

Jesse Green Priory Number 70  
Knights York Cross of Honour  
April 30, 1997

Eminent Prior C. Granville McVey opened the Special Conclave of Jesse Green Priory No. 70, K. Y. C. H. at 7:10 P.M. on Wednesday, April 30, 1997 at the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, Delaware. The following officers and members were found to be present:

Prior	- C. Granville McVey, KYGCH
Deputy Prior	- Franklin R. Townsend, KYGCH
Warder	- Mark E. Irwin, KYGCH
Registrar/Treasurer	- Donald D. Thomas, P.P., KYGCH
Prelate	- James A. Pletz, KYGCH
Orator	- William J. Littel, KYGCH
Herald	- James A. Johnson

Past Priors Richard A. Scarlott and Chester C. Coffin Past Prior Philadelphia Priory No. 12, Knights Charles H. Lengel, and Sheldon L. Edwards, and Past Prior Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., Personal Representative for District No. 4 of Most Eminent William Schoene, Jr., Grand Master General.

The Eminent Prior expressed his sincere appreciation to those in attendance for joining with him for this Special Conclave of the Priory.

The Registrar then reported that no objection had been filed on the Invitation to our esteemed Brethren John B. Dorsey to join the Priory, and he was in possession of his acceptance accompanied by the necessary initiation fee. The Acceptance particulars of the forenamed Brother was read for the benefit of the Knights in attendance. The Registrar then noted that our distinguished Brother was in attendance and all was in order for his Reception.

The Prior then called upon the officers to assume their respective stations for the Reception of John B. Dorsey into Jesse Green Priory Number 70.

Knight Herald James A. Johnson then retired and presented at the altar, Brother John B. Dorsey who was then properly and dignifiably received into the Priory under the able tutelage of Prior C. Granville McVey and the line officers. The Lectures were presented by:

Lodge -	Knight James A. Pletz, Past Grand Master
Chapter -	Knight Sheldon L. Edwards, Grand High Priest
Council -	Knight Mark E. Irwin, Most Illustrious Grand Master
Commandery-	Knight Franklin R. Townsend, Right Eminent Grand Commander

The explanation of the Jewel of The Order was provided in a most proficient manner by Past Prior Richard A. Scarlott; Knight Charles H. Lengel presented the explanation of the Crown.

Following a very proficient Reception, Knights Dorsey was presented with his KYCH jewel by Past Prior Richard A. Scarlott who noted that it had been his pleasure to wear that jewel and prior to that it was worn by no less an esteemed York Rite Mason than Raymond A. Howard. Knight Pletz presented to Knight Dorsey his KYCH pin together with some written material on the KYCH and Jesse Green Priory. In addition, Knight Lengel presented a personal memento to Knight Dorsey, congratulating him on his many years of service to the fraternity and their long personal friendship. Prior C. Granville McVey presented to Knight Dorsey his membership card. Knight Dorsey was then welcomed into our midst by all present. Knight Dorsey expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation of being received into Jesse Green Priory No. 70.

The Minutes of the August 22, 1996 meeting of the Priory were then presented and approved as read. As an addendum to those minutes, Past Prior Scarlott noted that the distribution of the books, as identified in those minutes, to 19 Constituent Lodges of this Grand Lodge, had been undertaken by Prior C. Granville McVey at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on October last. The Registrar then presented the Treasurer's Report which showed, in brief:

Balance August 15, 1996		\$ 2679.26
Receipts		
Book Sale, Interest and Initiation Fee.	\$ 230.93	
Disbursements		
Books	\$ 248.28	
Balance Checking Account April 15, 1997		\$ 2679.91
Decrease in Net Worth		\$ (17.46)

The Treasurer's Report was accepted subject to Audit.

The Priory was then called up while the Registrar reminded the Knights of the passing, on January 23, 1997, of Past Prior, and Grand Commander, T. Eugene Womach, following which Prayer was offered in his behalf.

The Registrar then noted that he was in receipt of a Proposal For Membership for Eugene R. Small, which he found to be complete. Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the petitioner was subject to a closed ballot which proved favorable. Prior

McVey then presented to Knight Franklin R. Townsend, copies of Acceptance of Invitation to be presented to our esteemed Brother Eugene R. Small.

The Eminent Prior then recognised Past Prior Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. Personal Representative for District Number 4 of Most Eminent Grand Master General William Schoene, Jr., who brought with him the greetings of the Grand Master General. Knight Sullivan commended Knight Dorsey for his many labors in the quarries of Freemasonry, extended to him his congratulations on being received into Jessie Green Priory Number 70. He also complimented the officers of the Priory for their work this evening. He then shared with the Priory the plans for the Annual Conclave of Convent General to be held in Newark, New Jersey on August 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Further particulars will be forthcoming. Knight Sullivan also expressed the desire to see the Priory consider the inclusion of the wives on the occasion of a Reception of new candidates. He noted that this had been done in the past with some modest degree of success. He then thanked the Prior and Priory for the hospitality extended to him. Knight Sullivan's remarks were warmly received by the Priory members. Following his informal remarks, Knight Sullivan moved that \$100.00 be donated to the Y.R.M.R.F. in memory of Knight T. Eugene Womach. The motion was seconded by Knight Irwin and unanimously approved.

The Registrar then noted that he was in receipt of Proxies for the Annual meeting of Convent General and requested that the Prior, Deputy Prior and Warder attend to this duty following this meeting. The Registrar regularly moved, and it was duly seconded and approved, that any bills for the expenses of the evening that were submitted would be authorized and paid.

Prior McVey then thanked all the officers and participants in the Reception for their labors of the evening. He then recognized M.E. Sheldon L. Edwards, GHP, M. I. Mark E. Irwin, MIGM and R. E. Franklin R. Townsend, GC and noted that it was Knight Townsend's birthday and that a suitable celebration awaited him in the Bedford Club. Each of the presiding Grands rose to thank the Prior for the recognition.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the Priory, it was closed with Peace and Harmony prevailing at 9:20 P.M., at which time the Knights retired to the Bedford Club for light refreshments and the celebration of the Grand Commander's birthday.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald D. Thomas, P.P. Registrar

