

Session minutes March 8, 2017

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ David Douglas, MOC Chris Webb, VP Russ Wurr, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PM Joe Griffith, Chaplain James Hughey, Captain of the Guard John Mitton, Sentinel Joe Glaser.

There were a total of 8 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 Monarch announced a moment of silence in memory of the passing of James Hughey’s wife.

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:

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| 2/6/17 | David Vincent for Installation | 96.79 |
| 2/8/17 | Bruce Ward (Staples - ink) | 63.12 |
| 2/14/17 | city - water | 143.63 |
| 2/27/17 | Supreme Council - per capita | 1,457.00 |
| 2/27/17 | Duke Energy | 166.52 |

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

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| The Treasurer reported for the previous month | |
| 2,146.07 | Payments |
| 439.00 | Deposits |
| 3,865.36 | Balance at EOM |

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

Communications:

- ◆ Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.

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PETITIONS: none

BALLOTING: none

Recommendations: none

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Our 100th Anniversary is coming up in 2022. Drake will be Grand Monarch but we want no substitute. Need to send invitation soon. We pay his room and board but not travel. Drake has been notified and has it on his calendar, need exact date and description of activities. Address the letter “Dear Grand Monarch”. Send invite but do not include name just in case.

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2. The Secretary reported that Pinellas Daylight is arrears in their rent. The Monarch will speak with the Worshipful Master.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – David Vincent – no meeting
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré (Charlie Clinker) – no report
- Jokers Unit: –David Vincent - several cars ready to go. Have a member of Barnum & Bailey Clown Alley who wants to join us in parades (and her child).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: David Vincent – no report
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – no report
- Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
- Toothbrush: John Mitton – looking forward to Pilgrimage Day
- Enchanted Lantern: David Douglas – three so far this year
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer (Bruce Ward) – DeMolay had a meet and greet at Seminole Bowling Lanes. Have 1 maybe and 1 strong prospect.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ L Edward Villiaume III has esophageal cancer
- ◆ Elmer O. Smith Secretary and Grotto member Lloyd Booth had knee replacement surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- POW WOW Parade is this Saturday, line up at 9:00 am, and step off at 10:00 am.
- FSGA will be April 28-29, 2017. Information posted on bulleting board.



The floor was turned over to SCDD James Mason for his remarks and the message of the Grand Monarch.

We should strive for the Excellence Award.

He had no information on the new Chief Justice award. Rick Renshaw has copy.

Membership is very important

Try to get suspended members back.

To re-instate only need current dues and re-instatement fee.

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary