

**Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons**  
November 14, 2015  
Masonic Temple, New Castle Delaware

A meeting of Delaware Council No.18 was opened in form at 3:45 pm with the following officers present:

Excellent Chief	Jon Cottrell
Senior Knight	James B. Walsh
Junior Knight	Neal J. Sobocinski
Scribe-Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PEC
Senior Warden	David Laucius, PEC-pt
Junior Warden	James G. Horn
Director of Ceremonies	Lionel Hunter
Priest	Fred Palmer
Steward	
Sentinel	William Stephey

Members present as per register. The Excellent Chief welcomed all present.

Brother Michael Downey was received and obligated a Knight Mason. He was presented his membership card and jewel.

The minutes of the last meeting of May 2, 2015 were read and approved as read.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$5,319.91 in the bank account.

A motion was made, passed and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to pay any bills that might arise between meetings.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to change the By-laws

Article V: Fees and Dues

Original language:

- a) The fee for the degrees shall be \$20.00 (See Article XIII of the Statutes).
- b) Annual dues shall be \$5.00 payable annually in advance.
- c) Members of this Council in good standing may become a life-member of this Council by payment of \$100.00 (not less than 20 times annual dues) to the Life Membership Fund. (See Article XIII of the Statutes).

New language:

- a) The fee for the degrees shall be \$35.00 (See Article XIII of the Statutes).
- b) Annual dues shall be \$10.00 payable annually in advance.
- c) Members of this Council in good standing may become a life-member of this Council by payment of \$200.00 (not less than 20 times annual dues) to the Life Membership Fund. (See Article XIII of the Statutes).

A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$50 to the New Castle Masonic Hall Company for use of the room.

A motion was made passed and seconded to meet on May 7, 2016 at Masonic Temple, Dover, Delaware at 1:00 pm.

There was the following nominations for membership: John Merkley, Michael Ratcliff and John A. Eberly.

They were unanimously elected to membership and will be sent invitations.

EC Cottrell recognized the following PEC's present: Irwin, Herrington, Laucius and Edwards.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the following officers be elected:

P.E.C Mark Irwin with PEC David H. Laucius acting as Marshal installed the elected officers along with the following appointed officers:

Excellent Chief	James B. Walsh
Senior Knight	Neal J. Sobocinski
Junior Knight	A. Tony Maxwell-absent
Scribe-Treasurer	Mark E. Irwin, PEC
Senior Warden	James G. Horn
Junior Warden	Lionel Hunter
Director of Ceremonies	Fred Palmer
Priest	Ken Jaeger-absent
Steward	William Stephey
Sentinel	Michael Downey

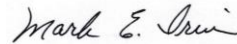
The following distinguished members were recognized:

M.I. Lionel Hunter, M.I. Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Delaware  
R.E. Neal J. Sonocinski, Grand Commander Knights Templar in Delaware  
Frater Mark E. Irwin, Chief Adept, Delaware College, M.S.R.I.C.F.  
Em. James G. Horn, Prior, Jesse Green Priory #70, K.Y.C.H.  
K.C. James R. Herrington, Puissant Sovereign, Delaware Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

EC Walsh presented PC Cottrell with his Past Excellent Chief jewel

There being no further business the Council was closed in form at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark E. Irwin, PEC  
Scribe