

There was not a quorum. These notes were reviewed and discussed, no action was taken.

The Unit accounts have been transferred to BBT. In the absence of the Monarch, CJ David Douglas appointed Chris Webb, Russ Wurr, and Rick Renshaw to audit the books of the our three units: Cast, Jokers, and Past Monarch’s. They found all to be in order.

Present: CJ David Douglas, MOC Chris Webb, VP Russ Wurr, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Chaplain James Hughey, Sentinel Joe Glaser. Also PM Tom McVeigh and SCDD Rick Renshaw.

There were a total of 5 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 (May, dark in June) 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: May and June**

5/2/17	Frontier replaces Verizon	46.24
5/2/17	Duke Energy	193.85
5/5/17	FSGA	61.00
5/5/17	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10
5/15/17	David Vincent for plumbing repairs	20.65
5/17/17	city - water	416.94
5/25/17	Office supplies - Bruce Ward	87.72
5/30/17	Frontier replaces Verizon	45.98
5/30/17	Duke Energy	218.75
5/30/17	Johnnie Jones Plumbing	272.70
6/16/17	City - water	317.25
6/29/17	Duke Energy	213.19

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

<b>The Treasurer reported for May</b>	
1,155.84	Payments
240.00	Deposits
4,819.84	Balance at EOM

<b>The Treasurer reported for June</b>	
530.44	Payments
125.00	Deposits
4,414.40	Balance at EOM

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

**Communications:**

- 1. Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
- 2. From Supreme Council:
  - Membership award to Bruce Ward
  - Monarchs award to David Vincent
- 3. Elmer O. Smith Golf Tournament with 50% proceeds going to the Sheriff Youth Ranch. July 29, 2017 at the Largo Golf Course. Hole Sponsors \$30.00. 50/50 raffle. Posted on bulletin board.

**PETITIONS:** none

**BALLOTING:** none

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** none

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Floors have been done and they look great.
- 2. I move we accept Whitney’s proposal that he maintain the floors on a regular basis.
- 3. Frequency ? Amount ?
- 4. FSGA 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is September 21 thru 24, 2017 in Crystal River. Information is posted on the bulletin board or see the Secretary.
- 5. Call on Joe Griffith to present the Supreme Council Convention report
- 6. At Grand Lodge FSGA obligated nine new prophets.

MW Rick Hoover’s Homecoming will be September 30 @ 6 to 11 pm.

- 1) FREE but reservations required @ HOOVER2017.ORG (does not need to be all caps)
- 2) Innisbrook Resort and Gulf Club – Palm Harbor
- 3) Dinner salad, chix, veg, pot, and desert beverages included but not soda and no alcohol allowed
- 4) IF YOU REQUIRE A VEGAN OR VEGETARIAN MEAL DAVID NEEDS TO KNOW ASAP
- 5) Reception w/pictures at 6 pm. Dinner 7 to 11 pm
- 6) Free door prizes to be given out.
- 7) More info will follow

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UNIT REPORTS:**

- 1. Past Monarch’s Unit – David Vincent - Dark
- 2. Cast Unit – Barry Dupré or Charlie Clinker - Dark
- 3. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Parades
  - July 1st Kenneth City parade was an embarrassment since there were only 3 people there to represent OUR GROTTTO
  - July 4th Gulfport parade was great we had a good turn out and a fun time.
  - Gulfport holds a Veterans Day Parade. Do we want to participate? We need commitments.

BIG thank you to Joe Griffith and Bruce for the new flagpoles and new flags. For those of you that did not attend we were able to add a new American flag to the front of the float for a total of 2 leading your float and also a new DeMolay on the back by the Masonic flag

I am working on the next section of floor on float. The next section will be removed and the axles and wheels will be raised 4 inches for better visibility, entrance and exit.

Float does have all new multi-color lighting around the top. (With more to come for the holidays parades will be adding hanging ice sickles to give a more winter look for the holidays)

Cars will be decorated and ready for all future parades we need GROTTO members to drive them so get members that you know belong in your lodges to return and let's build up our parades and appearance again. If you know any snow birds that will be returning we NEED them to show up for parades as well as meetings – let's all put some pressure on them to participate. We few can't do all the work so the rest can have the fun.

I need your input over the next couple of months as to whether to invite other Grottos or groups to join in with us for parades and us with them, talk with Monarch Dave or attend the board meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month to give input (includes parties, dinners, other functions also in addition to supply your NEW Monarch Dave Douglas with ideas he can include also)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Membership: David Vincent
2. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb
3. Public Relations: David Vincent - Bruce represented the Selama Grotto at the Official Visit of the DDGM to Pinellas Daylight Lodge on Saturday July 8, 2017. MORE lodge visits to come starting in September need everyone there to show who we are. More info to come in August Selamagram.
4. Toothbrush: John Mitton
5. Enchanted Lantern: David Douglas
6. Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer or Bruce Ward – DeMolay has a fun event for new prospects this Sunday. They will be shooting Air Soft at Clearwater Paintball. If you know of any young men between 12 and 20 let me know so I can invite them.

#### **SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

Rick Renshaw's bother passed.

Jerry Haywood's wife passed.

L Edward Villiaume III still struggling with his treatments

Brian Jacob went back to Gainesville for another MRI. Ask him how he is doing if present.

David Vincent's surgery has been pushed back again. This morning he was having chest pains and went to the VA. They put him on a morphine drip. Later the admitted him.

John Mitton had cataracts removed today.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order**

CP restarts September 14<sup>th</sup>, we need help.

Sol Goldberg (President of FSGA) will be at our stated meeting in September.

SCDD Jim Mason will visit again in September or October.

Articles for the August Selamagram are due by the Board Meeting on July 25, 2017.

Session minutes

July 12, 2017

Monarch Secretary

EARLY NOTICE -BUT- NEVER TOO EARLY. We need to start considering the Holidays such as Thanksgiving, Adult Christmas Party, and Children's Christmas Party. They are but 4 ½ months away and will arrive quickly.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary