

DELAWARE COLLEGE, S.R.I.C.F.
DECEMBER 8, 1984

A special convocation of Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 8, 1984, in the Red Room, Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Right Worthy James H. Hutchins, IX^o, 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:

Secretary/Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas
Third Ancient	C. Ray Scarborough
Fourth Ancient	Henry G. Law
Conductor of Novices	William J. Littel
Torch Bearer	J. Norman Nicklas
Medallist	Richard A. Scarlott
Librarian	Charles C. Shilling

Also in attendance were Fraters Chester C. Coffin, VII, P.C., Charles E. Daniels, VIII^o, P.C., John S. Proud, VII^o, P.C., Charles R. Taylor, VII, P.C., James A. Pletz, VII and Samuel B. Rash, Jr., VII.

The regrets of several members were extended to the College.

The Chief Adept then welcomed all the members of the College to this special convocation. The Chief Adept noted that no objections had been received relative to the nomination of our esteemed Brother Lewis J. Blackwell for membership into the College. As such he was declared elected into Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F. The Chief Adept regretfully announced that Brother Blackwell's duties as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware prohibited his attendance this afternoon; despite this Chief Adept had decided to continue with the portrayal of the First Grade of the College. For this purpose Frater Donald D. Thomas assumed the East as Celebrant and with the assistance of C. Ray Scarborough as Exponent, Richard A. Scarlott as First Ancient, James A. Pletz as Second Ancient, Samuel B. Rash, Jr. as Third Ancient, J. Norman Nicklas as Fourth Ancient, William J. Littel as Conductor and Charles C. Shilling as Guardian, the College preceded to exemplify the First Grade of Zelator with P.C. Charles R. Taylor serving as an exemplar for the Aspirant. Upon completion of the first part, Frater Chester C. Coffin assumed the East as Celebrant and proceeded with the second part with the assistance of Henry G. Law as Exponent, C. Ray Scarborough as Torch Bearer, William J. Littel as Conductor, Charles C. Shilling as Guardian, and J. Norman Nicklas as Acolyte. The address of the second part was delivered by Frater Henry G. Law.

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 degree and participants as well as the property preparation.

Frater Law thanked the Chief Adept for the pleasure and expressed his thanks to Fraters Scarborough and Nicklas as serving as last minute substitute in the second part. He noted that with the exemplification of the First Grade, all the Grades of the College have now been done at least once.

The Chief Adept noted that it was ~~75 years~~ *the first time in the history of the College* since any of the degrees had been conferred in the College and now all have been done. He commended the College for their dedication and expressed his personal pride in these endeavors.

The Chief Adept then recognized Frater Law as the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Delaware and expressed the pleasure of the College ^{of} this election.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the College, it was closed in peace and harmony at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald D. Thomas
Right Worthy Secretary

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