

Session minutes January 13, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, VP James Hughey, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Captain of the Guard Robert Kline. There were a total of 9 Past Monarchs and 6 red tassels.

**OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** At 7:30 p.m. the Grotto was opened in due form by the Monarch with the Pledge of Allegiance and allowed for 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13 to 0.

**Bills:**

12/2/15	Duke energy - electric bill	225.52	
12/6/15	M A Shelton Construction - partial	11,460.00	
12/7/15	West Dupes initiation		50.00
12/9/15	from Trust Fund	5,000.00	
12/10/15	Brookwood Girls Center	300.00	
12/10/15	Bruce Ward	300.00	
12/10/15	Hardy Bryan	300.00	
12/12/15	city - water	130.41	
12/12/15	Chris Webb Kids Christmas Party	319.30	
12/16/15	Initiation fees		80.00
12/16/15	Jody Meguiar initiation		50.00
12/16/15	Donation for Hall use		40.00
12/16/15	dues Neil Goby Ed Flowers		61.00
12/28/15	Duke energy - electric bill		180.18

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 13 to 0.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
13,229.41	Payments
5,381.00	Deposits
2,273.89	Balance

N.B. This includes \$11,460.00 for the roof.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 13 to 0.

Trust Fund Report	
0.00	Interest added
0.00	Withdrawals
304,675.43	Balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Trust Fund report. Passed 13 to 0.

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It was moved, seconded and passed to take \$1,600 from the Interest portion of the Trust Fund and put it in checking. Passed 13 to 0.

It was moved, seconded and passed to borrow \$3,400 from the Trust Fund and put it in checking. Passed 13 to 0. This is pending approval of the Board of Trustees.

The Treasurer reported that the 2015 records are available for audit. The Audit Committee is to meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Jan. 26, 2016 Board of Directors meeting to audit these records.

**Communications:**

1. Trestleboard from Nitram Lodge. Posted on bulletin board.
2. Postcard from Tax Collector that we do not have to file tangible property tax. Filed
3. Thank you card from Brookwood (our Christmas charity), posted on the bulletin board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PETITIONS:**

**BALLOTING:**

**Recommendations:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Report from the Friday Night Club by Richard Green. Moved and seconded to accept the report. Passed 13 to 0.
- ❖ There was a discussion about the handicapped parking spaces and the line painting.
- ❖ The AED unit has not been inspected. Batteries were replaced about 6 months ago.

**UNIT REPORTS:**

- Past Monarch's Unit – John Devore – David Vincent to be inducted Feb. 2, 2016
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – will meet Jan. 27, 2016, no meeting in Feb., will meet Mar. 23, 2016, and the Ceremony is planned for Apr. 23, 2016
- Jokers Unit: – Chris Webb – Pinellas Park parade was very successful.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – no report
- Membership: Joe Griffith – no new applications
- Toothbrush: John Mitton – not started yet
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent – no sales so far

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- ◆ Rosemary Flowers passed away. Service to be Thursday Jan. 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Kelly Dougherty still recuperating. His wife Carol recently passed.
- ◆ Fred Kalkbrenner's wife recently passed.

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- ◆ Paul Madden, a former member, passed. He was active in the 1980's and 1990's. He was a member of the Gremlins (go kart unit).
- ◆ PM Fred Kinney passed. Memorial Service was Jan. 3, 2016.
- ◆ Prophet Pete Bengston is having eye problems. He can not drive at night.

We will continue to drape the altar for 30 days in memory of Fred Kinney

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order**

- Mar. 19, 2016 will be Pilgrimage Day
- We should consider an ad in the Supreme Council session magazine.
- Need to get dates for Installations of Blue Lodges and Grottos
- Edict from Monarch Joe Griffith that all official communications be approved by him before dissemination.

**CLOSING:** The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary