

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

November 9, 2019

Masonic Temple, New Castle, Delaware

Blue Hen Council No. 388 was opened in form at 9:38 am with the following officers present:

Sovereign Master	John W. Merkley
Senior Warden	George Gadsby, PSM-pt
Junior Warden	Mark Button
Secretary-Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, P.S.M.
Senior Deacon	
Junior Deacon	
Chaplain	Stefan Darczuk
Sentinel	Michael Pizzola

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

Regrets were received from Brothers Horn, Marshall, Walsh, and Herrington.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$966.04 in the checking account, \$1,324.22 in the Capital One Savings, \$508.64 in the Life Savings Account, and \$1,053.92 in the York Rite Fund Life account. The total of assets are \$3,852.82. 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 meet the same date as the other bodies, which was determined to be May 2, 2020, at the Masonic Temple, Dover, Delaware at 9:30 am

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt a budget of \$469 and maintain the dues at \$15 + Grand Council per capita.

Budgeted Expenses

Annual Report-per capita	\$266
Secretary-Honorarium	\$50
Postage	\$20
Room Rental	\$25
Office Supplies	\$100
Website	\$8
Total	\$469

SM Merkley recognized PSM's Edwards, Small, Laucius, Loveless, Cottrell, Hunter, and Gadsby.

The following distinguished visitors were recognized:

- R.E. Mark E. Irwin, Deputy General Grand High Priest-Northeast Region, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International
- M.I. G. Thomas Taylor, III, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Delaware
- E. Jay C. Bergstrom, Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory #70, KYCH
- Frater Mark E. Irwin, Chief Adept, Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F.
- K.C. David H. Laucius, Intendant General, Division of Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Mark Button be elected to Sovereign Master, John Hiott be elected Senior Warden, Jared Card be elected Junior Warden, and the Secretary-Treasurer be re-elected by a unanimous ballot cast by PSM Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.

There was the following nomination for new member: Christopher DeAngelo by David Laucius. The nominee was given the benefit of a ballot. The ballot being found fair, he was declared elected and will be sent an invitation.

P.S.M. Mark Irwin installed the following elected and appointed officers assisted by P.S.M. David Laucius as Marshal:

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Junior Deacon	Michael Pizzola
Chaplain	Larry Biederman
Sentinel	Eric Thompson

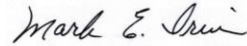
The Sovereign Master called the Council for a moment of prayer in memory of Senior Warden Peter Tyrrell who passed away since our last meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to remit the due for Warren F. Schueler, Sr. who has been in failing health.

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

There being no further business, the Council was closed in form at 11:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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