

DELAWARE COLLEGE, M.S.R.I.C.F.  
Minutes of Semi-annual Convocation 12/8/07

A special convocation of Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F. was convened at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2007, in the Lodge Room of Lombardy Hall, Wilmington, DE. Chief Adept and Celebrant-elect Mark E. Irwin, IX<sup>o</sup>, assembled the Fratres around the altar to form the Mystic Circle, and declared the College duly opened with the following officers and officers-elect present and in their respective stations:

Note: all fratres are VII<sup>o</sup>, except as noted.

Celebrant-elect Mark E. Irwin, IX<sup>o</sup>  
Secretary-treasurer designate James R. Herrington, VIII<sup>o</sup>  
First Antient pro-tem Wayne D. Mower, P.C.  
Second Antient Eugene R. Small  
Third Antient William R. Stevens, Jr.  
Organist-designate Barry C. Hughes  
First Herald-designate R. Nelson Biggs  
Second Herald James T. Elliott, Jr.  
Torch Bearer David H. Laucius  
Acolyte James M. Brittingham  
Prelate James R. Hanby, Sr.

Also present were Past Celebrants Atkinson, Hermann, Lengel, Spiess, and Townsend, Fratres Horn and Loveless, and (obligated) Neophyte A. Tony Maxwell.

The Secretary reported regrets from Past Chief Adepts Scarlott IX<sup>o</sup> and Thomas, IX<sup>o</sup> from Past Celebrants Hermann, Littleton, and Sullivan, and Fratres Benson, Emerson, Garland, Huxtable, Myers, Pletz, IX<sup>o</sup>, and Swalm. He also reported that Frater Garland has declined installation as First Antient, and prefers to stay a "dues-paying member."

The Secretary-treasurer reported that the three Fratres delinquent in payment of dues had paid their dues and received current dues cards. He also reported a checking account balance of \$105.93.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the reading of the minutes of the Annual Convocation of May, 2007, be omitted, and made available for anyone who cared to read them.

Past Celebrant Wayne D. Mower then installed Chief Adept Irwin as Celebrant for the remainder of the year. C.A. Irwin then installed the following Fratres:

James R. Herrington as Secretary-Treasurer;  
Barry C. Hughes as Organist; and  
R. Nelson Biggs as First Herald.

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Neophyte Maxwell was asked to withdraw and prepare himself to receive the third, sixth, and seventh degrees. Celebrant Irwin then called the College at ease for the degree teams (in seriatum) to assume their offices and initiate the neophyte.

Under the direction of Director of Work Wayne D. Mower,  
P.C. Franklin Townsend assumed the East for the Third Degree, assisted by  
P.C. Wayne D. Mower, as Exponent  
Fratres James R. Hanby, as Conductor  
    Arthur R. Loveless, as Herald  
    William R. Stevens, Jr., as Acolyte

Frater James G. Horn then assumed the East for the Sixth Degree, assisted by  
Fratres Barry C. Hughes, as Expositor  
    David H. Laucius, as Conductor

P.C. Herbert J. Atkinson then assumed the East for the Seventh Degree, assisted by  
Fratres James T. Elliott, Jr., as Expositor  
    Eugene R. Small, as Conductor  
    William R. Stevens, Jr., as Lecturer

The three degrees were presented in appropriately professional form. Following their presentation, Frater A. Tony Maxwell, VII<sup>o</sup>, expressed his feelings and thanks for the meaningful and competently presented degrees.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Secretary-treasurer explore better ways to utilize the monies in the savings account, taking into special consideration that ING may be the desirable place to put the savings, which currently stand at \$2,488.85.

Celebrant Irwin recognized the following distinguished masons present: himself as Grand High Priest, Albert R. Marshall, 33<sup>rd</sup>, as Active Member of the Supreme Council, N.M.J., A.A.S.R., and Deputy for Delaware, and James T. Elliott, Jr., 33<sup>rd</sup>, as Active Member of the Supreme Council, N.M.J., of A.A.S.R.

Celebrant Irwin wished all present his best wishes for the Christmas season.

Following his announcement that the Annual Meeting will take place at the Wayside Inn, Smyrna, DE, on May 27, 2008, Chief Adept/Celebrant Irwin closed this semi-annual Convocation in peace and harmony at 11:20 a.m.

Fraternally submitted,

James R. Herrington, VIII<sup>o</sup>, Sec'y-treas.