

Session minutes June 8, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, MOC Chris Webb, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser.
There were a total of 8 Past Monarchs and 3 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 Monarch asked for extra keys from those who don't require them.

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. Passed 10 to 0.

Bills:

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| 5/3/16 Frontier replaces Verizon | 45.43 |
| 5/12/16 city – water | 130.41 |
| 5/16/16 Lindsey Refrigeration | 243.87 |
| 5/24/16 Ka Jon Grotto Supreme Ad | 85.00 |
| 5/27/16 Supreme Council - Dues cards | 1.67 |
| Total Deposits | 253.00 |

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 10 to 0.

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| The Treasurer reported for the previous month | |
| 642.20 | Payments |
| 83.00 | Deposits |
| 1,955.83 | Balance at EOM |

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

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| Trust Fund Report | |
| 0 | Withdrawals |
| 820.99 | Interest added |
| 1,728.28 | Total Interest Available |

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Trust Fund report. Passed 9 to 1.

Communications:

- Trestleboards from Star, Clearwater, Nitram, and Elmer O. Smith Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.

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- Letter from Demolay asking us to help promote Demolay. Posted on bulletin board.
- Email with flyer from Sun Coast Master Mason Association about upcoming golf event. Posted on bulletin board. See motion under New Business.
- Email from Barry about Jim Mason
- Email from Ed Flowers about Kelly Dougherty and Official Visits
 1. Kelly is hospitalized at Bay Pines Hospital, Room 142, 5th floor. Was admitted for kidney failure. They put in a port for dialysis and then the kidneys started working.
 2. Friday, July 15th – Grand Master’s Official Visit Masonic Districts 20 & 21 – Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. (Masonic Home of Florida).
 3. Pinellas Daylight Lodge Saturday, August 13th – Stated / Business Meeting – 10:00 a.m. We welcome with his Official Visit to our Lodge: R.W. William C. Sundquist District Deputy Grand Master, R.H. L. Edward Villaume³ District Instructor and the Distinct Committeemen.
- Letter from Spectrum about buying Brighthouse (will be posted)
- Info on FSGA Annual Meeting Sept 22, 2016 (will be posted)
- Info on Supreme Council Session – about the Agenda and definition of Business/Casual dress for Thursday night.

PETITIONS: None

BALLOTING: None

Recommendations:

1. It was recommended to purchase a Grand Master’s Fez for Richard Hoover for when he is installed as Grand Master in June 2017. Cost not to exceed \$600. Details attached. Barry has contacted Rick Hoover and Rich wishes to keep his current Fez and have it re-worked. Moved and seconded to adopt this recommendation. Discussed and passed 10 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

❖ There is a new leak in the front entranceway. David will meet with the roofer Sat. 6-11-16.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ It was moved that we sponsor a hole in the Suncoast Master Mason Association golf tournament on September 24, 2016 for \$50.00. Seconded, discussed, and passed 10 to 0.
- ❖ It was moved that we donate \$50.00 to the First Lady’s Project, re-furbishing the nursing station on the second floor of the Masonic Home. Seconded, discussed, and passed 10 to 0.
- ❖ Tom McVeigh moved that we donate \$100.00 to SCDD Jim Mason. Seconded, discussed, and passed 9 to 1.
- ❖ Richard Green noted that Selama has its Birthday upcoming, we will be 97.
- ❖ Hardy Bryan moved that we make the 2016-2017 Grand Master M.*W.* Stanley L. Hudson an Honorary member of Selama Grotto. This to be presented at his official visit on July 15, 2016. Seconded, discussed, and passed 10 to 0. He is a member of Ziba Grotto.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch’s Unit – Tom McVeigh – Dark until September.

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- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Dark until September.
- Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Two parades in July.
 1. Saturday July 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. lineup for 10:00 a.m. parade in Pinellas Park, joint with Kenneth City.
 2. Monday July 4, 2016 at 4:45 p.m. lineup for 6:00 parade in Gulfport. More info later.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: Joe Griffith
 1. Visited Nitram Lodge and Tampa Bay Lodge. Had good turnout at Nitram. Handed out several applications.
 2. Nick Mamalis was initiated during the Grand Lodge Session. Along with three new members.
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – no update
- Public Relations: David Vincent – no update
- Toothbrush: John Mitton – has asked for some flyers, will be mailed.
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent
 1. Presented Enchanted Lantern to Ed Flowers in memory of Rosemary, donated by Tom McVeigh
 2. There is an Enchanted Lantern tie to be presented to James Hughey at his next meeting.
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer – no report

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ Our Sentinel, Prophet Robert "Bob" Kline passed away June 8, 2016. The Monarch ordered a moment of silence. Altar is already draped.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- Demolay had a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser. David Vincent helped David Rosenthal put on that event. The boys raised \$510.00.
- Saturday June 11, 2106 Elmer O. Smith Lodge will hold their monthly breakfast.
- The agenda for Supreme Council session is due out Thursday June 9, 2016. David Vincent reports it is already on the website.

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary