

SELAMA GROTTO M.O.V.P.E.R.

Session minutes August 13, 2014

Present: MON Tom McVeigh, CJ David Vincent, MOC Joe Griffith, Sec. PM Bruce Ward, Treas. PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Chaplain Joe Glasser, COG PM Chris Webb, SCDD Rich Renshaw, PSCDD Richard Green, GT Barry Dupré, and three red tassels.

OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Selama Grotto was opened in due form at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a courtesy salute to the Canadian flag. Chaplain Joe Glasser gave the invocation.

The Chaplains medallion from PM Al Rogers was presented to Joe Glasser.

MOC's phone did ring. We are still awaiting payment.

MOC introduced our Past Monarchs, sitting Wor. Masters, and S.C. officers present.

MOC announced these dates:

1. Remember our Friday Night Social covered dish every Friday night.
2. Bob Alderson service to be Sunday August 17 at 3 p.m. at Scottish Rite Tampa.
3. August 23rd is Homecoming for RW JGW Rick Hoover
4. On August 25th Elmer O. Smith will present a 40 year award to PM Webb's grandfather.
5. August 26 will be the Board of Directors meeting.
6. Toothbrush drive August 30 and 31.
7. September 8 the Scottish Rite will present a Master Mason night.
8. Ladies Night Out Sept. 9, 2014 at Perkins

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: Minutes of the Stated meeting of July 9, 2014 were read, corrected, and accepted as amended.

Recommendations: There were no recommendations from the Board of Directors.

Communications: A letter from the Grand Monarch concerning his travels was received and has been posted on the bulletin board.

Bills: \$215.59 was spent on repairs to our emergency exit signs prior to inspection by the Fire Marshal. Thank you PM Richard Green.

Other bills:

300.00	Magic Floor Company (was \$353 but he reduced it because he had borrowed some tables.
41.91	Verizon Phone
31.97	David Vincent for food
359.14	Duke Energy
300.00	Masonic Child ID Program
103.18	City of St. Petersburg (water bill)
40.00	MON Tom McVeigh (PH neutral floor cleaner)
34.55	Supreme Council for office supplies (dues cards, etc)
150.00	Joe Glasser (stipend for 1/2 year as Secretary)

The Treasurer reported:

1387.75	Checks written for the month of July
122.00	Deposits for the month of July
4351.47	Balance

It was moved by MOC Griffith and seconded by GT Dupré to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion carried.

PETITIONS & BALLOTING: There were no Petitions on the Secretaries desk.

OLD BUSINESS: Pete Bengston has contacted RW JGW Rick Hoover to get pictures and a short history of the Grotto for publication in the Florida Mason magazine concerning our donation to the Child ID program.

There was discussion about cutting ties with the Cerebral Palsy program and the HBOT program. PM Chris Webb gave us a history of the split. GT Barry Dupré gave his view. See January or February 2012 minutes about letting HLG continue to meet in our building rent free.

NEW BUSINESS: PM Ward moved and PM Webb seconded to spend \$50 to sponsor a hole in the Masters & Wardens upcoming Golf Tournament. The motion passed.

UNIT REPORTS:

1. Cast Unit – Dark but noted that the new cabinet for costumes has been completed.
2. Past Monarch's Unit – Dark but LNO is Sept. 9, 2014. Note: Perkins has construction but we will have the same room as usual. It will be the second Tuesday because the first Tuesday will be the day after Labor Day.
3. Jokers Unit – The parades for 4th of July were successful. Next is Seminole Pow Wow in the Fall and it will be a night parade. MON McVeigh is going to invite the York Rite to join us in the parades.
4. Motor Patrol Unit – Dark.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership: Pete Bengston has a new prospect. PM Webb asked if his grandfather had been suspended, this will be determined.
2. Dr of Smiles – PM Webb announced that the Dr. of Smiles program acts as "insurance of last resort". All other sources pay first. We have some children being paid for at this time.
3. Enchanted Lantern: no report.
4. Toothbrush: no report.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

1. The Child ID program is now a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization. Pete Bengston reported the program hopes to ID 300 children this year. They need more equipment and volunteers.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS: Frank Westberry is still doing dialysis. He is home but will need to increase his time on dialysis. RW Billy Garrett lost a toe on his good foot. He is not allowed on his feet at this time. Ed Flowers is in rehab in a nursing center. He also lost a toe. Gordon Hill is very sick, MON McVeigh talked to his wife, he is in a nursing home.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Back from April 5, 2014: the check for \$275 to Supreme for a ad in the Supreme Council magazine for the Annual Convention has not yet been cashed. Our ad in the magazine was not published. Tom McVeigh gave permission for the check to be given to the Humanitarian Foundation if it was located. GT Dupré moved and Prophet Brooks seconded that we replace the check and increase it to \$300 and send it to the Humanitarian Foundation. PM Ward moved and PM Renshaw seconded to table the motion. Passed.

CLOSING: Session was closed in due form at 8:49 p.m. with the Chaplain giving the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary