

Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F.
December 6, 1997

A special convocation of Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 10:10 A.M. on Saturday, December 6, 1997 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	Warren F. Schueler Sr., VII°
Secretary/Treasurer	James A. Pletz, VIII°
First Ancient	Kenneth E Spiess, VII°
Second Ancient	James A. Johnson, VII°
Fourth Ancient	Harry M. Sullivan, VII°
Organist	Frank A. Battaglia, VII°
First Herald	Herbert J. Atkinson, VII°
Second Herald	Charles H. Lengel Jr., VII°
Torch Bearer	Wayne D. Mower, VII°
Medallist	Robert D. Blackard, VII°
Librarian	Franklin R. Townsend, VII°

Also in attendance were the following Fratres: Past Celebrants John S Proud VII°, Chester C. Coffin VII°, William J. Littel VII°, Harold J. Littleton VII°, Albert J. Miller VII°, Richard A. Scarlott VII°, and C. Granville McVey VII° and visiting Frater James Harding VII° Celebrant of Maryland College.

The Chief Adept welcomed all the members of the College to this Special Convocation. He especially welcomed Frater Harding, Celebrant of Maryland College, to our convocation and invited him to return in the future. He announced that there were copies of a paper titled "The Eleusinian Mysteries" which was prepared by Frater John S. Proud and presented to this College on June 29, 1970. The Fratres were invited to take a copy of the paper. He noted that Fratres Hutchins, Irwin and Irwin had informed the College that they would be absent and were excused for good and sufficient reasons.

The Chief Adept informed the College that a Memorial donation was made to the Scottish Rite Charities in memory of our Frater Merle E Ward. He then offered prayer for Frater Merle and his Family.

Fratres present informed the College of the following sickness. Brother Earl Swanson with a malignant tumor in his stomach, Brother Horace G Patterson with a Coronary problem, and Brother Elmer Randall's wife in the hospital for surgery.

The Chief Adept noted that Brother Edward C Hermann had been proposed for membership at the Annual Meeting on May 29, 1997. Brother Hermann, 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 Second Grade of our First Order.

With Frater Donald D Thomas presiding in the East as Celebrant, ably assisted by Fratres Harry M Sullivan as Exponent, Charles H. Lengel as Conductor,

Albert J Miller as Herald, William J Littel as Acolyte, Warren F Schueler as Ancient of Air, Richard A Scarlott as Ancient of Fire, Frank A Battaglia as Ancient of Water, and Harold T Littelton as Ancient of Earth Brother Hermann was received into the Grade of Theoricus.

The candidate then retired while preparations were made for his reception into the Third Grade of Practicus. Frater Franklin R. Townsend assumed the East as Celebrant, with Frater Wayne D Mower as Exponent, Frater Charles H. Lengel as Conductor, Frater Richard A Scarlott as Herald, and Frater William J. Littel as Acolyte. Frater Hermann was then advanced to the Grade of Practicus.

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 Hermann was then enlightened with the lessons of the Seventh Grade.

Frater Pletz thanked all of the Fratres who assisted in the ritualistic work and complimented them on their outstanding work. He announced that copies of the Lectures for the three Grades Performed this morning were upon the Secretary's desk for those desiring a copy.

The Chief Adept then resumed the East and thanked the casts for the work performed. He declared the College at ease so that the Fratres present could welcome and congratulate our new Frater. Frater Hermann was presented at the alter where he was presented with his Jewel by his proposer Frater Richard A Scarlott. The Jewel he received had previously belonged to Frater Merle E Ward, a long time friend of Frater Hermann. The Chief Adept then gave him his Membership Card. Frater Hermann was then given the opportunity to speak, and addressed the Fratres with eloquent and appropriate remarks concerning his pleasure in being received in this body.

The Chief Adept then recognized the following distinguished Brethren who were present for the convocation; Right Eminent Franklin R Townsend Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Delaware, Illustrious Warren F Schueler Sr 33° (in absentia, as Frater Warren had to leave to meet another commitment) Active Member of the Supreme Council AASR NMJ and Deputy for Delaware.

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 11:50 A.M.

Fraternally submitted,

James A Pletz VIII°
Secretary



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