

Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F.  
December 7, 1996

A special convocation of Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 1:15 P.M. on Saturday, December 7, 1996 in the Red Room, Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Right Worthy Donald D. Thomas, IX°, Chief Adept, assembled the Fratres about the altar to form the Mystic Circle, and in due form declared Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F., duly opened with the following officers present and in their respective stations:

Celebrant	C. Granville McVey, VII°
Secretary/Treasurer	James A. Pletz, VIII°
Second Ancient	Kenneth E Spiess, VII°
Fourth Ancient	James A. Johnson, VII°
Conductor of Novices	Harry M. Sullivan, VII°
Organist	John A. Irwin, VII°
Second Herald	Herbert J. Atkinson, VII°
Librarian	Mark E. Irwin, VII°

Also in attendance were the following Fratres: Former Chief Adept James H. Hutchins, IX°, Past Celebrants Chester C. Coffin, VII°, William J. Littel VII°, John N. Fortner, VII°, and Richard A. Scarlott VII°, and Frater Franklin R. Townsend, VII°.

The Chief Adept welcomed all the members of the College to this Special Convocation. He announced; that Frater Henry G Law had been in the hospital with a circulatory system difficulty and is now at home recovering, that Right Eminent T Eugene Womach, Grand Commander, is seriously ill and that he moved back to ~~Sussex County~~ <sup>Essex County</sup> to be near his family, and that Illustrious Francis Paul 33° Past ~~Supreme~~ <sup>Sovereign Grand</sup> Commander of the Scottish Rite NMJ had died. He asked the Fratres to remember each in their devotions.

The Chief Adept noted that Frater <sup>Sovereign Grand</sup> Franklin R Townsend was obligated and instructed at the Annual Meeting on May 29, 1996. He has presented himself today to be received ritualistically into the College. Frater Townsend under the direction of Past Celebrant William J Littel, acting as Acolyte, retired from the College while preparations were made for the conferral of the Sixth Grade of our Second Order.

With Frater Richard A Scarlott presiding in the East as Inductor, ably assisted by Fratres C Granville McVey as Expositor, and Harry M. Sullivan as Conductor, Frater Townsend was received into the Grade of Adeptus Major.

The candidate then retired while preparations were made for his reception into the Seventh Grade of Adeptus Exemptus. Frater Herbert J. Atkinson assumed the East as Inductor, with Frater C. Granville McVey as Expositor, Frater Harry M. Sullivan as Conductor, and Frater William J. Littel as Acolyte. Frater Townsend was then enlightened with the lessons of the Seventh Grade. The lecture was presented by Frater James A. Pletz.

The candidate then retired while preparations were made for his reception into the Fourth Grade of Philosophus. Frater Mark E. Irwin assumed the East as Celebrant, with Frater Harry M. Sullivan as Exponent, Frater John A. Irwin

as Herald/Conductor, and Frater William J. Littel as Acolyte. Frater Townsend was then advanced to the Grade of Philosophus.

Frater Pletz thanked all of the Fratres who assisted in the ritualistic work and complimented them on their outstanding work. He noted that the Principal Officer in each grade was conferring the Grade for the first time.

Chief Adept then resumed the East and thanked the casts for the work performed. He stated that because of the time, the paper entitled "Rosicrucianism Analyzed", by R.W. James H Hutchins IX° would not be read but copies are available to the Fratres present.

The Chief Adept then recognized the following distinguished Brethren who were present for the convocation; Former Chief Adept James H. Hutchins, IX°, Harry M Sullivan, Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and C Granville McVey Eminent Prior, Jesse Green Priory No 70, Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Each thanked the Chief Adept for the recognition.

The Chief Adept 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 3:00 P.M.

Fraternaly submitted,

James A Pletz VIII°  
Secretary

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