

DELAWARE COLLEGE, SRICF
Minutes of the Annual Convocation 5/25/10

Following a social hour and dinner, Chief Adept Mark Irwin opened the meeting in the M***** C*****, and led the fratres in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, at 8:00 p.m. at Stewart's Restaurant, Bear, DE, at 8:00 p.m.

Officers and members in attendance are as per register.

Minutes of the Semi-annual Communication of 12/12/09 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a checking of balance of \$527.66, which included the proceeds from the closed savings account, and a CD balance of \$2,239.47. Monthly interest on the CD is variable, but is approximately \$6.75 per month. The Report was approved, subject to audit.

Regrets were received from the following fratres: Brittingham, Depfer, Garland, Hughes, Lengel, Littleton, McVey, Mower, Small, and Thomas.

Neal J. Sobocinski was obligated and welcomed as a Frater.

An informal nominating committee was appointed by Chief Adept Irwin, consisting of Fratres Secretary Herrington, and Past Celebrants Atkinson and Elliott.

Member/dignitaries introduced and recognized were Grand Governor of the York Rite College of North America Mark Irwin, Grand High Priest James Herrington, Active Member of the Supreme Council NMJ James Elliott, Jr., and Intendant General of the Red Cross of Constantine, etc., James Pletz.

The Nominating Committee's Report offered the following candidates for election/re-election: *James Elliott Celebrant

Bob Benson Suffragan (re-election)

Barry Hughes 1st Antient (")

Nelson Biggs 2nd Antient (")

*David Laucius 3rd Antient

*Sheldon Edwards 4th Antient

*James Herrington Secretary-treasurer (re-election)

The slate was elected without opposition.

Other officers were appointed, as follows:

Conductor of Novices	*J.B. Walsh
Organist	James Brittingham
1 st Herald	James Hanby
2 nd Herald	*James Horn
Torch Bearer	Ricky Swalm
Guardian/Caverns	Charles Depfer

Appointed officers (continued):	Medallist	* Arthur Loveless
	Acolyte	Ron Conaway
	Librarian	* Tony Maxwell
	Prelate	G. Thomas Taylor

Discussion followed on the amount to be charged for dues. National dues go from \$10 to \$11 this year, and up \$1 per year until they stabilize at \$15 in 2014. Following extensive discussion it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to raise dues immediately to \$20 per year, which will give us a cushion as the National dues go up, stabilizing at \$15 for National, and \$5 for local dues in 2014.

Chief Adept Irwin presented an interesting and informative paper entitled "The History of Knight Masons in Delaware," which was well received.

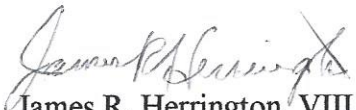
Those officers who were present (marked by *) were then installed by Chief Adept Irwin.

It was decided that the next meeting would be on 12/11/10 at St. John's Lodge in New Castle, or Lombardy Hall (if St. John's is not available.)

Dues were received from many of those present.

Chief Adept Irwin then closed the meeting in the M***** C***** at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James R. Herrington, VIII
R.W. Sec'y-treas.