

BLUE HEN COUNCIL No. 388, A.M.D.

November 14, 2015

Masonic Temple, New Castle, Delaware

Blue Hen Council No. 388 was opened in form at 10:00 am with the following officers present:

Sovereign Master	Lionel Hunter
Senior Warden	Jon Cottrell, P.S.M.-pt
Junior Warden	George Gadsby
Secretary-Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, P.S.M.
Senior Deacon	
Junior Deacon	
Chaplain	
Sentinel	

Members present as per register. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was done. The Sovereign Master welcomed all present.

Brother Jared Card was received as a member in the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Regrets were received from Brothers Marshall, Maxwell, Loveless and Hart.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to meet the same date as the other bodies, which was determined to be May 7, 2016, at the Masonic Temple, Dover, Delaware at 9:30 am

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,107.92 in the checking account. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow the Secretary/Treasurer to pay the bills that may arise between now and the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend the By-laws as follows:

Article VI – Fees and Dues

The fee for investiture in this Council shall be \$50 plus the annual dues for the year. The annual dues from each member shall be \$6 plus Grand Council per capita assessment. A life membership may be purchased for 20 times annual dues.

Amend to read:

The fee for investiture in this Council shall be \$50 plus the annual dues for the year. The annual dues from each member shall be an amount determined by the majority of the members present at a meeting of the Council plus Grand Council per capita assessment. A life membership may be purchased for 20 times annual dues.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to establish the dues at \$10 per member plus Grand Council per capita.

SM Hunter recognized PSM's Herrington, Walsh, Cottrell and Horn.

The following distinguished visitors were recognized:

M.I. Lionel Hunter, M.I. Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Delaware
R.E. Neal J. Sonocinski, Grand Commander Knights Templar in Delaware
Frater Mark E. Irwin, Chief Adept, Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F.
Em. James G. Horn, Prior, Jesse Green Priory #70, K.Y.C.H.
K.C. James R. Herrington, Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that George Gadsby be elected to Sovereign Master, A. Tony Maxwell be re-elected Senior Warden, John Hiott be elected Junior Warden, and the Secretary-Treasurer be re-elected.

There were the following nominations for new members: John Merkley by James Walsh and Michael Ratcliff by Jon Cottrell. The nominees were given the benefit of a test ballot. The ballot being found fair, they were declared elected and will be sent invitations.

P.S.M. Mark Irwin installed the following elected and appointed officers assisted by P.S.M. Sheldon L. Edwards as Marshal:

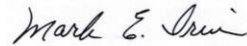
Sovereign Master	George Gadsby
Senior Warden	A. Tony Maxwell - absent
Junior Warden	John Hiott - absent
Secretary-Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, P.S.M.
Senior Deacon	Vaughn LeSage - absent
Junior Deacon	Joseph Kaufman - absent
Chaplain	Michael Downey
Sentinel	Jared Card

It was reported that Donald D. Thomas had requested a demit from Blue Hen Council.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved as read.

There being no further business, the Council was closed in form at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark E. Irwin, P.S.M.
Secretary