

Session minutes March 11, 2015

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ Joe Griffith, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall Bill West, Chaplain Joe Glaser, COG PM Chris Webb, Sentinel Robert Kline. There was a total of eight Past Monarchs and six red tassels.

OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS: At 7:30 p.m. SCDD Jim Mason was escorted in by PSCDD Richard Green. The Grotto was then 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 prior stated meeting were posted on the bulletin board. It was moved and seconded to bypass the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Bills: The Treasurer reported for the previous month

5,761.33	payments made
162.00	deposits made
4,963.55	balance at end of month

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

Recommendations:

1. To donate \$25 to the Little League Challenger League. This was amended to \$50.00. Motion passed.
2. To sponsor a Coach Pitch Baseball team at Gulfport Little League or \$350. Motion passed.
3. To have trees trimmed for \$430 by APL. Motion passed.
4. To reimburse Mary Burkowitz (up to \$500) for glasses and eye examination from when she fell outside our building on Friday Feb. 2, 2015. Motion tabled. We need to check our insurance deductible and determine if it will raise our premium.

Communications:

- ✓ Trestle Board from Nitram Lodge for February 2015. Posted on the bulletin board.
- ✓ Email from Suncoast Masters & Wardens Association about their fund raising Golf Tournament.

PETITIONS: None.

BALLOTING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Note: The awning company has been contacted and this should be completed shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Moved and seconded to sponsor a hole at the Masters & Wardens Golf Tournament. After discussion the motion was tabled.
- Moved and seconded to pay for a table at Pilgrimage Day for 25.00. Motion passed.
- Moved and seconded to reimburse the Monarch \$80.77 for materials for parking lot repairs. Motion passed.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – no report
- Cast Unit – We will practice on the third and fourth Wednesday this month for a ceremonial on Saturday May2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
- Jokers Unit: – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dr of Smiles – Getting referrals about once a month on average.
- Membership: - Still planning on visiting Lodges.
- Toothbrush: Bill went to Walgreens at 9th St and 54 Ave No, it is a GO. Will set date for sometime in May. Also planning on collecting at Pilgrimage Day.

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- Enchanted Lantern: The C. J. presented three lanterns: Richard Green, Chris Webb, and Bruce Ward.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

1. Jeanni reported Fred Kinney is out of coma and at Abbey Rehab. 858-3078.
2. Frank Westberry is down to 10 hours from 18 hours on his daily dialysis.
3. Mary Burkewicz is doing well, her knee is still hurting.
4. David Vincent's fiancé had bad news and step-daughter has uterine cancer.
5. Bill West was in hospital for two weeks and rehab for two weeks. He is glad to be back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

1. May 2nd Kentucky Derby day starting at 5 p.m. awards for the best derby hat. There will be hors d'oeuvres available, cash bar to be open
2. PILGRIMAGE DAY March 21, 2015 9 am to 3 p.m., we have table and likely will be OK'd for parade float
3. Daylight Lodge has an upcoming yard sale on March 28. Donations will be accepted as well as buyers will be welcome. All proceeds to go to charity.
4. Bruce Ward will be cooking chili to represent Elmer O. Smith Lodge #307 at Pilgrimage Day.

SCDD Jim Mason presented the Grand Monarch's message stressing MEMBERSHIP. He would like to get ex members to come back.

CLOSING: Session was closed in due form at 8:37 PM per ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary