

Session minutes August 10, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, MOC Chris Webb, VP James Hughey, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Captain of the Guard PM Tom McVeigh, Sentinel David Douglas. There were a total of 7 Past Monarchs and 4 red tassels. We also were honored with guests from Ormazd Grotto: Ken Mueller Monarch and Phillip E. Moffses PM PPFSGA.

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. Passed 10 to 0.

Bills:

7/2/16	Frontier replaces Verizon	45.56	
7/2/16	Duke Energy	238.60	
7/13/16	Grand Masters Project	50.00	
7/14/16	city – water	128.57	
7/14/16	Supreme Council - Honorary Certificate	7.64	
7/29/16	Frontier replaces Verizon	46.04	
7/29/16	SEGA to replace #103 on 4-26-16	15.00	

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

Note Bene: Hardy will be out of town from August 14 to September 11, 2016

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
516.41	Payments
358.99	Deposits
1,325.02	Balance at EOM

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

Trust Fund Report	
2,500.00	Withdrawals
1,234.30	Interest added
1,604.57	Total Interest Available

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

Communications:

- ◆ Trestleboards from Star, Clearwater, Nitram, and Elmer O. Smith Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
- ◆ Letter of thanks from Grand Lodge of Florida for our contribution to the Masonic Home 2016 GM Ladies Nurses Station Project.
- ◆ Letter of thanks from Grand Lodge of Florida for our contribution to the Grand Master’s Charity-Hudson.
- ◆ Letter of appreciation for our participation in the Kenneth City / Pinellas Park Fourth of July Parade.
- ◆ Check from Supreme Council for \$98.99 to reimburse half the cost of our Master Mason Picnic on April 9, 2016.

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PETITIONS: none

BALLOTING: none

Recommendations:

1. It was recommended that we remove the benches from outside the front door. I move the adoption of this recommendation. Passed 10 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Supreme Council: Victor Mann elected new Grand Captain of the Guard. Barry Dupré re-elected to the Board of Trustees. Next convention will be in Ohio. David Vincent and Joe Griffith received plaques for Proficiency in the Opening of the Grotto. Several members received Keys for membership promotion.
2. Motion by Barry Dupré to form a bylaws committee to review the bylaws and make recommendations to the Grotto concerning fees and other items. See attached. Motion was seconded and passed. The Monarch appointed Rick Renshaw as chairman. See [SG 20160810 Bylaws.pdf](#) (attached).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Secretary has received the dues of Ron McMillan who was suspended in 2008. It was moved and seconded to reinstate him. Passed 10 to 0.
2. Hardy Bryan moved to get quarterly reports on the Trust Fund at Stated Meetings in the month following each financial quarter. Seconded. Passed 9 to 1.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – Tom McVeigh – Dark until September.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Dark until September.
- Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Dark until September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: Joe Griffith – waiting to contact Northside, Clearwater, and St. Pete Lodge.
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb
- Public Relations: David Vincent
- Toothbrush: John Mitton
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

1. David Vincent reported on Jeanni Kinney
2. Rick Overbee PM of Ormazd Grotto 2007 had a foot amputated, now up to knee. He is in rehab, having problems with infections.
3. Dee DeLong PMCO, wife of Bud DeLong PM, having heart problems and lung problems

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

1. Texas Hold Em this Friday at Ormazd Grotto, \$40.00.
2. Ken Mueller is running for Second VP of FSGA.
3. November 19, 2016 will be Las Vegas Night here at the Grotto in conjunction with Gulf Beach OES. Cost will be \$20.00 and you get a wad of play money. At the end of the night the play money can be used to bid in the auction. Limit two winning bids in the auction.

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary