

Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F.
December 5, 1992

A special convocation of Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 5, 1992 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	Albert J. Miller, VII°
Secretary/Treasurer	Donald D. Thomas, VIII°
Second Ancient	James A. Pletz, VII°
Suffragan	C. Granville McVey, VII°
Conductor of Novices	Merle E. Ward, VII°
Organist	James A. Johnson, VII°
First Herald	Warren F. Schueler, Sr., VII°
Second Herald	Harry M. Sullivan, Jr., VII°
Guardian of the Caverns	Kenneth E. Spiess, Sr. VII°
Medalist	John A. Irwin, VII°
Acolyte	Frank A. Battaglia, VII°

Also in attendance were Past Celebrants Henry G. Law, VIII° and William J. Littel, 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 he had been advised that Frater Richard A. Scarlott was in St. Francis Hospital with an unknown, but not perceived as serious, condition.

The Chief Adept noted that no objections had been received relative to the nominations of our distinguished Brethren Herbert J. Atkinson and Robert D. Blackard 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. Past Celebrant William J. Littel 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 Second Grade, that of Theoricus, of the College.

With Frater Donald D. Thomas presiding in the East as Celebrant, nobly assisted by Fraters Harry M. Sullivan, as Exponent, William J. Littel, as Conductor, Albert J. Miller, as Herald, Warren F. Schueler, Sr., James A. Pletz, substituting, Kenneth E. Spiess and Merle E. Ward, substituting, as the Ancients of Air, Fire, Water and Earth respectively, Fraters Atkinson and Blackard were received into the Grade of Theoricus. Frater Henry G. Law presented the Lecture on Color.

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 William J. Littel as Acolyte, proceeded to enlighten Fraters Atkinson and Blackard 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 Miller and Littel, met Fraters Blackard and Atkinson at the altar, where they were presented with their jewels and membership cards. Both of the newly inducted Fraters expressed their warm pleasure of being received into the College.

The Chief Adept then recognized the distinguished Brethren present, which included the Most Worshipful Herbert J. Atkinson, 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, 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 2:45 P.M.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald D. Thomas, VIII
Secretary