Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F. December 4, 1993

A special convocation of Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 4, 1993 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 Secretary/Treasurer First Ancient Third Ancient Fourth Ancient Conductor of Novices Organist Second Herald Torch Bearer Medalist Acolyte Librarian

Richard A. Scarlott, VII° Donald D. Thomas, VIIIº James A. Pletz, VII° C. Granville McVey, VIIº Lewis J. Blackwell, VII° James A. Johnson, VIIº Warren F. Schueler, Sr. VII° Kenneth E. Spiess, Sr., VII° John A. Irwin, VII° Guardian of the Caverns Frank A. Battaglia, VIIº Brian Cannon, VIIº Herbert J. Atkinson, VII° Robert D. Blackard, VII°

Also in attendance were Past Celebrants Henry G. Law, VIII°, William J. Littel, VII°, Harold T. J. Littleton, VII°, Albert J. Miller, VII°, and C. Ray Scarborough, 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 Mark E. Irwin and Charles H. Lengel, Jr. 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 First Grade, that of Zelator, of the College.

With Frater Donald D. Thomas presiding in the East as Celebrant, nobly assisted by Fraters Henry G. Law, substituting for Frater Harry M. Sullivan, as Exponent, William J. Littel, as Conductor, Albert J. Miller, as Guardian, Harold T. J. Littleton, as First Ancient, Warren F. Schueler, Sr., as Second Ancient, Kenneth E. Spiess, Sr., as Third Ancient, Richard A. Scarlott, as Fourth Ancient, Frank A. Battaglia, as Acolyte, and Brian G. Cannon, as Torch Bearer, Fraters Irwin and Lengel were received into the Grade of Zelator. Frater Henry G. Law presented the Lecture.

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 C. Ray Scarborough, as Conductor, and Frater William J, Littel as Acolyte, proceeded to enlighten Fraters Irwin and Lengel 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 John A. Irwin and James A. Pletz, met Fraters Mark E. Irwin and Charles H. Lengel, Jr. 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 Most Worshipful Warren F. Schueler, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, Most Worshipful Frank A. Battaglia, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Delaware, M. E. Charles H. Lengel, Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, M. I. James A. Pletz, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Delaware, R.E. Donald D. Thomas, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Delaware and Intendant General, Division of Delaware, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and Illustrious Harold T. J. Litlleton, 33°, Active Member Supreme Council and Deputy for Delaware, A.A.S.R., N.M.J. and Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. Each of these distinguished Brethren thanked the Chief Adept for the kindness of his 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 2:35 P.M.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald D. Thomas, VIII Secretary

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