

Knight Masonry in Delaware
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The Knight Mason Degrees have their origins to the earliest records of Masonry - in fact there is some indication that the Knight Mason Degrees may have been developed even before the degree of Master Mason.

There are three degrees - Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East, and Knight of the East and West. These "Green" degrees are ancient and are in essence "Old Testament." The 15th, 16th, and 17th degrees of the Scottish Rite, and the Order of the Red Cross of the Commandery are to some extent similar and all are based on the legend of Zerubbabel.

Until the mid-Nineteenth Century they were worked in Ireland under the auspices of the Royal Arch Chapters and later the Commandery Preceptories.

In 1923 the Grand Council of Knight Masons was formed in Dublin, Ireland and assumed responsibility for the degrees from the Preceptories. The degrees are also worked under the authority of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

In 1936 a group of Masons in North Carolina brought the degrees to the United States under a Provincial Grand Superintendent. The councils in the United States formed the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America in 1967. The Grand Council in Dublin recognized this Grand Council in 1969.

Today, there are over 70 Councils of Knight Masons in the U.S.A. with more than 7000 members. The membership includes many of the leaders of Masonry in the United States. Membership is by invitation only and is considered an honor earned by service to the craft.

Delaware's entry in to Knight Masonry began at a meeting on October 29th, 1972 at the home of Samuel Wise who was chairman of the ad hoc committee that was formed. Also in attendance were James Durrill, Charles W. Barkins and C. Ray Scarborough. These same Sir Knights

had begun informal discussions with Maryland Council #9 and their Scribe Milton R. Wheatley, Sr. who wrote a letter in September that stated that Maryland Council was enthused with the idea of starting a Council in Delaware and would help them by initiating candidates and possibly helping financially. The committee identified the Delaware Masons who belonged to either Maryland Council or Great Chief's Council. They included the members of the ad hoc committee and the following: Chester Dahlstrom, A. Warren Wheatley, James Hannah, Chester C. Coffin, F. Irving Crow and Charles Green. The committee also identified the requirements for a new Council and the steps needed to gain a charter and recognition by the Grand Lodge.

On December 3rd, 1972, another meeting of the ad hoc committee was held again at the home of Samuel Wise. There were 9 members present including several newly knighted members of Maryland Council. They included Joseph Coty, E. Paul Wootten, Dallas E. Marvel, James L. Crouse and William E. Walls. It was reported that at the December 2nd meeting of Maryland Council, they had endorsed the efforts to form a Council in Delaware and had passed a motion to grant \$100 if and when a charter was issued to Delaware. At this meeting a petition for dispensation was made and the following officers were elected for the purpose of completing the filing:

Excellent Chief	Samuel A. Wise
Senior Knight	C. Ray Scarborough
Junior Knight	Charles W. Barkins
Scribe-Treasurer	James H. Durrill
Senior Warden	Joseph Coty
Junior Warden	William E. Walls
Director of Ceremonies	James L. Crouse
Priest	James Peo
Steward	E. Paul Wootten
Sentinel	Dallas E. Marvel

A dispensation for Delaware Council U.D. was granted December 20th, 1972 and the first meeting under dispensation was held on January 21st, 1973 again at the home of Samuel Wise. All of the officers were present with the exception of the Steward which A. Warren Wheatley filled the seat as a pro tem.

The first meeting of Delaware Council #18 Knight Masons was held on March 4th, 1973 at the Masonic Temple in Dover with all of the officers elected for the Council under dispensation present. The new charter was read. At the meeting it was reported that Great Chief had made a presentation of the charter for Delaware Council #18 at the annual meeting in Washington, DC. The following Sir Knights were present: Samuel A. Wise, Chester Coffin, Joseph Coty, Charles Barkins, Henry Law and C. Ray Scarborough. A formal election was held and all of the officers who served under dispensation were elected to serve as the charter officers. At this meeting many of the initial steps of any new body occurred including the report of the approval of the by-laws by the Grand Council as well as establishing the need for equipment, rituals, printing of by-laws and letterhead.

The spring meeting was held on June 16th, 1973 again at the Masonic Temple in Dover. At this meeting the first class of candidates received all 3 degrees of the council by a cast from Maryland Council #9. It was noted that the cast received a standing ovation for the outstanding presentation of the degrees. The following dignitaries were formally recognized at the meeting: Cyril York who was acting for the Great Chief of the Grand Council, S. Flory Diehl, the Junior Grand Knight of the Grand Council, and Most Worshipful Paul E. Ellis, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware who also had been a candidate for the degrees that day as well as future Grand Master Raymond M. Savage. The formal presentation of the charter and the installation of officers were done by the Very Excellent Grand Priest Cyril H. York acting for the Great Chief of the Grand Council.

The Council next met on November 3rd, 1973 at the Masonic Temple in Milford. Three more candidates including Raymond Howard were elected for membership and had all of the degrees conferred on them. At this time of the Council a Committee of General Purposes existed that made the nominations for the elected officer line. C. Ray Scarborough was elected as Excellent Chief and he and the officers were installed by Excellent Chief Samuel Wise and Past Excellent Chief Edward Saunders of Maryland Council #9.

On April 20th, 1974, the Council met for the first time at the Masonic Temple in Wilmington. The degrees were conferred on four more candidates including future Grand Masters John N. Fortner, William J. Littel and Donald D. Thomas. Also present at the meeting was F. Irving

Crow who complimented the cast on the quality of the degree conferral. It should be noted that the meeting lasted about 2 hours and was followed by a dinner as had become the custom for the meetings of the Council. These meetings were also held separately from any other body at the time. It is also interesting to note that the election of new members was done by either a motion on the floor calling for a unanimous ballot or by the Excellent Chief declaring that if there were no objections, a unanimous ballot would be cast.

The next meeting of December 14th, 1974 marked a return to the Masonic Temple in Dover and the Most Worshipful Grand Master John N. Fortner was recognized. It was noted in the minutes that a practice of the opening and closing of the Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East, and Knight of the East and West was done and the words for each of these degrees were explained and demonstrated by the Wardens. From the inception, the office of Scribe-Treasurer had been held by Sir Knight James Durrill. At this meeting Sir Knight Durrill asked to be relieved of the position and in his place Sir Knight C. Ray Scarborough was elected. Charles W. Barkins was elected and installed as the Excellent Chief. The installation again was performed by Past Excellent Chief Samuel Wise. Another custom that occurred at these early meetings was a report of the accomplishments of the Council for the preceding year was given by the outgoing Excellent Chief.

On June 28th, 1975, the spring meeting was held in Milford and the degrees were again conferred on three candidates including future Grand Master Lewis J. Blackwell. Also in attendance was the Grand High Priest, Charles W. Barkins and the Most Illustrious Grand Master E. Paul Wooten.

The Council moved to Newark, Delaware for the fall meeting held on November 8th, 1975. The balance in the checking account at this point amounted to \$277.45. This meeting was the annual election of officers. Henry G. Law was elected and installed as Excellent Chief.

The spring meeting was held in Dover on March 31st, 1976. At the meeting, Excellent Chief Henry G. Law reported that New Jersey Council #11 had invited Delaware Council to confer all 3 degrees on July 10th and that the Excellent Chief would be sitting in the east for all 3 degrees. He asked all of the officers to prepare to confer the degrees and obtain a backup for each station. Rehearsals were scheduled for

June. The Excellent Chief also delivered a dissertation on the history of Knight Masonry and the formation of the Grand Council of Ireland.

A brief meeting of the Council was held on June 14th, 1976 in Dover followed by a rehearsal of the degrees.

The fall meeting was held on November 29th, 1976 in Dover. Two candidates were obligated by the Excellent Chief Henry G. Law. Past Excellent Chief Samuel Wise presented the Most Excellent Chief, S. Flory Diehl at the altar where he was recognized. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was James L. Crouse. Also attending the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Clifton A. Lutz.

The spring meeting was again held in Dover on April 28th, 1977 with no major items reported in the minutes.

The next meeting was held in Newark on September 30th, 1977. The Council again was honored to have the Great Chief present this time in the personage of James M. Alter. Past Excellent Chief Henry G. Law reviewed the words and signs for the benefit of the members. Albert J. Miller was elected and installed as Excellent Chief. Also in attendance was the Grand High Priest James E. Peo.

The spring meeting in 1978 occurred in the summer. It was held on July 12th, 1978 in Wilmington. The Most Excellent Great Chief Cyril H. York was present and received. Three more candidates were received.

The fall meeting was held in Wilmington on November 11th, 1978. At the meeting an amendment to the by-laws was passed that provided for a life membership and requiring that membership in the four York Rite Bodies was a prerequisite to membership in the Council. Again the Council was honored to have the Great Chief Cyril H. York present and was given Grand Honors. Also present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Donald D. Thomas. Samuel B. Rash, Jr. was elected and installed as the Excellent Chief.

At the meeting of May 5th, 1979 held in Dover, the Excellent Chief reported that the Grand Council had approved the by-laws change passed at the previous meeting. Present at the meeting were the Deputy Grand Master, William J. Littel and the Most Illustrious Grand

Master Charles W. Barkins. There were 2 candidates obligated at the meeting.

On November 10th, 1979, a meeting was held in Wilmington. Excellent Chief Samuel B. Rash, Jr. obligated 5 candidates including Past Grand Master James H. Hutchins. At this annual meeting, Raymond A. Howard was elected and installed Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting were the Grand Master, William J. Littel and the Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles W. Barkins. It should also be noted that C. Ray Scarborough was recognized as the Grand Scribe-Treasurer of the Grand Council of Knight Masons a position he would hold for many years. At this meeting Sir Knight Scarborough gave a brief history of Knight Masons.

The meeting of May 3rd, 1980 was held in Dover. At the meeting the Scribe, C. Ray Scarborough pointed out that Delaware Council had been following the protocol of Maryland Council #9 in presenting the Past Excellent Chief jewel at the beginning of the Excellent Chief's term and that this was incorrect. From that point on the presentation would be made at the conclusion of the term of office. The degrees were conferred in full form at the meeting on 3 candidates. Again, the Grand Master, William J. Littel was present.

The November 8th, 1980 meeting was held in Wilmington. The Excellent Chief obligated 4 candidates. It is noted that the Council had a balance of \$33.15 in the checking account and \$896.96 in the savings account. Henry Y. Lutton was elected and installed as the Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting was Past Great Chief S. Flory Diehl who was recognized and made remarks. Also present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, James H. Hutchins.

On May 2nd, 1981, a meeting was held in Dover and Excellent Chief Henry Lutton obligated 2 candidates, future Grand Masters, James Pletz and David J. Marianelli.

The annual meeting was held on November 7th, 1981 in Wilmington. The Treasurer noted that the funds of the Council were now \$152.59 in checking and \$1,003.54 in savings. Lewis J. Blackwell was elected and installed Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, James H. Hutchins.

At the meeting of May 1st, 1982 held in Dover, the degrees were conferred in full form on 3 candidates.

The annual meeting was again held in Wilmington on November 6, 1982. The funds of the Council had grown to \$76.09 in checking and \$1,182.90 in savings. Excellent Chief Lewis J. Blackwell obligated 2 candidates. William J. Littel was elected and installed Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Henry G. Law.

The next meeting was held on May 7th, 1983 in Dover. The Grand Junior Knight of the Grand Council, Henry G. Law reported on the Grand Council sessions in Washington, DC. At that meeting, C. Ray Scarborough was made an Honorary Past Great Chief. Excellent Chief William J. Littel obligated 3 candidates. Present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master Henry G. Law.

At the annual meeting on November 5th, 1983 in Wilmington, the degrees were conferred in full form on 5 candidates. The treasury had \$97.59 in checking and \$1,418.62 in savings. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was Harry V. Flemey. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest James A. Pletz.

The meeting of May 5th, 1984 held in Dover was uneventful.

At the meeting of November 3rd, 1984 in Wilmington, Excellent Chief Flemey obligated 2 candidates including future Grand Master, Charles H. Lengel, Jr. and the writer of this history. The treasury grew to \$72.09 in the checking and \$1,854.82 in savings. Richard A. Scarlott was elected and installed as the Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting was the Grand Master, Lewis J. Blackwell.

The next meeting was held on May 4th, 1985 in Dover. Recognized at the meeting from the Grand Council of Knight Masons were Henry G. Law, Grand Senior Knight and S. Flory Diehl, Past Great Chief.

The November 2nd, 1985 meeting in Wilmington was attended by the Grand Master, Henry G. Law. The treasury continued to grow with \$149.98 in checking and \$2,148.27 in savings. Excellent Chief Scarlott obligated Past Grand Master Harold T. J. Littleton. Elected at the meeting as Excellent Chief was Donald D. Thomas who was also

recognized as the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Also present was the Grand High Priest, Lewis J. Blackwell.

At the May 3rd, 1986 meeting in Dover, the Grand Master and the Deputy Great Chief, Henry G. Law was again recognized. Excellent Chief Thomas obligated 1 candidate. Also present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Harry M. Sullivan, Jr.

The annual meeting was again held in Wilmington on November 1, 1986. Excellent Chief Thomas obligated 3 candidates including the Grand Master, Frank A. Battaglia. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,663.41 in the money market account. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was James H. Hutchins. The Deputy Great Chief, Henry G. Law was again present and gave a brief summary of the history of the Grand Council. Also present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Lewis J. Blackwell.

At the May 2nd, 1987 meeting was held in Dover. The Great Chief, Henry G. Law was received and given Grand Honors. Excellent Chief Hutchins presented a paper on Knight Masonry, Origin and History.

At the annual meeting held on October 31st, 1987 in Wilmington, the Great Chief, Henry G. Law was again received. The Great Chief obligated 2 candidates. The treasury grew to \$2,907.39. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was Harry M. Sullivan, Jr. who was also serving as the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Also present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, C. Granville McVey.

The May 7th, 1988 meeting held in Dover was uneventful.

The annual meeting was held on October 29th, 1988 in Wilmington. The Deputy Great Chief, George D. Stevens was recognized. Excellent Chief Sullivan obligated 1 candidate. The treasury continued to grow to \$3,282.52. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was Charles C. Shilling. Present at the meeting were the Grand High Priest, Richard A. Scarlott and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Horace G. Patterson, Jr.

The next meeting was held on April 29, 1989 in Dover. Excellent Chief Shilling obligated 3 candidates including Past Grand Master Robert Rinehart. The Excellent Chief presented a paper entitled Point Within a

Circle. Present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, C. Granville McVey.

The annual meeting was again held on November 11th, 1989 in Wilmington. The treasurer reported balances of \$974.21 in the money market and \$2,500 in a CD. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, C. Granville McVey. It was noted that for the first time the Commanders of all 3 Commanderies in Delaware were present at the same Masonic Meeting in the personages of James A. Pletz of St. Johns #1, Mark E. Irwin of St. Andrew's #2 and Henry G. Law of Trinity #3.

At the May 5th, 1990 meeting in Dover, the Grand Master, David J. Marianelli was present and recognized. The degrees were conferred in full form on 3 candidates including Past Grand Master Warren F. Schueler, Sr. and future Grand Master Herbert J. Atkinson.

On November 10th, 1990, the annual meeting was held in Wilmington. Excellent Chief McVey obligated the Grand High Priest, Richard Garland. The treasury had grown to \$1,490.16 in the money market and \$2,836.95 in a CD. A by-laws change was approved that would require all members must be a member of all 4 York Rite Bodies and a present or past presiding officer of 1 of them. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was Horace G. Patterson, Jr.

The spring meeting was held in Dover on May 4th, 1991. The degrees were conferred in full form on 1 candidate. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Richard A. Scarlott.

The annual meeting was held on November 9, 1991 in Wilmington. The balance in the treasury continued to grow, showing \$1,595.89 in the money market and \$2,836.95 in a CD. Elected and installed at the meeting as Excellent Chief was James A. Johnson. Also present at the meeting were the Grand Master, James A. Pletz, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Richard A. Scarlott and the 1st Grand Commander of Delaware, Henry G. Law.

On May 2nd, 1992 a meeting was held in Dover. The degrees were conferred in full form on future Grand Master Albert H. Westerside. Present at the meeting was the Grand Commander, C. Ray Scarborough.

The annual meeting was held on November 14, 1992 in Wilmington. The Treasurer reported \$1,975.86 in the money market and \$3,229.88 in a CD. James A. Pletz was elected and installed Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting was the Grand Commander, C. Ray Scarborough.

At the spring meeting on May 1st, 1993, the degrees were conferred in full form on 1 candidate. The Grand Master, Herbert J. Atkinson was recognized at the meeting.

On October 30th, 1993 the annual meeting was again held in Wilmington. The funds of the council continued to grow with \$2,015.61 in the money market and \$3,350.51 in a CD. Franklin R. Townsend was elected and installed Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting were the Grand High Priest, Charles H. Lengel, Jr., the Most Illustrious Grand Master, James A. Pletz and the Grand Commander, Donald D. Thomas marking the first time that heads of these three Grand Bodies were present at the same time for a meeting of the Council.

At the May 7th, 1994 meeting held in Dover, the degrees were conferred in full form on 2 candidates including future Grand Master James E. Waecker. Present at the meeting was the Grand Commander, C. Granville McVey.

The meeting of October 29th, 1994 held in Wilmington was an interesting one. Present at the meeting were 2 past Great Chiefs, S. Flory Diehl and James Alter. Also recognized was the Grand Master, Albert H. Westerside. The death of the 2nd Scribe-Treasurer of the Council, Grand Scribe of the Grand Council and Past Honorary Great Chief, C. Ray Scarborough was reported and prayer was offered on his behalf. There were 2 candidates obligated at the meeting. Elected and installed were as Excellent Chief, Mark E. Irwin and as the 3rd Scribe-Treasurer, Franklin R. Townsend.

The May 6th, 1995 meeting was held in Dover. The funds of the Council totaled \$5,902.91. There were 2 candidates obligated at the meeting.

The annual meeting was held on October 28th, 1995 in Wilmington. Past Great Chief S. Flory Diehl was recognized. Elected and installed at the

meeting was Frank A. Battaglia as Excellent Chief and Mark E. Irwin as the 4th Scribe-Treasurer.

The May 4th, 1996 meeting in Dover was uneventful.

The annual meeting was held again in Wilmington on October 26th, 1996. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was Charles H. Lengel, Jr.

At the April 26th, 1997 meeting in Dover, 2 candidates were obligated including future Grand Master Herbert P. Fulmer. Recognized at the meeting were the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Mark E. Irwin and the Grand Commander, Franklin R. Townsend.

The next annual meeting was held on October 25th, 1997 in Wilmington. The funds of the Council were \$3,072.01 in the money market and \$3,864.34 in a CD. Eugene R. Small was elected and installed Excellent Chief.

The spring meeting was held on April 25th, 1998 in Dover. The degrees were conferred in full form on 7 candidates. Present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Franklin R. Townsend.

On October 24th, 1998, the annual meeting was held in Wilmington. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$7,320.86 in the money market. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was John B. Dorsey. There was 1 candidate obligated at the meeting. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Haywood I. Buck, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master Franklin R. Townsend and the Grand Commander, James A. Pletz.

On May 1st, 1999 the spring meeting was held in Dover. There was 1 candidate obligated at the meeting.

The fall meeting was held early on September 18th, 1999 in Wilmington. It was reported that there was \$7,313.32 in the money market. Elected and installed at the meeting was Warren F. Schueler, Sr. as Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Richard L. Weaver.

At the May 6th, 2000 meeting in Dover, 3 candidates were obligated.

The annual meeting was held on October 28th, 2000 in Wilmington. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was Wayne M. Schutz. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Carl V. Dreisbach, Jr.

The spring meeting was again held in Dover on May 5th, 2001. The degrees were conferred in full form on 1 candidate, future Grand Master Wayne Mower.

The annual meeting was held on October 27th, 2001 in Wilmington. There was \$7,412.12 in the money market. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was James T. Elliott, Jr. Present at the meeting was the Grand Commander, Sheldon L. Edwards, Sr.

The spring meeting held on May 4th, 2002 in Dover was uneventful.

At the October 26th, 2002 meeting in Wilmington, a sizable donation of \$500 was made to the Masonic Unity Committee of the Grand Lodge in support of their open house scheduled for May 4, 2003. Herbert J. Atkinson was elected and installed as Excellent Chief.

The May 3rd, 2003 meeting in Dover was attended by the Grand Commander, Charles H. Lengel, Jr.

On October 25th, 2003 a meeting was held in Wilmington. The funds of the Council totaled \$7,425.32. Elected and installed at the meeting was Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. as Excellent Chief. Present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Albert H. Westerside.

At the April 24th, 2004 meeting in Dover, 2 candidates were obligated.

The annual meeting was moved to Lombardy Hall in Talleyville on October 23rd, 2004. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Franklin R. Townsend. Elected and installed as Excellent Chief was Herbert P. Fulmer.

The spring meeting was also held at Lombardy Hall on May 14th, 2005. There were 4 candidates obligated at the meeting. The Grand Commander, Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. was present at the meeting.

The next annual meeting was held in Middletown on October 29th, 2005. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, James R. Herrington and the Grand

Commander, Arthur A. Loveless, Jr. were present. Harold T.J. Littleton was elected and installed Excellent Chief.

On May 6th, 2006 the next meeting was held at Lombardy Hall. There were 3 candidates obligated at this meeting including the Grand Commander, Charles A. Depfer.

The annual meeting was again held at Lombardy Hall on October 28th, 2006. The Grand High Priest William Neal was obligated as a member. Also present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Hart who was elected and installed the Excellent Chief. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$7,514.73 in the accounts.

The May 5th, 2007 meeting was also held at Lombardy Hall and 1 candidate was obligated. It was reported that the Grand Council was making a one-time charge of \$10 per member for lifetime per capita. The Council after discussion voted to pay the fee from the treasury. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, Mark E. Irwin.

The November 3rd, 2007 meeting was again held at Lombardy Hall. The treasurer reported funds of \$7,612.05 in the bank. Present at the meeting were the Grand High Priest, Mark E. Irwin, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Richard Weaver and the Grand Commander, G. Thomas Taylor. Elected and installed Excellent Chief was Robert Benson.

The May 3rd, 2008 meeting was held at Lombardy Hall. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Arthur A. Loveless and the Grand Commander, Jay C. Bergstrom were present.

The Council met in Newark on October 18th, 2008. Present at the meeting was the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Arthur A. Loveless. The balance in the bank account dropped to \$6,977.00 due in large part to the one-time per capita fee paid that year. Elected and installed Excellent Chief was James R. Herrington.

The May 2nd, 2009 meeting saw a return to Dover, this time at the new temple. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest and Excellent Chief, James R. Herrington and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, James B. Walsh.

The annual meeting moved to New Castle for the first time on October 31st, 2009. There were 4 candidates obligated. The Treasurer reported a balance in the bank of \$6,716.11. Present at the meeting was the Grand High Priest, James R. Herrington, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, James B. Walsh and the Grand Commander, Charles T. Hart. Elected and installed Excellent Chief at the meeting was Wayne T. Slack.

The May 1st, 2010 meeting was held again in Dover. There was 1 candidate obligated. The Sir Knights assembled rose and gave Sir Knight G. Richard Ward a standing ovation in recognition of his being inducted in the Shenandoah University Athletic Hall of Fame. Present at the meeting were the Grand High Priest Robert A. Benson, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gilbert E. Greenfield, and the Grand Commander and Excellent Chief, Wayne T. Slack.

This has been a brief summary of the history of Delaware Council #18, Knight Masons. As you can see, many Grand Masters, Grand High Priests, Most Illustrious Grand Masters and Grand Commanders have been members and many have presided. In addition in the 37 years since it was chartered, it has had involvement on the national level with 3 Great Chiefs among its membership: Henry G. Law, S. Flory Diehl (dual member from Maryland #9) and honorary Great Chief, C. Ray Scarborough who also served for many years as both Scribe-Treasurer of this Council but Grand Scribe-Treasurer as well.

The hope is that the Council will continue to grow and provide support for Masonry in Delaware. It has a rich past that should be the guide for the future.