

Session minutes May 13, 2015

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ Joe Griffith, MOC PM Chris Webb, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Sentinel Robert Kline. There was a total of 5 Past Monarchs and 6 red tassels.

OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS: At 7:30 p.m. 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, the Memorial Service on April 10, and the Ceremonial on May 2, 2015 were distributed in the dining room prior to the meeting.. It was moved and seconded to bypass the reading of the minutes. Minutes were adopted as distributed.

Bills:

4/1/15	Duke energy - electric bill	203.68	
4/1/15	Shirt order		
4/6/15	Verizon phone bill	96.40	
4/8/15	Shirt order		
4/8/15	Azalea Little League	50.00	
4/8/15	Gulfport Little League	350.00	
4/8/15	Donation for Hall use / shirts	55.00	
4/13/15	city - water	211.65	
4/13/15	Stahl & Associates - Parade Ins.	825.62	
4/15/15	Bates Selamagram	30.00	
4/28/15	Awn Tech	864.56	
4/28/15	Duke energy - electric bill	207.19	
4/28/15	Lindsey Air Conditioning	139.95	
4/28/15	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10	
4/28/15	for parking lot from maintenance		
4/28/15	Dumala & Sons Paving	7,000.00	

The Treasurer reported for the previous month

3,010.85 payments made
 16,135.00 deposits made
 17,585.04 balance at end of month

Notes about the Treasurer's report:

1. Balance includes paving funds, shirt money, and toothbrush collections
2. A check for \$7,000 was prepared and given to Monarch on May 1. It was sent by Monarch to the paving company on May 1
3. The checking account has very little uncommitted money, however treasurer is not aware of any large obligations except those already addressed

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

Communications:

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1. Trestle Board from Nitram Lodge. Posted on the bulletin board.
2. Letter about International Grotto Secretaries Association. There will be a luncheon-meeting on July 2, 2015 during the Supreme Council Session in Columbia, Mo. Lunch is \$28,00. Dues if not attending the luncheon are \$8.00. It was moved and seconded that the dues for the Secretary be paid in the amount of \$8.00. Passed by a vote of 7 to 1.
3. Letter about FSGA Fund Challenge. Tickets are \$5 each, prize is AR-15 MP. To be drawn at FSGA Fall Convention 2015.
4. Legislation for Supreme Council Session in June-July 2015. Secretary read and pointed out the changes.
5. Supreme Council letter about new Grotto Youth Event. Secretary read and commented on the new program.
6. Email from Azim Grotto about New York Yankees home game fund raiser.
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- 8.

PETITIONS: None.

BALLOTING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recommendations:

1. Recommended that we sponsor a hole at the Masters & Wardens Golf Tournament for \$50.00. It was moved and seconded to approve this recommendation. Passed 9 to 0.
2. Recommended that we offer our building to Zendah Grotto during their transition. It was moved and seconded to approve this recommendation. Passed 10 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bruce Ward presented the original dispensation and letter of formation of Selama Grotto. They have been pressed into wood and will suffer no further deterioration. The founding Monarch was Nicholas Dennis, owner of the Dennis Hotel in downtown St. Petersburg, The Dennis hotel is where Bruce's parents met. So he knew the Dennis family but was not aware of the connection to Selama Grotto until these documents surfaced.
2. It was moved and seconded to purchase a plaque reading "Presented to Selama Grotto by Bruce Ward May 13, 2015". Motion passed 10 to 0.
3. We are missing a fire extinguisher from the kitchen.
4. The "Cosley" car bought by Mark Fowler is not a good parade vehicle. Joe Griffith wants it out of his garage. It was moved and seconded to sell the car, money to go to Jokers unit. Motion passed 11 to 0.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – John Devore reported they had meeting and are going Dark for the summer.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupre reports they are going Dark for the summer.
- Jokers Unit: – We will not be in the July 4th parades because of Supreme Council convention. Next parade will be the Seminole parade in the fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dr of Smiles – Chris Webb - got a call today, was able to refer that person. Re-imburements are slow.
- Membership: - David Vincent is still planning on visiting Lodges
- Toothbrush: Bill West - no report
- Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith - no report

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SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

1. It was good to see Fred at the ceremonial stewing in his pot. He is doing much better.
2. No word on Frank Westberry
3. Jerry Haywood of Zendah has returned home and is resting. He expects to resume regular duties on Monday next.
4. Does anyone have a current address for Roger Webb?

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

1. The last meeting for Zendah Grotto at their current location is Monday May 18, 2015. All are invited to attend. New address will be Community Lodge 402 West Waters Ave Tampa FL
2. Tomorrow is C.P. and May 28 is the final C.P. meeting for the summer.
3. Parking lot paving will begin on Tuesday May 19. Lot will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday for pavement work, Thursday will reopen after striping is completed that morning
4. Supreme Convention coming up the last week of June to July 4th in Columbia MO
5. FSGA coming in September to St Augustine FL. Secretary has information.
6. Currently in contact with 2 different party companies about putting on a Casino night that will be presented at the next board meeting and discussed there as a fund raiser and Grotto awareness
7. Possibility of putting on a table lodge for Masons. Will be presented at board meeting for consideration and discussion as a fund raiser and to bring Grotto to the attention to other Blue Lodge Masons in the area.
8. It was good to see Ron Newton in Grotto.
9. Elmer O. Smith has an EA degree on Monday May 18, 2015
10. Sesame Grotto is returning to their old meeting night of Monday so SCDD Rick Renshaw will be able to make all of our Wednesday meetings.

CLOSING: Session was closed in due form at 9:02 PM per ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary