

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ David Douglas, MOC Chris Webb, VP Russ Wurr, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Captain of the Guard John Mitton, Sentinel Joe Glaser. There were a total of 6 Past Monarchs and 7 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 regular order of business was suspended and the petitions of Andrew Gluchov and Jerome “Jerry” Meguiar were read and voted on. The ballot was clear. The two new members were obligated.

The MOC introduced the dignitaries and presented the calendar for the next month.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:**

The prior Stated meeting minutes were distributed in the dining room before the meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to bypass the reading of the minutes. Minutes were adopted as distributed.

**Bills: September**

Water	139.77
String for grass trimmer	6.51
Chair leg pads	13.47
Duke Energy	311.68
Computer ink	34.75
Florida Demolay - Ad in magazine	45.00

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 12 to 1.

The Treasurer reported for September	
827.95	Payments
95.00	Deposits
2,950.14	Balance at EOM

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

**Only in January, April, July, and October, skip on other months**

Trust Fund Report	
14,467.14	Interest added (12 months)
14,000.00	Withdrawals (12 months)
467.14	Total Interest Available
16,904.23	Market Gains/(Losses)

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Trust Fund report. Passed 13 to 0

**Communications:**

1. Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
2. Notification of visit of SCDD.
3. Supreme Council letter about remitting of dues.

**PETITIONS:** Done earlier

**BALLOTING:** Done earlier

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It was recommended to purchase a Christmas wreath from the Scottish Rite at a cost of \$25.00.. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the recommendation.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bruce Ward moved to purchase a full-page ad in the program booklet for the upcoming Demolay Cotillion at a cost of \$45.00. It was seconded and passed 13 to 0.

**UNIT REPORTS:**

1. Past Monarch's Unit – Rick Renshaw – The current CJ presented his calendar for next year.
2. Cast Unit – Chris Webb - no report
3. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – cars are ready, need drivers

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Membership: David Vincent – Elmer O. Smith #307 voted to allow William Rulifson (Chris Webb's grandfather) to go into the Masonic Home. We presented him a current dues card.
2. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – Chris filled us in on the state of Humanitarian Foundation.
3. Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
4. Toothbrush: John Mitton – no report
5. Enchanted Lantern: David Douglas – two new ones tonight, seven total for the year. Presented one to Russ Wurr.
6. Youth Coordinator: Bruce Ward – Demolay is having a big open house November 5, 2017, flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

1. MEGHP Ron Newton (a Selama prophet) has been admitted to Bay Pines Medical Center in St. Petersburg for pneumonia.
2. Stanley Szeimer (a Selama prophet) has had heart problems and was in the Cleveland Clinic.
3. Sister Judy Covey (not a Selama prophet) Past Grand Matron of Eastern Star had a stent put in.
4. We had a prayer and a moment of silence for Prophet Fred Kalkbrenner who passed October 6, 2017

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order**

1. Because of the closing of St. Petersburg Lodge (building sold) the St. Petersburg York Rite bodies and Eureka Chapter #5 Order of the Eastern Star will need someplace to meet until August 2018. We offered them the use of Selama Grotto and they accepted. Both groups are pleased with the accommodations.
2. SCDD Jim Mason will visit again in November. He was not in town for October meeting.
3. Gulf Coast Chapter Order of Demolay will be hosting an Open House on Sunday November 5, 2017 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Nitram Lodge. Looking for young men from 9 to 20 years old.
4. Bethlehem Chapter OES is doing their second annual Spaghetti Sauce cook-off on Saturday October 28, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Nitram Lodge. Bring your best sauce and try to claim the trophy (no charge to submit your entry). Cost is \$8.00 to cover the cost of spaghetti and sides to eat your fill.
5. October 28, 2017 is James Hughey wedding at the Masonic Home at 1:00 pm.
6. The Masonic Home Service Guild will meet Friday October 13, 2017 at 1:30 pm.
7. 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 2 months away and will arrive quickly.

**CLOSING:** The Grotto was closed in due form at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary