

DELAWARE COLLEGE, S.R.I.C.F.
DECEMBER 11, 1982

A special convocation of Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 11, 1982, in the Red Room, Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Right Worthy James H. Hutchins, IX°, Chief Adept, assembled the Fraters about the altar to form the Mystic Circle, and in due form declared Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F., duly opened with the following officers present and in their respective stations:

Celebrant	Samuel A. Wise
Secretary/Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas
First Ancient	Chester C. Coffin
Fourth Ancient	Raymond A. Howard
Conductor of Novices	C. Ray Scarborough
Organist	Henry G. Law
Second Herald	William J. Littel
Torch Bearer	Harold T. J. Littleton
Guardian of the Caverns	Albert J. Miller
Medallist	Arne E. Carlson
Acolyte	J. Norman Nicklas
Librarian	Warren W. Edinger, Jr.

Also in attendance were Fraters: George Kuba, VII°, P.C., Charles R. Taylor, VII°, P.C., Henry E. Snedeker, VII°, Richard A. Scarlott, VII°, John N. Fortner, VII°, together with the neophytes Charles C. Shilling, Merle E. Ward, and James A. Pletz.

The Chief Adept recognized and yielded the floor to Most Worshipful Harold T. J. Littleton, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, who expressed his pleasure of being with the Fraters and extended to all his fraternal best wishes. The Chief Adept acknowledged the presence of several members of the Grand Staff as well as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and several of his staff.

The regrets of Past Celebrant Charles E. Daniels and Fraters Mires and Ellis were extended to the College by the Secretary.

The Chief Adept then welcomed all the members of Delaware College to this special convocation. Special in the sense that once again two of the grades of the College were to be conferred by members of the College upon the neophytes. For this purpose Frater Donald D. Thomas presented at the altar Brother Charles C. Shilling, Brother Merle E. Ward, and Brother James A. Pletz who were duly obligated to the society by the Right Worthy Chief Adept. The candidates then retired while preparations were made for their reception into the Second Grade of Theoricus. With the following Fraters participating: as Celebrant - Donald D. Thomas, VIII°, as Herald - George Kuba, VII°, P.C., Conductor - William Littel, VII°, as Ancient of Air - C. Ray Scarborough, VII°, as Ancient of Fire - R. Scarlott, VII°, as Ancient of Water - J. Norman Nicklas, VII°, and as Ancient of Earth - Warren W. Edinger, Jr., VII°, the candidates were then re-presented with Brother James Pletz bearing the Cross of the Four Elements, the neophytes were

instructed in the significance of each of the elements, together with the Pass Words, Grand Word, sign and grip of the grade and declared perfected Theoricus members of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. The Lecture on Colors of the 2nd Grade was presented in an enlightening manner by Frater Henry G. Law, VII. The candidates then retired while preparations were made for their reception into the Seventh Grade of Adeptus Exemptus. With Frater Raymond A. Howard, VII, presiding as Inductor, Frater Henry G. Law, VII, as Expositor, and Frater C. Ray Scarborough, VII, as Conductor, Brother Shilling, Ward and Pletz were received, instructed in the mysteries of the Seventh Grade and thence advanced to the Grade of Adeptus Exemptus. Frater Law delivered the lecture in a most proficient manner.

The Chief Adept then resumed the East and extended his personal thanks and congratulations to all participants in the grade conferrals. On behalf of the College he recognized and acknowledged all the labors of Frater Law in the selection of the degrees and participants as well as the property preparation. The Chief Adept then requested Fraters Howard, Miller and Law to present Fraters Shilling, Ward, and Pletz west of the altar. The Chief Adept joined them at the altar, expressed his joy and pleasure in welcoming Fraters Shilling, Ward, and Pletz into Delaware College and requested that their sponsors present them with the jewels of their grade.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the College, it was closed in peace and harmony at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald D. Thomas
Right Worthy Secretary