

Session minutes September 14, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, VP James Hughey, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PSCDD Richard Green, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Captain of the Guard John Mitton, Sentinel David Douglas.

There were a total of 6 Past Monarchs and 9 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. The petition of Russell Wurr was read and balloted upon. The ballot was clear. Russell was then obligated. 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 were distributed in the dining room prior to the meeting. Minutes were adopted as distributed.

Minutes of the August 26, 2016 Memorial Service were read and adopted as read

Bills:

8-1-16	Duke Energy	300.05
8-8-16	Barry Dupré LAFSCO FEZ Rick Hoover	202.45
8-9-16	SEGA Dues for 2017 see voucher 233	15.00
8-19-16	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	
648.82	Payments
2,650.00	Deposits
3,341.20	Balance at EOM

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 14 to 0.

Communications:

- ◆ Trestleboards from Star, Clearwater, Nitram, and Elmer O. Smith Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
- ◆ Info on Membership program for 2016-2017 Supreme year. We have the two re-instatements, need the five new members.

PETITIONS: done earlier

BALLOTING: done earlier

Recommendations:

1. Recommendation (1) It was recommended by David Douglas, who approached Chris Webb with this idea, to donate a breakfast tray to our participating dentists once per quarter, cost not to exceed \$30.00 each time. Moved, seconded, and passed 14 to 0.
2. Recommendation (2) It was recommended that according to Article III Section 8 of our bylaws that we provide a Life Membership for Joe Griffith at the end of his term as Monarch. Moved, seconded, and passed. The vote was 1 yes and 13 abstentions.

OLD BUSINESS:

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1. Our 100th Anniversary is coming up in 2022. Drake will be Grand Monarch but we want no substitute. Need to send invitation soon. We pay his room and board but not travel.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Donation from Kelly Dougherty Family - \$200.00 It was moved, seconded, and passed to place it in the General Fund. Passed 14 to 0.
2. It was moved and seconded to award \$375 to Joe Griffith at the end of his term to purchase a Past Monarch's Fez and/or other Grotto Jewelry. Passed 14 to 0.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – Tom McVeigh – Had a good time at LNO.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré – Will meet on the 4th Wed. at 7:00 pm to elect new officers and director. Also the newly appointed bylaws committee will meet Wednesday September 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Members of the bylaws committee are: Barry Dupré, Joe Griffith (ex-officio) Richard Green, Rick Renshaw, and David Vincent.
- Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Joker's unit is now active, we need drivers for the cards. Next Parade will be around Thanksgiving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: Joe Griffith – Joe will contact Port Tampa Lodge for a visit, maybe September 20, 2016
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb - no report
- Public Relations: David Vincent – no progress so far. Working with Safeway, formerly Albertsons.
- Toothbrush: John Mitton – still looking – Seminole Mall is a possibility and Safeway.
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent – no new lanterns, Rich Renshaw bought a #38 EL tab tonight.
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer – no report. There was a discussion about Demolay by Jody Meguiar, Barry Dupré and David Vincent.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ Roger Webb had a MRI today and the doctor told him to take it easy for 3 or 4 days. So he could not come tonight.
- ◆ Kelly Dougherty passed on August 23, 2016.
- ◆ Tom McVeigh is absent tonight because he is dog sitting.
- ◆ Jeanni Kinney is back in the hospital. Came home yesterday, had intestinal issue. She is in need of a washing machine.
- ◆ Frank Westberry is continuing dialysis every night.
- ◆ Masonic Funeral for Bob Kline will be this Saturday September 17, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Masonic Home. WM Tom Quay to perform the ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

1. November 19, 2016 7:00 PM. will be Las Vegas Night here at the Grotto in conjunction with Gulf Beach OES. Cost will be \$20.00 and you get a wad of play money. At the end of the night the play money can be used to bid in the auction. Limit two winning bids in the auction.
2. Necrology service at FSGA will be Friday September 24, 2016 just before lunch.
3. David Douglas is selling Christmas Wreaths for the Scottish Rite, cost is \$25.00 each.

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary