

Session minutes December 9, 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 7 Past Monarchs and 8 red tassels.

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 one petition was voted on: West Dupes. The vote was taken and the petition was accepted.

The new initiate was 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 14 to 0.

Bills:

11/4/15	Duke energy - electric bill	281.16	
11/6/15	Verizon phone bill	45.58	
11/6/15	Al Rodgers		100.00
11/10/15	city - water	131.32	

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 14 to 0.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
458.06	Payments
0.00	Deposits
10,122.29	Balance

N.B. There is still \$9,000 due for the balance on the roof. Effective balance is \$1,122.29
It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 14 to 0.

Trust Fund Report	
1,610.97	Interest added
5,000.00	Withdrawals
312,705.35	Balance

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

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Communications:

1. Trestleboard from Nitram Lodge. Posted on bulletin board.
2. Electronic Trestleboard from Elmer O. Smith Lodge. Printed and posted on bulletin board.
3. Thank you from Gulfport Senior Center for Food Donation. Posted on bulletin board.
4. Letter from CNA Surety about Surety Bond being terminated.
5. Christmas card from Brighthouse. Posted on bulletin board.
6. Letter from Supreme Council about passing of Past Grand Monarch Donald A. Horning Sr. Posted on bulletin board.
7. Letter from insurance company denying our claim for damages from leaking roof. Secretary read the pertinent passage. Letter will be filed.

OLD BUSINESS: The Monarch reported that the roof has been finished and passed inspection.

PETITIONS: Done earlier.

BALLOTING: Done earlier.

Recommendations: The Board of Directors recommended that we donate \$300.00 to Brookwood, a residential program for struggling teen girls. It was moved and seconded. Passed 14 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

❖ It was moved and seconded to cancel the Board of Directors meeting for December. Passed 14 to 0.

Election of Officers for 2016:

- None of the elected offices had more than one nominee. Therefore, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the elected offices. Passed 14 to 0.
- Joe Griffith was elected Monarch, David Vincent was Chief Justice, Chris Webb was elected Master of Ceremonies, James Hughey was elected Venerable Prophet, Hardy was re-elected Treasurer, and Bruce Ward was re-elected Secretary.
- PM Barry Dupré and Tom McVeigh were elected to the Board of Directors, their terms to expire in 2018, replacing PM Barry Dupré and William West whose terms expired this year.
- PM Rick Renshaw and Prophet Phillip Barret were elected to the Board of Trustees, their terms to expire in 2018, replacing PM Rick Renshaw and Prophet Phillip Barret whose terms expired this year.

Appointments for 2016:

- Marshall - PM Richard Green
- Chaplain - Joseph Glaser
- Captain of the Guard - Robert Kline
- Sentinel - Pete Bengston

Committee Chairman appointed for 2016:

- Membership – Monarch Joe Griffith

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- Enchanted Lantern – Chief Justice David Vincent
- Sickness and Distress – Chaplain Joseph Glaser
- Public Relations and Web Manager – PM David Vincent
- Toothbrush Chairman – John Mitton
- Doctor of Smiles – MOC Chris Webb
- Youth Coordinator – Ryan Saxer
- Cerebral Palsy Recreational Program – Jeanni Kinney and PM David Vincent

Audit Committee for 2016:

- PM Richard Green
- PM Tom McVeigh
- PM Barry Dupré

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – Tom McVeigh – LNO will be Feb. 2, 2016
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Dark
- Jokers Unit: – Chris Webb – Pinellas Park parade will be Dec. 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dr of Smiles – Chris Webb – no updates
- Membership: - David Vincent – six this year
- Toothbrush: John Mitton has been appointed Chairman
- Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith – sold eight this year

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ Jeanni Kinney has been in and out of the hospital.
- ◆ Fred Kinney is back in East Bay Rehab
- ◆ Rosemary Flowers has moved to a new facility and is doing better.
- ◆ Richard Green is still fighting cancer.

The altar will be draped for 30 days for the passing of Donald Horning PGM and a moment of silence was observed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- Installation of 2016 Officers will be Dec. 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. after the Friday Night Social. This is an open Installation, family and friends are welcome.

CLOSING: Lodge was left at rest at 9:13 PM for Installation on Friday Dec. 11, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward , PM, Secretary