

Session minutes March 9, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, MOC Chris Webb, 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 12 Past Monarchs and 6 red tassels.

**OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** At 7:30 p.m. the Grotto was called to order and SCDD James Mason was escorted in. The Monarch then opened in due form 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.

Special guests were:

Al Rodgers, PSCDD and PPFSGA, formerly of Selama Grotto

Earl Chaney, PPSEGA from Bendemeer Grotto (Arkansas)

Richard Parker, PPFSGA from Sesame Grotto

David Piatt, PM from Sesame Grotto

**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 12 to 0.

**Bills:**

2/2/16	Bates Selamagram	28.50	
2/3/16	Deposit		92.00
2/4/16	Verizon phone bill - Jan.	45.46	
2/4/16	FSGA	61.00	
2/12/16	city - water	132.22	
2/15/16	Deposit		476.69
2/24/16	Deposit		350.00
2/29/16	Duke Energy 241.66 - 135.00 dep ref	106.66	refund
2/29/16	Service Charge	14.00	

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 12 to 0.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
460.09	Payments
568.69	Deposits
3,387.51	Balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 12 to 0.

Trust Fund Report	
0	Withdrawals
1,005.69	Interest added
293,940.83	Balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Trust Fund report. Passed 12 to 0.

**Communications:**

1. Trestleboard from Nitram Lodge. Posted on bulletin board.
2. Trestleboard by email from Star Lodge. Posted on bulletin board.
3. Obituary for Allyn W. Burgstahler from Supreme Council
4. Letter from Eureka #5 Eastern Star chapter about Installation March 10, 2016

Session minutes March 9, 2016

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussed upcoming POW WOW Parade in Seminole.

**PETITIONS:**

**BALLOTING:**

**Recommendations:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

❖ None

**UNIT REPORTS:**

- Past Monarch's Unit – Rick Renshaw reported on Officers Duties as drafted by the unit.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Met in February, will meet March 23, 2016
- Jokers Unit: – Chris Webb – David Vincent – Unit is growing, will be in POW WOW parade. Bathtub is running, will have clown classes. Next parades will 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Membership: Joe Griffith – Visited Gulf Beach Lodge, good meeting, two prospects. Will visit Pearl of the West on March 14, 2016. May 12, 2016 will visit Nitram Lodge. Committee chairmen should attend and be ready to report on their committees.
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – May 7, 2016 will be our Kentucky Derby party. We need batteries for the cars, 12 volt, with slip on connectors, called F1 connectors.
- Public Relations: David Vincent – Working with Albertsons and Publix
- Toothbrush: John Mitton – Contacted Walgreens on 38 Ave and 9 St North, waiting on District approval, got turned down. Still looking.
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent – Two new sales this month, thanks to those who have purchased.
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer – no report

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- ◆ Bruce Ward's grandson's wife is in the hospital, looking at gall bladder surgery.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order**

- Richard Green attended the Sheriffs Youth Ranch Open House. Grand Lodge presented a check for \$11,000.
- LOSNA Installation (Neferti chapter) will be April 3, 2016. Barry Dupré's wife Sylvia will be installed High Priestess.
- Our visitors from Lakeland presented us with a check for \$15,000 from Sesame Grotto. It is with sadness that this comes with them surrendering their charter.
- We had closing remarks from SCDD Jim Mason.

**CLOSING:** The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary