## Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F. December 14, 2002

A special convocation of Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F., was convened at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 14, 2002 in the Red Room of the Masonic Temple at 818 Market Street Wilmington, Right Worthy Donald D. Thomas, IXº, 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:

Chief Adept Celebrant Secretary/Treasurer Second Ancient Third Ancient Fourth Ancient Organist Torch Bearer Guardian of the Caverns Eugene R. Small, VII° Librarian

Donald D Thomas, IX° Charles H. Lengel Jr., VII° James A. Pletz, VIIIº Wayne D. Mower, VIIº Franklin R Townsend VII° Earl L. Emerson Jr., VII° William R Store Edward C. Hermann, VIIº William R. Stevens Jr., VII° Barry C. Hughes, VII°

Also in attendance were the following Fratres: Past Celebrants Harold J Littleton VII° Albert J Miller VII°, Richard A Scarlott VII°, C Granville McVey VII°, Warren F Schueler Sr. VII°, Kenneth E. Spiess VII°, and Harry M. Sullivan VII°.

Frater Thomas welcomed all the members of the College to this Special Convocation. He thanked Frater Mower for being responsible for the work, and declared the body at ease.

Frater Hughes, who had been obligated at our Annual Meeting, was directed to retire from the College while preparations were made for the conferral of the First Grade of our First Order.

With Frater Donald D Thomas in the East as Celebrant, ably assisted by Fratres Richard A Scarlott as Expositor, Harry M Sullivan as Guardian, Franklin R Townsend as Conductor, and Fratres Littleton, Stevens, Spiess, and Hermann as the four Ancients, Frater Hughes was received into the Grade of Zealator. The neophyte was provided with a copy of the Address of the Grade for later study.

The candidate then retired while preparations were made for his reception into the Seventh Grade of Adeptus Exemptus. Frater James A Pletz assumed the East as Inductor, with Frater C. Granville McVey as Expositor, Frater Harold T J Littleton as Conductor and Frater Wayne D Mower as Acolyte. Frater Hughes was then enlightened with the lessons of the Seventh Grade. Frater Pletz gave the Lecture.

Frater Mower thanked all of the Fratres who assisted in the ritualistic work and complimented them on their outstanding work.

Frater Thomas then re-assumed the East and thanked the casts for the work performed. He spoke on the purposes of the Rosicrucian Society and addressed some of the changes that have occurred. Particular emphasis was placed on the preparation of Masonic papers during the early years under the leadership of Charles Green. Excellent papers have been presented in the College over the years. He distributed copies of a paper prepared and given by Frater C Ray Scarborough in 1977 titled Alchemy and Freemasonry. He encouraged all to read this paper and invited each to prepare one for the edification of the College. He noted that over this past year four of our Fratres died. They are William J Littel, Louis J Blackwell, James A Johnson, and Robert V McDowell. Prayer was offered on their behalf and for the families.

Frater Thomas suggested that future special meetings in which the ritual is portrayed might be held in another location. Frater Mower suggested Lombardy Hall. All were asked to think about this potential change and that it will be discussed again at the Annual meeting.

He extended to all his sincere blessings of this Holy Season.

Nothing further claiming the attention of the College, he closed it in peace and harmony at 11:20 A.M.

Fraternally submitted,

James A Pletz VIII° Right Worthy Secretary



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DECEMBER 14, 2002 ATTENDANCE