

Session minutes November 11, 2015

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ Joe Griffith, MOC Chris Webb, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Captain of the Guard Pro Temp PM Pete Bengston, Sentinel Robert Kline. There were a total of 5 Past Monarchs and 10 red tassels.

November being step-up night, Joe Griffith presided as Monarch and David Vincent as Chief Justice.

OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS: At 7:30 p.m. the Grotto was opened in due form by the Monarch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a courtesy salute to the Canadian flag. The Chaplain gave the invocation.

The regular order of business was suspended and three petitions were voted on. John Mitton, Jody Mequiar, and Shaheen Nouri. The vote was taken and all three were accepted.

The new initiates were then obligated in due form.

The regular order of business was resumed.

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: Minutes of the prior stated meeting and of the Ceremonial on October 3rd 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. Approved 15 to 0.

Bills:

10/6/15	Verizon phone bill	45.49	
10/6/15	Duke energy - electric bill	257.49	
10/13/15	city - water	183.43	
10/14/15	LAFSCO Los Angeles Fraternal	483.50	
10/14/15	from Trust Fund		24,500.00
10/14/15	M A Shelton Construction - partial	15,000.00	
10/27/15	Postmaster - mailing account	200.00	
10/27/15	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10	
10/27/15	Rescue 1 Fire Co. Inspection	71.16	
10/27/15	Bates Selamagram	43.00	

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 15 to 0.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
16,271.13	payments
24,570.00	deposits
10,580.35	balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 15 to 0.

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Trust Fund Report	
638.56	Interest added
0.00	withdrawals
322,459.60	balance

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Trust Fund report. Passed 15 to 0.

Communications:

1. Trestleboard from Nitram Lodge. Posted on bulletin board.
2. Letter from Codes Compliance about tarp on roof. Secretary called and reported it was being taken care of.
3. Check for \$100.00 from Alfred Rodgers to help with roofing expenses.

OLD BUSINESS: The Monarch reported that the contract for the roof has been finalized.

PETITIONS: Done earlier.

BALLOTING: Done earlier.

Recommendations: The Board of Directors recommended that we transfer \$5,000 from the Interest portion of the Trust Fund to regular checking. It was moved and seconded. Passed 15 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Officers for 2016:

- Nominations for Chief Justice was called for three times. David Vincent was nominated and he said he would accept if elected. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for Master of Ceremonies was called for three times. Chris Webb was nominated and he said he would accept if elected. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for Venerable Prophet was called for three times. There were none.
- Nominations for Treasurer was called for three times. Hardy Bryan was nominated and he said he would accept if elected. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for Secretary was called for three times. Bruce Ward was nominated and he said he would accept if elected. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for the Board of Directors was called for three times. Barry Dupré and William West terms expire this year. Barry Dupré and Tom McVeigh were nominated and both accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for the Board of Trustees was called for three times. PM Rick Renshaw and Prophet Phillip Barret were nominated. There were no other nominations.

Remission of dues:

Eight prophet names were read for remission of dues. It was moved and seconded to remit the dues of these members. Motion passed.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch’s Unit – They met with the Chief Justice to review his calendar for 2016. This program was explained and how it works to the new initiates.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – This program was explained and how it works to the new initiates.

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- Jokers Unit: – Chris Webb – Paid outstanding bills. Two parades coming up. This program was explained and how it works to the new initiates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dr of Smiles – Chris Webb – Explained what this program is and how it works to the new initiates.
- Membership: - David Vincent - Explained what this program is and how it works to the new initiates.
- Toothbrush: Need Chairman - Explained what this program is and how it works to the new initiates.
- Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith - Explained what this program is and how it works to the new initiates.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ Jeanni Kinney was in Northside Hospital, having a stent installed. She was expected home last Monday or Tuesday.
- ◆ Fred Kinney has been in the hospital most of the time since last August.
- ◆ Richard Green still having problems but he is not letting that slow him down.
- ◆ Rick Renshaw is in Bay Pines VA Hospital. No further information.
- ◆ Ed Flowers said Rosemary was doing okay.
- ◆ Kelly Dougherty still having problems.
- ◆ Joe Griffith's brother passed.
- ◆ Bruce Ward's daughter-in-law passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- Suncoast Masters and Wardens Association is meeting on Nov. 18, 2015 at the Masonic Home. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Monarch will be given 5 minutes to speak about the Grotto.
- Moved and seconded to offer the Masters and Wardens to meet in our building at least once next year. Passed 15 to 0.
- We will trim the Christmas tree during Friday Night Social on Nov. 20, 2015, please arrive by 6 p.m.
- Installation of 2016 Officers will be Dec. 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Friday Night Social to follow. This is an open Installation, family and friends are welcome.

CLOSING: Session was closed in due form at 9:13 PM per ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary

Remitted Nov. 11, 2015

Thomas E. Cartwright (in Masonic Home)
James R. Edwards (in Masonic Home)
William "Barry" Loft (in Masonic Home)
George A Schaller (Blind)
Edward Simetz (Destitute)
William West (Destitute)
Frank Westberry (Illness)