

Session minutes April 13, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, MOC Chris Webb, VP James Hughey, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Captain of the Guard Robert Kline.

There were a total of 8 Past Monarchs and 4 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 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:

3/4/16	Verizon phone bill	45.72	
	Deposit		225.00
3/12/16	city – water	132.22	
	Deposit		452.00
	Deposit		200.00
3/18/16	Humanitarian Foundation	100.00	
3/18/16	D Turin & Company	248.57	
3/18/16	David Vincent memorial Fred Kinney	59.49	
3/22/16	David Vincent St Pats Day Dinner	100.00	
3/22/16	Masonic Home table rental (Bruce W)	25.00	
3/24/16	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10	
3-29-16	Duke Energy – electric	203.59	

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

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
1,053.53	Payments
877.00	Deposits
3,756.95	Balance

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

Trust Fund Report	
0	Withdrawals
0	Interest added
321,461.66	Balance

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

Communications:

- Trestleboard from Nitram Lodge #188, posted on bulletin board.
- Trestleboard via email from Star Lodge #78, posted on bulletin board.
- Trestleboard via email from Clearwater Lodge #127, posted on bulletin board.
- Trestleboard via email from Elmer O. Smith Lodge #307, posted on bulletin board.
- Notice of SWGA Convention, posted on bulletin board.
- Notice from bank about unusual activity, turned over to Chris Webb.
- Shrimp Boil for Treasure Chest for Grand Master's Homecoming 2017, posted on bulletin board.
- Email from Azim Grotto (NY) about fundraiser, posted on bulletin board.
- Annual report from Brookwood (our charity last December) posted on bulletin board.
- Second call to FSGA Mid-year, posted on the bulletin board.

PETITIONS:

Read the petitions of:

1. Earl Ray
2. Charles Clinker
3. Patrick Lynch
4. Nicholas Mamalis

BALLOTING:

The four petitions were balloted on and the ballot was clear.

Recommendations:

1. It was moved, seconded and passed to buy ¼ page ad in Supreme Council Convention magazine for \$85.00
2. It was moved, seconded and passed that the \$15,000 donation from Sesame Grotto be put in the Emergency Maintenance Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Report on St. Patrick's Day Dinner – see attached

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Jokers Parade Insurance – this was discussed and voted that the Grotto pay it.
- ❖ Moved, seconded, and passed for Rick Renshaw to be alternate for Richard Green at Supreme Convention.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – Tom McVeigh
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Will meet next week for one last run through before the Ceremonial.

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- Jokers Unit: – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: Joe Griffith – no report
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – no report
- Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
- Toothbrush: John Mitton – Pilgrimage Day – see attached
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent – have sold 3 lanterns
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer – no report

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ West Dupes has been in the hospital but it was good to see him out to our picnic.
- ◆ John Mitton is still sick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- Pearl of the West will hold an Open House on April 25, 2016.
- Selama Grotto will be visiting Nitram Lodge on May 12, 2016 dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- Selama Grotto will be visiting Tampa Bay Lodge on May 17, 2016, dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- Concerning David's run for the FSGA. It was decided that money for expenses will be paid out of profits of each fundraiser. Profits to be deposited and held by Selama for the campaign.
- Elmer O. Smith is participating in Relay for Life at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday April 16, 2016.
- There was a discussion about gambling in the Grotto.
- There was a discussion about offering our building to Elmer O. Smith if needed when they sell their current building. This was tabled.
- Discussed Picnic results from last Saturday. Mon. Joe said in the future we need to evaluate the cost versus the benefits.
- Chris spoke on Masters Masons Association (formerly Masters & Wardens Association) and their fund raising projects.

Note Bene:

The meeting was put at ease at 8:55 p.m. for the Ceremonial on April 23, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
David Vincent, PM, Secretary Pro Temp