

FIRST STATE YORK RITE COLLEGE No. 45

May 7, 2011

Masonic Temple, Dover, Delaware

A regular meeting of First State York Rite College No. 45 was opened in form at 2:00 p.m., with the following officers present:

Governor	Robert Benson
Deputy Governor	G. Thomas Taylor
Chancellor	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
Treasurer	James R. Herrington
Secretary	Mark E. Irwin
Primate	Jon Cottrell-pt
Preceptor	G. Richard Ward
Seneschal	Jay Bergstrom
Marshal	Gilbert Greenfield
Sentinel	A. Tony Maxwell

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Members present as per register. The Governor welcomed all present.

The Governor called the College up for a moment of silent prayer on behalf of Past Governor Generals Roy Van Delinder and Edward R. Saunders.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 30, 2010 were read and approved as read. The Treasurer reported a balance in the checking account of \$3,212.19

Regrets were received from Sir Knights Littleton, Marshall, Krimmel, Slack, Small, Horn, Thomas and Hart

A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay any bills that may arise between now and the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the College meet at 1:00 pm on October 15th at either Lombardy Hall or St. Johns Lodge.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that \$50.00 be donated to Dover Masonic Hall Co.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to make a donation of \$50 for the Grand Lodge Day at the Masonic Home.

There were the following proposals for new members: Ken Yeager and John Hiott. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give these proposed members the benefit of a test ballot. The ballot being found fair, they were declared elected to be received in the College.

There were no Gold Honor award nominations made.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the following by-laws change:

Change Article VII – Fees and Dues, Section B

Currently reads:

The Annual Dues for membership in this College shall be \$4 plus any Per Capita or special assessment levied by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Revised to read:

The Annual Dues for membership in the College shall be an amount to be set by this College from time to time by a majority of the members present and voting plus any Per Capita or special assessment levied by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to raise the dues for the year ending June 30, 2013 to \$10 plus Sovereign College assessments. Discussion was made that Life membership would still be available for \$280 until July 1 of next year. After that it would rise to \$400.

Gov. Benson introduced the following Past Governors present: Irwin, Dorsey, Schutz, Loveless, Herrington and Laucius.

Gov. Benson recognized the following dignitaries:

M.E. Arthur A. Loveless, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Delaware

M.I. Robert A. Benson, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Delaware

R.E. David H. Laucius, Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Delaware

R.E.D. Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr., Grand Governor for Delaware of the York Rite Sovereign College

R.W. Mark E. Irwin, Chief Adept, Delaware College S.R.I.C.F.

Sir Knights A. Tony Maxwell, James R. Herrington and Arthur A. Loveless were appointed as the Audit Committee.

Gov. Benson recognized RED Grand Governor Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr. who made appropriate remarks. He also reported that the next Sovereign College would be held in July in Nashville, Tennessee and that Knights David Majors and G. Thomas Taylor would receive the Order of the Purple Cross.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the following officers be elected. All elected officers present accepted. With R.E.D. Past Grand Governor Mark Irwin acting as Installing Officer and Past Governor David H. Laucius acting as Marshal General the following elected and appointed officers were installed in form:

Governor	G. Thomas Taylor
Deputy Governor	Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.
Chancellor	Wayne T. Slack - absent
Treasurer	James R. Herrington
Secretary	Mark E. Irwin
Primate	G. Richard Ward
Preceptor	Jay Bergstrom
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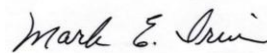
The proclamation was made by the Marshal General.

Governor Taylor thanked Grand Governor Irwin and the installing team for performing the installation on those present.

John A. Eberly was nominated for membership in the College. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give him the benefit of a ballot. The ballot being found fair, he was declared elected to the College.

There being no further business, the College was closed in form at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark E. Irwin PG
Secretary