

Session minutes January 14, 2015

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ Joe Griffith, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Pro tem Marshall Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Pro tem COG Pete Bengston, Sentinel Robert Kline. There was a total of five Past Monarchs and six red tassels.

**OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** At 7:30 p.m. the Grotto was opened in due form by the Monarch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a courtesy salute to the Canadian flag. The Chaplain gave the invocation.

The MOC introduced the dignitaries and presented the calendar for the next month.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:** Minutes of the December 10, 2014 stated meeting were read, corrected, and adopted. Minutes of the December 13, 2014 Installation of Officers were read, and adopted.

**Recommendations:** There were no recommendations from the Board of Directors.

**Communications:**

- ✓ Lantern News December 2014 - posted
- ✓ Zangi Grotto newsletter December 2014 - posted
- ✓ Nitram Lodge newsletter January 2015 - posted
- ✓ Letter from Post Office, bulk mailing fee has increased from \$200 to \$220
- ✓ Letter from D. Turin, Fez prices are going up \$5
- ✓ Card from Elizabeth
- ✓ Obituary of Bill Mullins
- ✓ tax letter about "renting"
- ✓ Letter from Elizabeth was read by Hardy

**Bills:** The following bills were paid.

180.08	Duke energy - power bill
44.68	Verizon - phone bill
30.00	Bates - printing Selamagram
300.00	Elizabeth Wilson for Christmas
300.00	Treasurer - for one year of service
150.00	Secretary - for one half year of service
129.38	Duke energy - power bill
32.10	Brantley pest control
220.00	Postmaster - for Bulk Mail Permit

The Treasurer reported:

1453.58	Checks written for the prior month
638.00	Deposits for the prior month - and recapped two very old checks for \$290.00
5156.71	Balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit.

It was moved, seconded and passed to transfer \$5,000 from the interest account to the checking account.

**PETITIONS:** None.

**BALLOTING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- An Audit of the Treasurer's books was completed on December 13, 2014 by PM Richard Green, PM Bruce Ward, and David Vincent. All was found to be in order.
- The Units were not audited.
- PM Richard Green presented a complete breakdown of monies received at the Friday Night Socials. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the report
- It was moved, seconded and passed to pay our FSGA dues of \$1 per active member.

**UNIT REPORTS:**

- Past Monarch's Unit – Restaurant is booked for February 2015.
- Cast Unit – will meet starting in January, fourth Wednesday at 7 PM
- Motor Patrol Unit – Meets 2nd Saturday at Elmer O. Smith at 9 a.m.
- Jokers Unit: – no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Dr of Smiles – No report.
- Membership: - No report.
- Suspension - No report.
- Enchanted Lantern: have some applications in hand.
- Toothbrush: No report.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- A letter about the widow of Gordon Hill being hospitalized.
- Bill West had a pace maker installed after having gall bladder surgery.
- Tom McVeigh has been quite ill.
- Richard Green has finished the first set of ten treatments.
- Barry and Sylvia Dupre have been ill.
- Frank Westberry - no change.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Ed Flowers speaking for Daylight Lodge: they want us to join them in a school book donation, sponsoring a Pinellas Park Little League team, and supporting the Sheriffs Fund at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- An article from the Gabber newspaper was read about Gulf Beach Lodge participation in the Adopt-A-Class program.
- There was a discussion about our charity work.
- It was suggested that we, with Daylight Lodge, re-instate The "Change Jug" for loose pocket change.

**CLOSING:** Session was closed in due form at 8:28 PM with prayer by the Monarch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary