

Session minutes

August 9, 2017

Present: CJ David Douglas as Monarch, MOC Chris Webb, VP Russ Wurr as CJ, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PM Joe Griffith, Chaplain James Hughey, Captain of the Guard John Mitton, Sentinel Joe Glaser. Also present SCDD and PPFSGA Rick Renshaw and Prophet Brian Jacob.

There were a total of 6 Past Monarchs and 6 red tassels.

**OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

At 7:30 p.m. the Grotto was opened in form by the Chief Justice with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, no quorum in July) 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, June and July**

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| 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 |
| 7/6/17  | Frontier replaces Verizon                 | 45.98  |
| 7/7/17  | Magic Carpet                              | 150.00 |
| 7/7/17  | Emory Brantley – Pest Control             | 32.10  |
| 7/17/17 | City – water                              | 140.73 |
| 7/25/17 | Elmer O. Smith – Ernst Porter - Golf hole | 30.00  |
| 7/31/17 | Duke Energy                               | 309.35 |

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 12 to 0.

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| The Treasurer reported for May |                |
| 1,155.84                       | Payments       |
| 240.00                         | Deposits       |
| 4,819.84                       | Balance at EOM |

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| The Treasurer reported for June |          |
| 530.44                          | Payments |

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| 125.00   | Deposits       |
| 4,414.40 | Balance at EOM |

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| The Treasurer reported for July |                |
| 717.16                          | Payments       |
| 125.00                          | Deposits       |
| 3,822.24                        | Balance at EOM |

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's reports subject to audit. Passed 10 to 2.

**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:**• **Recommendation #1**

Flyer from Elmer O. Smith #307 about their Charity Golf Tournament on July 29, 2017. Recommended that Selama sponsor a hole for \$30. Passed 11 to 1.

• **Recommendation #2**

Proposal from Whitney for doing our floors on a regular basis for a cost of \$313.00. Recommended that Selama accept this proposal. Passed 12 to 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Floors have been done and they look great.
2. 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.
3. Call on Joe Griffith to present the Supreme Council Convention report, postponed to next meeting.
4. 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 @ [HOVER2017.ORG](http://HOVER2017.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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Hardy moved that we buy an electric leaf blower and a string trimmer at a cost of less than \$100 each. Seconded and passed.

**UNIT REPORTS:**

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1. Past Monarch's Unit – Rick Renshaw – Ladies Night Out September 5, 2017 6:30 pm at Perkins.
2. Cast Unit – Chris Webb - Dark
3. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Parades were a success

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Membership: David Vincent
2. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – Got a new dentist and Palm Harbor and 2 new patients. BUT Humanitarian Foundation reported there was no more money for dental bills for the remainder of this year.
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 – no report
5. Enchanted Lantern: David Douglas – 4 sold so far this year.
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.

Update August 9, 2017 took a bad fall on wet floor at home. Went to ER, might be admitted, will not be at tonight's meeting. Also leg went under him and it is black and blue.

John Mitton had cataracts removed July 25, 2017.

Hardy had melanoma removed from his back and also some lymph nodes.

Ed Flowers is in back of VA, old nursing home, his cell phone is 215-1050.

**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.

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.

Rick Renshaw visited Zendah Grotto. They bought a church, 3 buildings, 2 parking lots. They meet on the third Monday each month.

**CLOSING:** The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary