

and in times of precarious peace, we fervently pray that the way of lasting peace will soon be found. Help us to discover that unity in which each people can be its own nation while all men acknowledge their brotherhood.

We know, too, that thou hast endowed man with the gift of creativity, and so, we, here, thank thee for this opportunity to be of creative service to thee and to our fellow citizens of the State of Maryland. Enable us to stand fast against influences that would corrupt our potential. Empower us to resist apathy, slovenliness, and the temptation to give less than our best.

Lift us above the press of business until we are captured by the call of thy business. Give us a visionary faith which realizes that, in the midst of the roar of the factory, the efficiency of the office, and the big noise of small change in the market place, thou too art working. To this end may our labors in this place be marked by integrity in effort, steadfastness in purpose, and faithfulness in service.

At last, may all our efforts recognize the freedom that is each man's heritage and dignity.

Amen.

THE PRESIDENT: The Clerk will call the roll. Delegates please answer as their names are called.

*(Whereupon, the Clerk called the roll.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegates Philip H. Dorsey and Charles A. Dukes, Jr., will please come forward to the rail and take the oath. The oath will be administered by the Honorable Hall Hammond, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Will the delegates please step forward to the desk and sign the Test Book?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Ralph W. Powers, Chairman of the Committee on Calendar and Agenda.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, the Committee on Calendar and Agenda adopts with due thanks to the Program Committee the agenda on the first inside page of the program which each delegate has on his desk, and I move the adoption of that report.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

It has been regularly moved and seconded that the printed program on your desk be adopted as the calendar and agenda for this session. All those in favor signify

by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

It gives me great pleasure at this time to ask Mr. Howard T. Brenner, President of Samuel Kirk & Son, to ascend the rostrum. It is doubly a pleasure for me to present to you the Delegates of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland, Mr. Brenner.

MR. BRENNER: Mr. President, Honorary President, Governor Tawes, Delegates to the Convention:

When the Constitutional Convention Commission approached my company with the proposition that they desired a mace, a symbol of popular sovereignty, for the Constitutional Convention of 1967, we were highly honored and thought it most appropriate that we should design, make and present one to the Convention. After all, we have been a part of and have enjoyed the many blessings of the great State of Maryland for more than 150 years.

In our archives we had the original patterns of the Great Seal of Maryland used when we made the silver service for the cruiser Maryland in 1904. This service is now on display here in the State House. These in turn were exact reproductions taken from the original seal, made of silver in England and sent to the province in 1648. I understand this original seal is now on display in the Hall of Records here in Annapolis.

In designing the mace we incorporated the seal, cast in silver. I understand ours is the only state seal of strictly heraldic character. This is supported in a circle of silver, the circle being symbolic of continuity — without beginning or ending. On the circle is inscribed "State of Maryland, Constitutional Convention of 1967." The handle and supporting base are of walnut.

And so, Mr. Eney, it is my privilege and pleasure as a representative of Samuel Kirk & Son to present to you, President of the Constitutional Convention of 1967, and the delegates here assembled, this mace, a symbol of dignity and collective authority of the Constitutional Convention which represents the popular sovereignty of the people of Maryland.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Brenner, I am very proud on behalf of the Constitutional Convention to accept this very handsome mace. It is another first for Maryland, I believe, and it is particularly appropriate,