

DELAWARE COLLEGE, S.R.I.C.F.  
December 10, 1983

A special convocation of Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F was convened at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday December 10, 1983 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	Chester C. Coffin
Secretary/Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas
Suffragan	C. Ray Scarborough
Conductor of Novices	Henry G. Law
First Herald	William J. Littel
Second Herald	Harold T. J. Littleton
Torch Bearer	Albert A. Scarlott

Also, in attendance were: Charles E. Daniels VIII°, P.C., John S. Proud, VII°, P.C., Charles R. Taylor, VII°, P.C., John N. Fortner VII, James A. Pletz, VII°, Charles C. Shilling, VII°, Merle E. Ward, VII°, together with the neophyte Samuel B. Rash. We were pleased to have with us Frater Elwood E. Cook of Maryland College. S.R.I.C.F.

The Chief Adept called the College to their feet and announced the sad departing since last we met of Frater R. A. Howard (9/13/83) and Frater J. H. McDonnell (9/21/83) and called upon the secretary to offer prayer. The Chief Adept then welcomed all members of Delaware College to this special convocation and extended a hearty welcome to Frater Elwood E. Cook of Maryland College who responded in kind.

As the purpose of this special convocation was to receive Brother Samuel B. Rash, Jr. into the College the Chief Adept declared the Temple open on the Third Grade of Practicus. With Frater Donald D. Thomas, VIII, as Celebrant, Frater Henry G. Law, VII as a last minute substitute for Frater Nicklas, who was regretfully taken ill, as Exponent, Frater William J. Littel, VII°, as Conductor and Frater James A. Pletz, VII° as Herald, Brother Rash was admitted, conducted once about the Temple, duly obligated and instructed in the grade of Practicus. Frater Law then delivered to Frater Rash the Lecture upon Alchymy in a most enlightening manner. Frater Rash then retired while preparation were made for his reception who the sixth grade of Adeptus Major. With Frater Chester C. Coffin, VII presiding as Inductor, Frater Richard A. Scarlott, VII, as Expositor and Frater Charles C. Shilling, VII as Conductor, Frater Rash

was reintroduced, received, instructed in the mysteries of the sixth grade and thence advanced to the Grade of Adeptus Major.

The Chief Adept then resumed the East and duly obligated and instructed Frater Rash into the seventh grade of Adeptus Exemptus. Chief Adept Hutchins then requested that Frater Littel, as Frater Rash's sponsor, join them at the altar to present to Frater Rash his jewel. On behalf of the College, Frater Littel welcome Frater Rash and personally presented to him his jewel.

The Chief Adept than extended his personal thanks and congratulations to all participants in the grade conferrals, personally thanked Frater Law for serving as a last minute substitute and also for all his labors in another job well done. The Chief Adept then recognized M.E.G.H.P. James A. Pletz, M.I.G.M. Henry G. Law, Illustrious Merle Ward and Illustrious John M. Fortner.

Several announcements were presented about forth coming event and the participation of the Fraters in them welcomed.

Frater Miller noted that it has been several years since the college had participated in a function with the ladies. The Chief Adept welcomed Frater Miller's observation and suggested that he, together with Frater Law and Shilling review the possibilities and advise the College.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the College, it was closed in peace and harmony at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald D. Thomas  
Right Worthy Secretary