

DELAWARE COLLEGE, S.R.I.C.F.
Minutes of the Special Communication
July 22, 2008

A special conclave of Delaware College, S.R.I.C.F. was held at the Wayside Inn, Smyrna, DE, on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. Officers and Fratres present as per the register. The College was opened in due form at 6:12 p.m. by Chief Adept Mark Irwin, IX, with the mystic word and clap of the order. Prayer was offered by Celebrant Eugene R. Small, VII, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Celebrant Small welcomed the Fratres and thanked all for coming out to discuss plans.

Chief Adept Irwin then read two orders from the Grand Master concerning the suspension of Franklin R. Townsend and Wayne D. Mower for the period of one year, orders which are required to be read at all Masonic bodies at their first meetings after June 2nd.

Chief Adept Irwin held a moment of silent prayer for our recently departed Frater John A. Irwin, his father. *Mors Janus Vitae*.

Chief Adept Irwin then installed the following officers in their respective stations:

First Antient	Frater William R. Stevens, Jr. VII
Second Antient	Frater Robert A. Benson, VII
First Herald	Frater David H. Laucius, VII
Librarian	Frater James G. Horn, VII

Regrets were received from the Secretary, James R. Herrington, VIII, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Past Celebrant Atkinson alleged that he is a bad patient, giving his nurse/wife a hard time. Regrets were also received from Past Chief Adept Richard A. Scarlott, IX, who is out of state, James M. Brittingham, VII, who is ill, Granville McVey, VIII, who is having medical tests, Tony Maxwell, VII, who did not receive the notice, Edward R. Hermann, VII, who had no transportation, also Fratres Harold J. Littleton, VII, and J.B. Walsh, VII.

There was silence during dinner.

Celebrant Small explained that this meeting has been called to discuss the report of the Planning Committee assigned at his installation. It was unfortunate that all members of the Planning Committee had regretted the meeting. Since we are a Research organization, the committee was to determine something new that we can

do for the Craft. Celebrant Small, never at a loss, then covered plans to re-enact a degree based on the ritual for "The Making of an Entered Apprentice 200 years ago." Celebrant Small explained what he wants to accomplish, including our learning of a bit of history of the degree. The object is to gain more respect for the Craft through the years. It was agreed to hold the reenactment on December 6, 2008 at our Semi-annual conclave at the St. John's Lodge Hall in New Castle at 10:00 a.m. Past Celebrant Atkinson was asked to obtain the use of the hall for the work.

Chief Adept Irwin then recognized the following:

Frater and M.I. Arthur A. Loveless, Jr., Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of DE.
Frater and Illus. James T. Elliott, Jr., Active Member of the Supreme Council,
AASRNMJUSA.

He then recognized Frater and M.W. Earl L. Emerson, Grand Master of Masons in DE, and accorded him a hearty round of applause. The Grand Master briefly mentioned that he discovered that in his home lodge, Union #5, in Middletown, Brothers were fined one dollar if they did NOT accept an appointment to the chairs.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the College, the College was closed in ample form by Grand Master Emerson following the closing prayer by Celebrant Small, at 8:12 p.m., with peace and harmony prevailing.

Attest:

Herbert J. Atkinson, VII, P.C.
Secretary pro-tem