

Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F.
December 14, 1991

A special convocation of Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 14, 1991 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:

Secretary/Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas, VIII°
First Ancient	Albert J. Miller, VII°
Second Ancient	Richard A. Scarlott, VII°
Third Ancient	Charles C. Shilling, VII°
Suffragan	James A. Pletz, VII°
First Herald	C. Granville McVey, VII°
Second Herald	James A. Johnson, VII°
Guardian of the Caverns	Warren F. Schueler, Sr. VII°
Medalist	Harry M. Sullivan, VII°
Librarian	John A. Irwin, VII°

Also in attendance were Past Celebrants Henry G. Law, VIII° and Harold T. J. Littleton, VII°.

The Chief Adept welcomed all the members of the College to this Special Convocation. The regrets of several members were extended to the College by the Secretary.

The Chief Adept noted that no objections had been received relative to the nominations of our distinguished Brethren Frank A. Battaglia and Brian Cannon for membership into the College. As such they were declared elected into Delaware College S.R.I.C.F. The Chief Adept announced that our honored Brethren had accepted the invitation of the College and were in waiting. Frater Charles C. Shilling was directed, by the Chief Adept, to retire and present our esteemed Brethren at the altar where the Chief Adept placed them under the cover obligation of the Society. The neophytes were then instructed by the Chief Adept in the sign and grip of the College and asked to retire while preparations were made for their reception into the Third Grade, that of Practicus, of the College. With Frater Donald D. Thomas presiding in the East as Celebrant, nobly assisted by Fraters Harry M. Sullivan, as Exponent, Richard A. Scarlott, as Conductor, Charles C. Shilling as Herald and Henry G. Law as a last minute substitute for William J. Littel, Fraters Battaglia and Cannon were received into the Grade of Practicus.

Following this reception, the candidates retired while preparations were made for their reception into the Seventh Grade of Adeptus Exemptus. For this purpose, Frater James A. Pletz assumed the East as Inductor and, with the assistance of Frater C. Granville McVey as Expositor, Frater Warren F. Schueler, as Conductor and Frater Henry G. Law, substituting again for Frater William J. Littel, proceeded to enlighten Fraters Battaglia and

Cannon with the wisdom and knowledge of the grade of Adeptus Exemptus. The Seventh Grade Lecture was presented by Past Celebrant Henry G. Law. The labors of the Seventh Grade being completed, the Chief Adept resumed his station.

The Chief Adept, accompanied by their sponsors, Fraters Pletz and McVey, met Fraters Battaglia and Cannon at the altar, where they were presented with their jewels and membership cards. The Chief Adept noted that he was particularly pleased to pass along to Frater Battaglia the jewel worn by our recently departed Frater John J. McClearnen. Each of the Fraters expressed his warm pleasure of being received into the College.

The Chief Adept then recognized the distinguished Brethren present, which included Most Worshipful James Albert Pletz, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, M.W. Warren F. Schueler, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, Right Eminent Henry G. Law, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Delaware, Most Illustrious Richard A. Scarlott, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Delaware, Harry M. Sullivan, Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory No. 70, K.Y.C.H., Illustrious Harold T. J. Littleton, Active Member of the Supreme Council A.A.S.R., N.M.J. and Deputy for Delaware, and Knight Companion Donald D. Thomas, Intendant General, Division of Delaware, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. Each of these distinguished Fraters, thanked the Chief Adept for his kindness of recognition.

The Chief Adept then expressed his sincere thanks to Frater Henry G. Law and the other members of the College for their participation and involvement in the duties of the College for this meeting and extended to all his sincere blessings of this Holy Season.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the College, it was closed in peace and harmony at 2:30 P.M.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald D. Thomas, VIII
Secretary