

Session minutes May 11, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, MOC Chris Webb, VP James Hughey, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Captain of the Guard Robert Kline, Sentinel Pete Bengston.

There were a total of 8 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 and allowed for a courtesy salute to the Canadian flag. The Chaplain gave the invocation.

The MOC introduced the dignitaries and presented the calendar for the next month. We welcomed PM Roger Webb and Prophet David Douglas who we have not seen in a while.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: Minutes of the prior stated meeting and the Ceremonial of April 23, 2016 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. Passed

Bills:

4/4/16	Verizon phone bill	45.06	
4/8/16	Stahl Insurance Jokers Parade	825.43	
4/9/16	Donation to Humanitarian Foundation		20.00
	Patrick Lynch - Initiation Fee		50.00
4/9/16	Donation to Humanitarian Foundation	20.00	
4/18/16	city - water	131.32	
4/18/16	Donald Willis		34.00
	Jody Meguiar Life Membership		450.00
4/20/16	D Turin & Company - 12 fezzes	908.61	
4/22/16	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10	
4/26/16	Joe Griffith food for ceremonial	34.24	
4/26/16	SEGA Dues for 2016	15.00	
4/26/16	cash for EL from James Hughey		50.00
	Daylight Lodge - April 2016		200.00
4/26/16	EL for James Hughey see D 41	50.00	
4/28/16	Rick Renshaw / Eastern Star		40.00
4/29/16	Duke Energy	175.49	
4/29/16	Postmaster (Bruce Ward)	47.00	

The 4-26-16 check to Joe Griffith should have been paid by the Cast unit.

This will need corrected.

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as amended. Passed.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
2,037.92	Payments
876.00	Deposits
2,495.03	Balance at EOM

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

Trust Fund Report	
0.00	Withdrawals
8,511.99	Interest (Growth)
329,973.65	Balance

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

Communications:

- Trestleboards from Star, Clearwater, Nitram, and Elmer O. Smith Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
- Notice of SEGA Convention, posted on bulletin board.
- More in Sickness and Distress

PETITIONS: None

BALLOTING: None

Recommendations: It was recommended that Selama Grotto support David Vincent in his bid for second Vice President of FSGA. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept this recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – Tom McVeigh – No Report
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Excellent Ceremony on April 23, 2016, four new prophets. Dark until September.
- Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Practice Saturday May 21, 2016 at 9:00 am for Clowns and Cars.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: Joe Griffith – one application passed out and one referral to Zendah Grotto.
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – getting more referrals from Pasco and Hillsborough counties.
- Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
- Toothbrush: John Mitton – Publix is a go, date to be set.
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent – none this month
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer – no report

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ It is with heavy heart that the Supreme Council must inform the Realm that PGM Robert Young of Bendemeer Grotto passed away yesterday. PGM Young was Grand Monarch from 1988 to 1989. Notice has been posted on the bulletin board.
- ◆ Letter about passing of Beverly Newton, PGM

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

- Kentucky Derby party was a success.
- August 6, 2016 there will be an old fashioned Fish Fry, All You Can Eat. Donation \$15.00, Children \$10.00, Under 6 and over 100 Free.
- Late September will be a Corn Boil – All You Can Eat – more details to come.
- Past Monarchs Unit will be Dark for June, July, and August. Vote was taken during this meeting.
- Roger Webb got his 50 year pin at Blue Lodge and his 50 year Blue Hat at Scottish Rite last week.
- Selama will visit Nitram Lodge tomorrow May 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Dress is red tie, black shirt, and jacket.
- Tuesday May 17, 2016 Selama will visit Tampa Bay Lodge in Tarpon Springs.
- Friday Night Social this week will feature Lasagna by Monarch Joe Griffith.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary