

Session minutes October 14, 2015

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ Joe Griffith, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Captain of the Guard Pro Temp PM Pete Bengston, Sentinel Robert Kline. There were a total of 6 Past Monarchs and 6 red tassels.

OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS: At 7:30 p.m. SCDD Jim Mason was escorted in and 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 prior stated meeting and of the Ceremonial on October 3rd 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 10 to 0.

Bills:

9/3/15	Verizon phone bill	44.58	
9/9/15	James Harvey Hughey petition		50.00
9/9/15	Richard Green batteries exit lights	42.11	
9/9/15	Hall use		20.00
9/21/15	city - water	128.50	
9/23/15	Bates Selamagram	27.00	

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
591.39	payments
0.0	deposits
2,326.98	Balance end of month

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 10 to 0.

Trust Fund Report	
960.21	Interest added
0.0	withdrawals
340,199.22	balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Trust Fund report. Passed 10 to 0.

Communications:

1. Trestleboard from Nitram Lodge. Posted on bulletin board.

OLD BUSINESS: The Monarch reported that the contract for the roof has been finalized.

PETITIONS: None.

BALLOTING: None.

Recommendations: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – John Devore – no report.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Successful Ceremony on October 3, 2015. Dark Nov. and Dec.

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- Jokers Unit: – Chris Webb – We have the application for the St. Pete Parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dr of Smiles – Chris Webb - no report.
- Membership: - David Vincent – 2 more prospects, One the Scottish Rite Secretary and one from St. Pete Lodge
- Toothbrush: Need Chairman – Bill West in ill and in a nursing home, he is being cared for.
- Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith – no new sales.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- David Vincent is recovering, had an infection.
- Rosemary Flowers not doing well, this is wearing heavily on Ed

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- FSGA Jerry Haywood of Zendah Grotto was elected second vice-president.
- The Grand Monarch attended the Annual Session of FSGA and said it was the best he had ever been to.
- Jim Mason delivered the Grand Monarch's message.
 - Edict – can be reinstated by paying current dues
 - Edict – can wear Grand Monarch's pin on your fez
 - Edict – about association meetings doing a 2 minute drill
 - Edict – remind new Monarch to file chairman reports
 - Edict – about the Grotto's new membership program
 - Edict – can earn a VIP pin for sponsoring a new prophet under 40 years old

CLOSING: Session was closed in due form at 8:11 PM per ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary