems we have being able to open Councils for meetings. While from time to time we see progress being made in a Council here and there, overall progress in reviving is not positive. The only options I see outside of an unforeseen major turnaround are mergers or surrendering of charters. 2012-2013 is the year we must address this...a challenge I give to my successor. But, I pledge my support to him and the Grand Council in whatever direction he chooses to lead. I call on all

Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters to commit to our efforts and give wise council as we address this issue.

Fraternally,



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

Two changes were made this year to maintain our financial position in a healthy form.

1. Two of our CD Certificates were maturing with less than 1% interest. The bank, at my request, informed we could re-invest for 24 months, an additional 7 months, at an increased rate of 1.25%, a small gain.
2. Our checking account as usual is used very little, used for only a small amount of checks yearly, 3 to 5. The bank started to charge an \$8.00 monthly service fee amounting to \$96.00 yearly. Even though a charitable account they would not waive that fee. To eliminate the fee I moved \$1,000.00 from the Money Market, earning less than 1% interest, to eliminate this charge will cost less than \$12.00 per year. I discussed this with our Secretary and we agreed this was our best move.

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| | IMMA Savings | Checking Account | Total Operating |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | #206110389 | #372746018 | |
| | \$7,694.05 | \$104.97 | \$7,799.02 |
| Deposits | \$- | \$105.28 | \$105.28 |
| CD Interest Transfer | \$64.76 | | \$64.76 |
| CD Interest | | | |
| CD Interest Accrued | | | |
| Savings Interest | | | |
| IMMA Interest | \$8.67 | | \$8.67 |
| Transferred to Checking | \$(1,825.00) | \$1,825.00 | |
| Sub-Totals | \$5,942.48 | \$2,035.25 | \$7,977.73 |
| | | \$(963.85) | \$(963.85) |
| | \$5,942.48 | \$1,071.40 | \$7,013.88 |

| | Investments | | Perm.Fund Savings | Total All Accounts |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | CD | CD | | |
| Balances as of 01-31-11 | #497132351 | #497149289 | #496385963 | |
| | \$8,099.76 | \$8,857.26 | \$1,737.90 | |
| Receipts: | | | | |
| Deposits | | | \$971.90 | |
| CD Interest Transfer | \$(56.21) | | | |
| CD Interest | \$56.21 | | | |
| CD Interest Accrued | | \$43.73 | \$- | |
| Savings Interest | | | \$1.44 | |
| IMMA Interest | | | | |
| Transferred to Checking | | | | |
| Sub-Totals | \$8,099.76 | \$8,900.99 | \$2,711.24 | |
| Disbursements | | | | |
| Balances as of 01-31-12 | \$8,099.76 | \$8,900.99 | \$2,711.24 | \$26,725.87 |

| Assets | 1/31/11 | 1/31/12 | Difference | Difference in % |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Checking Account | \$104.97 | \$1,071.40 | \$966.43 | |
| IMMA Savings | \$7,694.05 | \$5,942.48 | \$(1,751.57) | |
| Flex CD (Accruing) | \$8,857.26 | \$8,900.99 | \$43.73 | |
| Flex CD (IMMA Trans.) | \$8,099.76 | \$8,099.76 | \$- | |
| Perm.Fund Savings | \$1,737.90 | \$2,711.24 | \$973.34 | |
| Total Assets | \$26,493.94 | \$26,725.87 | \$231.93 | 0.87543% |
| Total Net Worth | | \$26,725.87 | | |

by being greeted in our Councils.

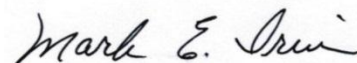
I appreciate all the support I have received from the Recorders of the subordinate Councils and wish you all continued success in your duties.

The Internet and email again has been most helpful this year. I encourage all who need to contact this office to take advantage of it.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert A. Benson, I appreciate all of your support and words of encouragement during the year. I regret that due to other commitments, I was unable to be with you as much as I wanted. I congratulate you on your year and wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Lastly, thanks to all the Companions for the honor you have bestowed on me. I have been most appreciative to the support and encouragement that I have received.

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.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

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

REPORT OF THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The Supreme Grand Master of Heaven and Earth, in His infinite compassion, has received those companions who have laid down their working tools during the past year. These were companions of varying abilities and talents, who used them in varying degrees to serve their Master and their fellow men. Some served as unique role models to those of us who remain; others served quietly, and were less obvious workers in the “quarries”.

Their passing again confronts us with our mortality. We will also walk where they have sojourned. We will also appear before the Throne of Grace. May we profit by their several examples—learning from their wisdom, and avoid repeating their mistakes. And may we look forward

to glad heavenly reunion.

At this time we bring tokens of commemoration and esteem as we remember them,

GUNNING BEDFORD COUCIL #1

**David Pletz
Carl Buffington
Oliver Calhoon**

ADONIRAM COUNCIL #2

**Benjamin Betts
Hershal Poore
James Durrill**

JOPPA COUNCIL #3

**Harry A. Moore
Charles E. Farrell**

and as we offer tribute:

A carnation in memory of our departed Most Illustrious Grand Masters;

A carnation in memory of our departed Illustrious Masters;

A carnation in memory of our departed Companions from our Constituent Councils; and

A carnation in memory of those departed Companions from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, wherever dispersed.

Let us pray:

Thou, O Lord, knowest our down sitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off. We affirm that we only live because you called us into being to love and serve you. We again remember those of your sons who have gone before us. In faith, we affirm your justice and mercy as those Companions come before you. Give us good hope, so that we may bravely walk our earthly way, and look forward to glad heavenly reunion. Open our hearts to your love and mercy each day of our lives. May your grace bless and keep us all. Amen.

**REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES
COMMITTEE**

There were no matters referred to the Committee on Constitution and Statutes for our consideration during this Chivalric Year.

Fraternally
James A Pletz, PMIGM, Chairman
Arthur A Loveless, PMIGM

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

No report received

REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR

I am pleased to report that all of the officers of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1 proved proficient in the opening and closing ritual prior to their installation.

Adoniram and Joppa Councils are having difficulty filling their chairs. However, the Assistant Grand Inspectors have assured me that their officers meet at least minimum standards. As these two Councils are in a re-building status, it is hoped and expected that they will be fully proficient shortly.

Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM
Grand Inspector

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT FUND COMMITTEE

No report

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

No report received

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

The Committee reports that the 2011 Proceedings have been created and posted on the Internet. In an effort to reduce costs for the Grand Council, the Committee had decided to not print copies of the Proceedings but rather publish them on the Internet for the benefit of all members. In addition, a pdf formatted file will be sent to all Grand Jurisdictions that are recognized by this Grand Council.

The Grand Recorder's office in the last year has received Proceedings

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Irwin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

26th summer at Hanby Outdoor Center

The year 2011 showed that the YMCA had 731 kids at camp. July of 2011, the Board of Governors was invited to a dinner, where the kids showed us different things they do at camp.

The "Y" then gave Highlights of what was being done on the grounds:

- Added outdoor cook area.
- Purchased large inflatable water slide.
- Added large meeting area in the wooded area-an area of the property that had not been developed or used.
- Converted old shed into critter cabin.
- Tree removal.
- Eagle Scout project -clean trails throughout the summer.
- Was used by boy and girl Scouts School and Church Groups.
- 36 families serve as fall/winter Goat keeping.
- 90 Church volunteers, stained tables, repaired the pavilion roof painted buildings and cleaned trails.

The "Y" is using the Hanby Outdoor Center to good use. The Board of Governors again this Year gave a total of \$70,000.00 in financial assistance.

Fraternally Submitted,
Wayne T. Slack, MIPGM,
Board Member

REPORT OF THE AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Fraternally submitted,
Mark Irwin, MIPGM

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE REPORT

The stated Assembly of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4 was held on December 28, 2011 in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, 108 East Market Street, Newport, Delaware with the following officers present:

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| Illustrious Master | Illustrious Herbert J. Atkinson |
| Senior Warden | M.I.P.G.M. James A. Pletz |
| Junior Warden | M.I.P.G.M. C. Granville McVey |
| Recorder/Treasurer | M.I.P.G.M. Donald D. Thomas |
| Steward | M.I.P.G.M. John B. Dorsey |
| Sentinel | M.I.P.G.M. Franklin R. Townsend, p.t.. |

Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson welcomed all present and thanked them for coming out this evening. He noted that our Sentinel, Illustrious Lionel Hunter, was not with us because of a family illness which required his attention elsewhere. The Thrice Illustrious Master asked that we keep Companion Hunter, his family and all of our Brethren and their families in need, in our prayers,

Kenneth Jaeger, Illustrious Master elect of Gunning Bedford Council No. 1, G. Thomas Taylor, Illustrious Master elect of Joppa Council Number 3 and Past Illustrious Masters James Ferguson of Adoniram Council Number 2 and Past Illustrious Master George Gadsby of Joppa Council Number 3 were duly elected affiliated member of the Council. The last two having been unable to attend last year's Assembly.

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 Illustrious Herbert J. Atkinson delivered King David's Charge.

Illustrious Master Atkinson, with the assistance of Deputy Grand Master James Horn then welcomed the newly affiliated Thrice Illustrious Masters, congratulated them on their election and presented to them copies of the By-Laws of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4 and their permanent membership cards.

The minutes of the stated assembly of December 29, 2010 were accepted as written. The Treasurer reported a balance in the Treasury of \$216.61. He also noted that a deposit of \$1.00 was made to eliminate a surcharge by WSFS as a result of their new policy of charging a fee for dormant accounts (accounts with no activity for 3 consecutive months). As a result of this new policy, the minimal funds of the Council will be moved to a different bank in 2012.

Thrice Illustrious Master Atkinson then recognized the following distinguished Brethren who were in attendance:

Most Excellent Arthur A. Loveless, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Delaware.

Right Eminent David H. Laucius, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Delaware.

Preeminently Distinguished Sheldon L. Edwards, Grand Governor for Delaware, York Rite Sovereign College of North America and Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Knight Companion James A. Pletz, Intendant General for Delaware, UGIC, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Also recognized was Thrice Illustrious Master Herbert J. Atkinson as Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory Number 70. KYCH.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert A. Benson was absent because of a family engagement but Grand Council was represented by several of the Grand Council line including Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master James Horn. The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master was presented to the East and presented the gavel of authority. Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Horn congratulated the officers on their proficiency and encouraged the newly affiliated member to work zealously in their Council for the forthcoming year.

Upon motion, regularly made and seconded, the following officers were elected to serve Thrice Illustrious Master's Council Number 4 for the ensuing Cryptic year:

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| Thrice Illustrious Master | Herbert J. Atkinson |
| Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden | James A. Pletz |
| Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden | C. Granville McVey Illustrious |
| Recorder-Treasurer | Donald D. Thomas |

The following were then appointed as:

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| Thrice Illustrious Steward | John B. Dorsey |
| Thrice Illustrious Sentinel | Lionel Hunter |

The next degree conferral is scheduled for December 27, 2012 at the Newport Masonic Temple, 108 East Market Street, Newport, Delaware commencing at 6:45 P.M.

The labors of Thrice Illustrious Council Number 4 being completed with harmony prevailing, the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master closed the Council in ample form at 8:00 P.M.

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

Addition. Illustrious Carl Buffington the Senior Past Illustrious Master of Gunning Bedford Council Number 1 passed away this past year. He preceded the formation of Thrice Illustrious Masters Council Number 4.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and presents its report on it.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master was unable to attend any of our sister jurisdictions due to work and health issues. We are disappointed in his inability to make these visits but understand the commitment to work. We also hope and pray that the health issues will soon be behind him. We do encourage the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master to make every effort to attend our Sister Jurisdictions as the exchange of information and the friendships developed are most rewarding and will benefit our Companions in Delaware.

The Committee is pleased to see that the Most Illustrious Grand Master made an official visitation to each of the constituent Councils. We join with our Grand Master in congratulating our Councils for the progress they have made in conducting their meetings.

Also, we note that our Most Illustrious Grand Master represented our Grand Council at the Semi-Annual and Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, Brotherhood Night, Eastern Star and several other concordant and appendant bodies.

We welcome the new Grand Representatives that our Most Illustrious Grand Master approved to other jurisdictions and trust they will gain from their relationship with our Grand Council.

The Committee is pleased to see that there were 12 Greetings within the jurisdiction this year and trust that this number will grow in the coming years.

The committee has reviewed the dispensations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and find them proper and within his authority and approve of it.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master had 3 recommendations in his address. The first is in regards to finding a software package to keep track of membership, generate required reports and lend itself to electronic communication. The Committee sees no legislative action for this recommendation, but commends our Grand Master on the proposal and would encourage the incoming Grand Master to have an ad hoc committee appointed to seek out alternatives. The second recommendation also requires no legislative action but needs to be addressed. Better coordination between the Lower Delaware New Castle Planning Councils needs to occur to eliminate overlap and conflicting schedules. The third recommendation also requires no legislative action, but is a “call to arms” in resolving the problems of our subordinate councils. We must take bold action to stem the tide and strengthen our Grand Council. We also encourage our incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master to take efforts to stem the tide.

We thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for his service to this Grand Council this year and trust that he and his Lady Judi will have some time to relax.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Mark Irwin, PMIGM – Chairman
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master was approved.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION

The Jurisprudence Committee recognizing the need for discussions and action to be taken by this Grand Council at a Semi-Annual Assembly, makes the following motion:

Amend Article 18 which read:

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at an Annual Assembly, the proposed amendment having been presented in writing and referred to and favorably reported on, by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

To read:

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at an Annual or special Assembly, the proposed amendment having been presented in writing and referred to and favorably reported on, by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and approved, the amendment was approved by more than 2/3's of the members present.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

rose and congratulated the Most Illustrious Grand Master on his term of office and on behalf of the other distinguished guests for the hospitality shown them during the weekend.

RECOGNITION OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The Most Illustrious Grand Master than called on Right Puissant Charles Hollinger for his remarks. Companion Hollinger also extended his thanks for the courtesies extended to him. He also spoke of the excellent work being done by the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and encouraged continued support.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEES

Most Illustrious Grand Master Benson 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 Greenfield 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:

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| M.I. Grand Master | James G. Horn |
| R.I. Deputy Grand Master | Neal J. Sobocinski |
| R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work | Jay C. Bergstrom |
| M.I. Grand Treasurer | Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., MIPGM |
| M.I. Grand Recorder | Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM |

Most Illustrious Companion Benson then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

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| I. Grand Captain of the Guard | Lionel D. Hunter |
| I. Grand Chaplain | James R. Herrington, MIPGM |
| I. Grand Conductor of Council | C. Granville McVey, MIPGM |

I. Grand Marshal
I. Grand Steward
I. Grand Sentinel
Aide to the Grand Master

G. Thomas Taylor
George Gadsby
James B. Walsh. MIPGM
Charles S. Horn

The elected and appointed Officers were installed in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Donald D. Thomas, with Most Illustrious Past Grand Master James A. Pletz serving as Grand Marshal and Illustrious Herbert J. Atkinson as Chaplain.

REMARKS OF THE INCOMING GRAND MASTER

At his installation, every Most Illustrious Grand Master in this grand jurisdiction has expressed his gratitude for this honor bestowed upon him by his fellow companions; I am no less humbled and honored by your confidence.

This grand jurisdiction has seen many accomplishments and a few disappointments. I hope that this year is filled with accomplishments of goals and hope for the future of this wonderful fraternity. Although my full-time profession may limit some of my travel and visitation responsibilities, I will strive to meet these obligations as best as my time will permit.

Each of the individual Masonic bodies strive for certain predestined goals: increase in membership, inspire our youth and support our Masonic institutions whether it be our young or our elderly.

My year will be equally ambitious with some additions and modifications.

First: If each companion encourages one applicant to join, we would double our membership. Is this really so difficult? I think not. Because, we have an available source of candidates: our blue lodge. While sitting next to a blue lodge brother, mention what the York /Rite offers: an extension of the third degree, further light in masonry at one point revealing the "long lost word!" Companions Hiott and Benson are traveling by invitation to all blue lodges with a program directed to the York Rite. And, have been successful in obtaining new candidates at every presentation.

Second: Acquiring additional members is an admirable goal, but what about the existing members who do not attend. Our goal this year will be to contact them on a one-on-one basis. Offer them transportation to the meetings and indicate the fellowship and degrees or orders conferred. Make them feel wanted and needed because they really are.

Third: Consider that stockpile of money which the various bodies have

accumulated. Let's earnestly consider making a substantial contribution to Highfield and DeMolay. Consider how much ten percent of your funds would benefit Highfield, and realistically how little it would impact your council's net worth.

Fourth: If another council is struggling to have enough members to open, give of your time and attend. Let's not have candidates who cannot be voted upon because a council cannot open.

Fifth: Let's have fun! Fellowship, Masonic education, get-togethers for picnics, community service projects and fund raising brings us all closer together and cements pleasant memories.

Finally, let us pay homage to those great leaders of this craft. Consider how they have strived to build it to where it is today. Contemplate and emulate their accomplishments and you can become the Warren Schuler and Donald Thomas and Jim Pletz and Mark Irwin of the future, together with all of the other great brothers who have given so freely of their time and talents. Don't let their hard work, life-time efforts and lasting accomplishments crumble like the ancient temple of Solomon. But, be ready to continually build the fraternal temple with the building blocks they have laid down for us.

And, if you do nothing else this cryptic year, at least attend your council meetings and talk to your fellow blue lodge brothers about this magnificent York Rite. Thus, each of you will indeed render yourself worth of the honor we have conferred and merit the confidence that we have reposed.

Fraternally Submitted,
James G. Horn
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

Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM
Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
James B. Walsh, PMIGM

FINANCE

Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM
David H. Laucius

GRAND INSPECTORS

Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
Jon B. Cottrell

MEMORIALS

Charles T. Hart, PMIGM
Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM
Wayne T. Slack

YORK RITE ANNUAL MEETING

Chapter – Neal J. Sobocinski
Chapter – James
Council – Neal J. Sobocinski

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Charles T. Hart, PMIGM
Arthur A. Loveless, PMIGM

CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

James A. Pletz, PMIGM
Donald D. Thomas, PMIGM

PERMANENT FUND

David H. Laucius
John B. Dorsey, PMIGM
Mark E. Irwin, PMIGM

ADVANCEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Franklin R. Townsend, PMIGM
Jay C. Bergstrom

GOV. ALBERT T. HANBY TRUST

Wayne T. Slack, PMIGM

GRAND YORK RITE YOUTH

G. Thomas Taylor
Christian L. Dull
Jon B. Cottrell

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

BENEVOLENT FUND

Donald D. Thomas, PMIGM
James A. Pletz, PMIGM

VISITATION SCHEDULE

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

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| Gunning Bedford Council No.1, Wilmington | April 25, 2012 |
| Adoniram Council No. 2, Dover | May 2, 2012 |
| Joppa Council No. 3, Georgetown | April 3, 2013 |
| Thrice Illustrious Masters No. 4, Wilmington | December 26, 2012 |

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On motion regularly made, seconded, and approved, the date of the 87th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was set for Saturday, March 9, 2013, at a time and place to be determined by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to claim the attention of the Grand Council, it was closed in Ample Form at 11:25 A.M. by the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

ATTEST:

Mark E. Irwin

Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM
Grand Recorder

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 1926 | *Harvey W. Bentley | 1927 | *Royden L. Hammond |
| 1928 | *George O. Fearon | 1929 | *John McMillan |
| 1930 | *Cornelius E. Beatty | 1931 | *Herman H. Hanson |
| 1932 | *Harry L. Holson | 1933 | *Clarence B. Hess |
| 1934 | *J. Wallace Woodford | 1935 | *Calvin E. Afflerbach |
| 1936 | *Thomas R. Saunders | 1937 | *John P. LeFevre |
| 1938 | *Marshall M. Carpenter | 1939 | *Harry W. Kennedy |
| 1940 | *George S. Buhl | 1941 | *Andrew J. Bock |
| 1942 | *R. Earle Dickey | 1943 | *William H. Cantwell |
| 1944 | *Charles S. Cahoon | 1945-46 | *Frank B. Newell |
| 1947 | *Harry R. Craig | 1948 | *James Carswell |
| 1949 | *M. Haswell Pierce | 1950 | *Walter L. Conway |
| 1951 | *George E. Vandegrift | 1952 | *J. Ralph Carey |
| 1953 | *Harry V. Holloway | 1954 | *Irwin R. Murray |
| 1955 | *Howard C. Barlow | 1956 | *Henry S. Young |
| 1957 | *J. Henry McDonnell | 1958 | *Stephen E. Hamilton |
| 1959 | *Percy W. Gardner | 1960 | *Alfred E. Yeaton |
| 1961 | *F. Irving Crow | 1962 | *Charles E. Green |
| 1963 | *Emerson Keeler | 1964 | *Raymond A. Howard |
| 1965 | *John J. McClearnen | 1966 | Chester C. Coffin |
| 1967 | *Rhey H. Smith | 1968 | *Warren R. Gray |
| 1969 | *C. Ray Scarborough | 1970 | *Ernest H. Martyn |
| 1971 | *Samuel A. Wise | 1972 | *A. Warren Wheatley |
| 1973 | *James L. Crouse | 1974 | *John M. Johnson |
| 1975 | *E. Paul Wootten | 1976 | *Richard H. Thomas |
| 1977 | #James H. Durrill | 1978 | *Dallas E. Marvel |
| 1979 | *Charles W. Barkins | 1980 | *Paul E. Hurter |
| 1981 | *James H. Hutchins | 1982 | *Raymond M. Savage |
| 1983 | *Henry G. Law | 1984 | W. Thomas Musser |
| 1985 | Donald D. Thomas | 1986 | *Lewis J. Blackwell |
| 1987 | *Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. | 1988 | *Horace G. Patterson, Jr. |
| 1989 | C. Granville McVey | 1990 | *T. Eugene Womach |
| 1991 | *Richard A. Scarlott | 1992 | Maynard H. Mires, Jr. |
| 1993 | James A. Pletz | 1994 | *Haywood I. Buck, Jr. |
| 1995 | Charles H. Lengel, Jr. | 1996 | John B. Dorsey |
| 1997 | Mark E. Irwin | 1998 | Franklin R. Townsend |
| 1999 | Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. | 2000 | *William J. Littel |
| 2001 | *Albert H. Westerside | 2002 | *Archie W. Bethard, III |
| 2003 | Wayne T. Slack | 2004 | *Charles J. Conley |
| 2005 | James R. Herrington | 2006 | Charles T. Hart |
| 2007 | Richard L. Weaver | 2008 | Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. |
| 2009 | James B. Walsh | 2010 | Gilbert E. Greenfield |
| 2011 | Robert A. Benson | | |

GRAND TREASURERS

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1925-27 *John McMillan | 1927-33 *Harvey W. Bentley |
| 1933-52 *John McMillan | 1953-66 *James Carswell |
| 1967-68 *Paul Yearsley | 1969-80 *Alfred E. Yeaton |
| 1981-86 Chester C. Coffin | 1987-91 *Henry G. Law |
| 1992-94 C. Granville McVey | 1995 Donald D. Thomas |
| 1996-00 C. Granville McVey | 2001 G. Thomas Taylor, III |
| 2002-03 John B. Dorsey | 2004-08 Wayne T. Slack |
| 2009- Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. | |

GRAND RECORDERS

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1925-38 *Marshall M. Carpenter | 1938-39 *Harvey W. Bentley |
| 1939-56 *Marshall M. Carpenter | 1957-64 *Alfred H. Coe |
| 1965-70 *Raymond A. Howard | 1971-72 #Lawrence B. Jones |
| 1973-75 *John J. McClearnen | 1976-80 *Henry G. Law |
| 1981-91 *C. Ray Scarborough | 1992-94 *Henry G. Law |
| 1995 C. Granville McVey | 1996-99 Donald D. Thomas |
| 2000-02 Mark E. Irwin | 2003-04 James T. Ruby |
| 2005-07 Franklin R. Townsend | 2008 Wayne T. Slack |
| 2009- Mark E. Irwin | |

* - Deceased # - Suspended

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

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1975 Chester C. Coffin | 1976 * Raymond A. Howard |
| 1977 * James L. Crouse | 1978 * Henry G. Law |
| 1979 * C. Ray Scarborough | 1980 * Robert Parke, Jr. |
| 1981 * Samuel B. Rash, Jr. | 1982 * Lewis J. Blackwell |
| 1983 * J. Norman Nicklas | 1984 * Richard A. Scarlott |
| 1985 C. Granville McVey | 1986 * John A. Irwin |
| 1988 James A. Pletz | 1989 * James Richardson |
| 1990 Charles H. Lengel, Jr. | 1991 * Haywood I. Buck, Jr. |
| 1992 John B. Dorsey | 1994 John N. Phillos |
| 1996 James T. Elliott, Jr. | 1997 Maurice C Barnes |
| 1998 Eugene R. Small | 1999 David F. Coady |
| 2000 *James A. Johnson | 2001 Jon B. Cottrell |
| 2006 James G. Horn | 2007 Robert A. Benson |
| 2012 John D. Hiott | |

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

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------|------|------------------------|
| 1983 | * Marion C.T. Townsend | 1984 | * J. Norman Nicklas |
| 1985 | David B. Craig, Jr. | 1986 | *James H. Hutchins |
| 1987 | Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. | 1988 | Benjamin F. Lloyd, Jr. |
| 1989 | James A. Pletz | 1990 | Franklin R. Townsend |
| 1991 | * Walter D, Wagner | 1992 | Eugene R. Small |
| 1993 | George W. Taylor | 1994 | Robert R. Hiddeman |
| 1996 | Donald E. Rosenberry | 1997 | G. Thomas Taylor |
| 1998 | Mrs. Bernice G. Newth | 1999 | J. David Goss |
| 2001 | Edwin Newth | 2002 | Carol & Herb Fulmer |
| 2006 | Bronwyn Millman | 2007 | George C. Dutton |
| 2012 | Ron Keller | | |

**RECIPIENTS OF THE
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL MEDAL OF HONOR**

*Henry G. Law, MIPGM - 1993

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| <u>Near Delaware</u> | <u>State or Province</u> | <u>From Delaware</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Eugene R. Small | ALABAMA | George H. Busby |
| Donald F. Taylor | ALASKA | Russell A. Kenderick |
| | ARIZONA | David W. Blood |
| | ARKANSAS | Wesley M. Newton |
| James A. Pletz | CALIFORNIA | Brett A. McDonald |
| Samuel L. Mellin | COLORADO | Darrell Tygart |
| Wayne T. Slack | CONNECTICUT | Richard L. Smail |
| John B. Dorsey | DIST. of COLUMBIA | Scott M. Applebee |
| C. Granville McVey | EASTERN CANADA | Cecil E. Decker |
| Donald D. Thomas | ENGLAND & WALES | Robert Keith Hind |
| Jon B. Cottrell | FLORIDA | Charles Lee Hollinger |
| | GEORGIA | Bobby L. Byrd |
| Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr | GERMANY | Walter E. Eichen |
| Charles T. Hart | HAWAII | Thomas L. Wilkerson |
| Harry D. Newell | IDAHO | M. William Echo |
| James T. Elliott, Jr. | ILLINOIS | James W. Patton |
| G. Richard Ward | INDIANA | Robert F. Price |
| Wayne T. Slack | IOWA | George R. McCormick |
| Carl E. Buffington | KANSAS | F. Earl Riley |
| | KENTUCKY | William J. Brown |
| Franklin R. Townsend | LOUISIANA | Archie A. Cline, Jr. |
| W. Thomas Musser | MAINE | Robert V. Damon |
| | MARYLAND | Clifton R. Friel |
| Warren F. Schueler, Sr. | MASSACHUSETTS | Gerald H. Pass |
| Charles H. Lengel, Jr. | MICHIGAN | Theodore A. Cannell |
| Charles H. Ware | MINNESOTA | Steven Score |
| C. William Tulloch | MISSISSIPPI | Billy Frank Smith |
| Franklin R. Townsend | MISSOURI | Alvin Gerstenschlager |
| Lucien T. Lenhart | MONTANA | Theodore Hiltz, Jr. |
| D. Julian Massey | NEBRASKA | Abbott George Burkeu |
| John B. Dorsey | NEVADA | William G. Roberts |
| Neal J. Sobocinski | NEW HAMPSHIRE | Thomas G. LaBerge |
| | NEW JERSEY | Robert J. Sheridan |
| | NEW MEXICO | John E. Smith |
| | NEW YORK | Walter E. Barlow |
| Mark E. Irwin | NORTH CAROLINA | Otis V. Jones, Jr. |
| Maurice C. Barnes | NORTH DAKOTA | Cory R. Lien |
| James B. Walsh | OHIO | Henry A. Dodson |
| Jay C. Bergstrom | OKLAHOMA | Charles F. Gillentine |
| Charles T. Hart | ONTARIO | Donald Kline |
| G. Thomas Taylor | OREGON | Robert E. Hoffmaster |
| Chester C. Coffin | PENNSYLVANIA | Edward L. Helgerman |
| Randall C. Mullen | PHILIPPINES | Evaristo A. Leviste |
| | RHODE ISLAND | Raymond E. Hassell |
| John N. Phillos | SOUTH CAROLINA | Wilson C. Hardee |
| | SOUTH DAKOTA | Milton Edny |
| Maynard H. Mires, Jr. | TENNESSEE | Earl Ronald Creech |
| James R. Herrington | TEXAS | Vernon I. Bartlett |
| Robert J. Lomax | UTAH | William J. Westbrook |
| James Teal | VERMONT | Guy Oldenburg |
| Gilbert E. Greenfield | WASHINGTON | William C. Cannon |
| | WESTERN CANADA | John F. Dobell |
| | WISCONSIN | Clarence A. McElmurry |
| Wayne D. Mower | WYOMING | Charles Gregg |

**GRAND COUNCILS RECOGNIZED BY
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF DELAWARE**

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| ALABAMA | MONTANA |
| ALASKA | NEBRASKA |
| ARIZONA | NEVADA |
| ARKANSAS | NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| CALIFORNIA | NEW JERSEY |
| COLORADO | NEW MEXICO |
| CONNECTICUT | NEW YORK |
| DISTRICT of COLUMBIA | NORTH CAROLINA |
| EASTERN CANADA | NORTH DAKOTA |
| ENGLAND & WALES | OHIO |
| FLORIDA | OKLAHOMA |
| GEORGIA | ONTARIO |
| GERMANY | OREGON |
| HAWAII | PENNSYLVANIA |
| IDAHO | PHILIPPINES |
| ILLINOIS | RHODE ISLAND |
| INDIANA | SCOTLAND |
| IOWA | SOUTH CAROLINA |
| KANSAS | SOUTH DAKOTA |
| KENTUCKY | TENNESSEE |
| LOUISIANA | TEXAS |
| MAINE | UTAH |
| MARYLAND | VERMONT |
| MASSACHUSETTS | WASHINGTON |
| MICHIGAN | WESTERN CANADA |
| MINNESOTA | WISCONSIN |
| MISSISSIPPI | WYOMING |
| MISSOURI | |

Grand Recorder names and addresses can be found at the General Grand Council Website:

<http://www.ggccmi.org/ggcmrec.html>

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

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kenneth W. Jaeger | Illustrious Master |
| Bradley Driscoll | Deputy Master |
| A. Tony Maxwell | Principal Conductor of the Work |
| James R. Herrington, MIPGM | Treasurer |
| Franklin R. Townsend, MIPGM | Recorder |
| Terrance Van Gorder | Captain of the Guard |
| Vaughn LeSage | Conductor of the Council |
| Michael Ratcliff | Steward |
| William Stephy | Chaplain |
| Joseph L. Kaufman | Sentinel |

GREETED

| | |
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| Virgil Crupei | Robert Crusco |
| Vaughn LeSage | Kerry Hearn |
| Matthew Drake | Fred Eichholtz |
| Fred Palmer | Charles Porter |
| Kenneth Weaver | |

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

None

SUSPENDED

| | |
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| James Hanby | Jason T. Hewes |
| Clayton W. Hewes, III | Clayton W. Hewes, IV |
| David Lee Osborn | |

DIED

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|----------------|-----------------|
| David Pletz | Carl Buffington |
| Oliver Calhoon | |

Adoniram Council No. 2

Dover

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

Stated Assembly: First Wednesday of each Month

except October – Second Wednesday

Closed: June, July and August

OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| James Ferguson, PIM | Illustrious Master |
| Robert Benson, PMIGM | Deputy Master |
| John A. Eberly | Principal Conductor of the Work |
| Lionel D. Hunter, PIM | Treasurer |
| Lionel D. Hunter, PIM | Recorder |
| Thomas Morrison | Captain of the Guard |
| James Ruby | Conductor of the Council |
| C. William Tulloch | Steward |
| Charles H. Workman, III | Chaplain |
| Frank C. Lind | Sentinel |

GREETED

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Thomas Splanger | Andrew Doran |
| Philip Webb | |

AFFILIATED

None

REINSTATED

None

DEMITTED

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SUSPENDED

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|-----------------|----------------|
| David Harman | Michael Benton |
| Jarone Passon | Jason Leone |
| Joshua Crompton | |

DIED

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| Benjamin Betts | Hershal Poore |
| James Durrill | |

Joppa Council No. 3
Georgetown

Date of Charter: September 9, 1924

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

OFFICERS

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| G. Thomas Taylor, III | Illustrious Master |
| Frederick Horn, Jr. | Deputy Master |
| David Beebe | Principal Conductor of the Work |
| James B. Walsh, MIPGM | Treasurer |
| Maurice C. Barnes, PIM | Recorder |
| Christian Dull, PIM | Captain of the Guard |
| Francisco Sandoval | Conductor of the Council |
| William F. Lott | Steward |
| Richard A. Mickles | Chaplain |
| William Brittingham | Sentinel |

GREETED

None

REINSTATED

None

AFFILIATED

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| G. Thomas Taylor | William F. Lott |
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SUSPENDED

None

DEMITTED

None

DIED

| | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Harry A. Moore | Charles E. Farrell |
|----------------|--------------------|

Thrice Illustrious Masters Council No. 4
Wilmington

Date of Charter: March 14, 1992

Stated Assembly: December

OFFICERS

Herbert J. Atkinson, PIM
James A. Pletz, MIPGM
C. Granville McVey, MIPGM
Donald D. Thomas, MIPGM
John B. Dorsey, MIPGM
Lionel D. Hunter, PIM

Illustrious Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer-Recorder
Steward
Sentinel

AFFILIATED

Kenneth Jaeger
James Ferguson

G. Thomas Taylor
George Gadsby

DIED

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 2012 plus 4000 = 6012

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 2012 plus 3760 = 5772. 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 2012 plus 530 = 2542

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 2012 plus 1000 = 3012

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 2012 = 894.

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 2012 plus 1913 = 3925.

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.

**OFFICERS OF
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF DELAWARE
2012**

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| M.I. Grand Master 19 Sussex Drive, Lewes, DE 19958 | James G. Horn 302-645-9889 |
| R.I. Deputy Grand Master 209 Mangum Drive, Bear, DE 19701 | Neal J. Sobocinski 302-834-5213 |
| R.I. Principal Conductor of the Work 107 Sonant Drive, Newark, DE 19713 | Jay C. Bergstrom 302-292-0685 |
| M.I. Grand Treasurer 4 Westmeadow Lane, Newark, DE 19711 | Sheldon L. Edwards, MIPGM 302-234-0353 |
| M.I. Grand Recorder 317 Kalorama Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784 | Mark E. Irwin, MIPGM 410-549-1155 |
| Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard 2203 Alister Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808 | Lionel D. Hunter 302-994-3192 |
| Ill. Grand Chaplain 324 Stamford Drive, Newark, DE 19711 | James R. Herrington, MIPGM 302-366-1160 |
| Ill. Grand Counductor of the Council 701 Elkton Rd., Newark, DE 19711 | C. Granville McVey, MIPGM 302-368-4364 |
| Ill. Grand Marshal 105 Pigeon Run Dr., Bear, DE 19701 | G. Thomas Taylor 302-836-1478 |
| Ill. Grand Steward 29162 Log Cabin Hill Rd., Lewes, DE 19958 | George Gadsby 302-644-7557 |
| Ill. Grand Sentinel 113 Savannah Rd., Lewes, DE 19958 | James B. Walsh, MIPGM 302-645-7981 |
| Aide to the Grand Master 1025 Smithbridge Rd., Glen Mills, PA 19034-1205 | Charles S. Horn 610-459-5670 |

The Eighty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic
Masons of Delaware will be held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, Rehoboth,
Delaware, on Saturday, March 9, 2013, at 9:00 A.M.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

**2011-2014
ELECTIVE**

- George Sellars..... General Grand Master
25159 S. Magdalena St., Harrison Twp, MI 48045586-791-3009
- Lawrence O. WeaverDeputy General Grand Master
19433 Prospector Ter., Oregon City, OR 97045503-518-9129
- Milton S. “Sid” Roberts..... General Grand P.C. of the Work
3736 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kelso, WA 98626360-577-1202
- Charles L. Hollinger General Grand Treasurer
125 Angelo Rd. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909321-676-2575
- David A. Grindle..... General Grand Recorder
PO Box 332, Meridian, ID 83646208-895-6612
e-mail: ggr@ggccmi.org

APPOINTIVE

- Rev. Charles M. Roberts.....General Grand Chaplain
- Rev. Ronald E. Wood, Jr..... Assistant General Grand Chaplain
- Rev. James R. Herrington.....Assistant General Grand Chaplain
- Gary D. Skillern..... General Grand Captain of the Guard
- Donald L. Himes..... General Grand Conductor of Council
- Brian J. Hastings..... General Grand Marshal
- Larry N. Flowers, Sr..... General Grand Steward
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