

Session minutes August 12, 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, Captain of the Guard Pro Temp GT Barry Dupré. There was a total of 5 Past Monarchs and 4 red tassels present.

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 regular order of business was suspended and Ryan Saxer was obligated as our newest Prophet. The MOC introduced the dignitaries and presented the calendar for the next month.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: Minutes of the prior stated meeting 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. Approved 9 to 0.

Bills:

7/7/15	Verizon phone bill	44.57	
7/7/15	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10	
7/7/15	Duke energy - electric bill	279.91	
7/8/15	Hall use		20.00
7/14/15	city – water	127.62	
7/14/15	Grand Master's Ladies Project	100.00	
7/14/15	from interest account		3,000.00
7/28/15	Duke energy - electric bill	257.76	

The Treasurer reported for the previous month		
841.76		payments
3020.00		deposits
5524.55		balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 9 to 0.

Communications:

1. Trestleboard from Nitram Lodge for July/August 2015. Posted on bulletin board.
2. Almost last chance to buy raffle ticket for FSGA fund raiser - AR 15 M&P Sport rifle.
3. Letter from Grand Lodge thanking us for our \$100 contribution to the First Lady's Project. This is posted on the bulletin board.
4. Letter from Supreme Council about the new membership contest. Our goal is 5 new members, for which we will receive \$150. This is posted on the bulletin board.

OLD BUSINESS: Monarch David Vincent has filed an insurance claim for the leaking roof.

PETITIONS: None.

BALLOTING: None.

Recommendations:

None, however the Board had the following information presented.

1. Leaks - our building has several leaks. Barry Dupre moved that David Vincent contact the insurance company to see if we are covered and to file a claim. Passed 7 to 0.
2. The water heater has been inspected. The inspector suggested that we put risers under the water heater. We decided against it because the professional plumber that installed it suggested against it.
3. A donation to Child ID program was discussed, no action taken.

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4. We have been contacted about the possibility of Jobs Daughters and Demolay meeting in our building depending on the outcome of the sale of Elmer O. Smith's building.
5. Elmer O. Smith may be looking for a place to meet if their building is sold and a new location has not been purchased.
6. Visitation to Northside Lodge - no date set yet.
7. John Devore and Joseph Glaser were appointed by David Vincent to the Board of Directors for the remainder of this year. They replace Bruce Ward and Chris Webb who are on the board by virtue of the office they hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Barry Dupré recommended we not purchase a surety bond. He suggested that we change our procedure to require written authorization to withdraw funds. Our building insurance covers funds on-site. Rick Renshaw – Official ruling – only Secretary and Treasurer must be bonded. Our building insurance will be sufficient.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – John Devore – We may need a new place for Ladies Night Out because construction may block access to Perkins. Later found out it would be due to construction of Perkins itself but there is no set date in place yet.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré - Dark for the summer. Need to schedule a ceremony for the fall.
- Jokers Unit: – Chris Webb – Crosley car is still for sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dr of Smiles – Chris Webb – no report this month.
- Membership: - David Vincent is still planning on visiting Lodges
- Toothbrush: Bill West - no report P.S. It was moved and seconded to use a Process Server for the letter to Bill West. Passed 9 to 0.
- Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith - EL for Ron Newton
- CP Program to resume in September.

Note: All the items in the Unit Reports and Committee Reports were explained to our new member.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

1. No report on Rosemary Flowers.
2. Richard Green had cancer, then chemo treatment, cancer went away, now cancer is back, will take chemo treatment again.
3. Fred Kinney fell, is in St. Peter General, room #121. Restricted to bed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- Discussed letter from the Shrine about displaying the Confederate Flag.

CLOSING: Session was closed in due form at 8:48 PM per ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary