

Session minutes December 14, 2016

Present: MON Joe Griffith, CJ David Vincent, MOC Chris Webb, VP James Hughey, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Chaplain Joe Glaser, Sentinel Fred Kalkbrenner. There were a total of 6 Past Monarchs and 6 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 Brian Jacob was read and balloted upon. The ballot was clear. Brian was then obligated. 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 October and November stated meetings and of the Funeral Service for Richard Green 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.

Bills:

10/12/16	Bruce Ward for mowing	60.00	
10/18/16	city - water	297.68	
10/25/16	Scottish Rite - David Douglas - Wreath	25.00	
11/4/16	Duke Energy	229.20	
11/4/16	Frontier replaces Verizon	46.26	
11/4/16	David Vincent reimburse supplies	76.32	
11/4/16	Bruce reimburse for ink and labels	60.21	
11/8/16	Electric Mower and cords	260.41	
	Flowers for Richard Green	75.00	
	LAFSCO for PM Fez	61.95	
11/9/16	Seminole Chamber of Comm. Parade	35.00	
11/9/16	reimburse DV Pinellas Park Parade x2	70.00	
11/15/16	city - water	142.66	
11/30/16	Duke Energy	177.93	

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 11 to 0.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
1,286.21	Payments
760.00	Deposits
2,957.16	Balance at EOM

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 11 to 0.

Trust Fund Report is only given in April, July, October, and January, skip in other months

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Communications:

- ◆ Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
- ◆ Check from Al Rodgers in the amount of \$100.00 in memory of Richard Green. Read note from Al Rogers.
- ◆ Newsletter from Brookwood
- ◆ Christmas card from Jerry Haywood 1st VP for FSGA. Posted on bulletin board.
- ◆ Letter from York Rite about MEGHP Homecoming April 1, 2017. Posted on bulletin board.

Recommendations from BOD October 25, 2016

1. Fred Kalkbrenner to be chairman of the Board of Trustees and Tom McVeigh to replace Richard Green and both to be signers on the account at the financial institution.
It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt this resolution.
2. David Douglas to replace Richard Green on the Audit Committee.
It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt this resolution.
3. To reimburse Joe Griffith for the funeral wreath for Richard Green in our name.
It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt this resolution.
4. To purchase a Christmas Wreath from Scottish Rite for the price of \$25.00.
It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt this resolution.
5. To donate \$300 to Brookwood as our charity for this Christmas.
It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt this resolution.

Recommendations from BOD November 22, 2016

1. It was recommended to move \$6,000 in interest from the Trust Fund account to the checking account.
It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt this resolution.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.
Drake has been notified and has it on his calendar, need exact date and description of activities.
Address the letter "Dear Grand Monarch". Send invite but do not include name just in case.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Officers for 2017:

- Nominations for Monarch was called for three times. PM David Vincent was nominated and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

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- Nominations for Chief Justice was called for three times. David Douglas was nominated and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for Master of Ceremonies was called for three times. Chris Webb was nominated and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for Venerable Prophet was called for three times. Russ Wurr was nominated and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for Treasurer was called for three times. PM Hardy Bryan III was nominated and he said he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for Secretary was called for three times. PM Bruce Ward was nominated and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for the Board of Directors was called for three times. John Devore and Joe Glaser terms expire this year. Board of Directors members may not succeed themselves. Russ Wurr and Fred Kalkbrenner were nominated and both accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
- Nominations for the Board of Trustees was called for three times. Tom McVeigh and Ed Flowers terms expire this year. Board of Trustees members may succeed themselves. Tom McVeigh and Ed Flowers were nominated. There were no other nominations.

Election of Officers for 2017:

By order of DDGM Rick Renshaw we were allowed to proceed to elections.

Since none of the nominations above were opposed, the Secretary was ordered to cast a unanimous ballot for all those nominated. Motion passed.

Remission of dues:

Seven prophet names were read for remission of dues. It was moved and seconded to remit the dues of these members. Motion passed 12 to 0.

PETITIONS: The petition of Brian Jacob was previously read.

BALLOTING: The petition of Brian Jacob was previously voted upon and the ballot was clear.

UNIT REPORTS:

- Past Monarch's Unit – Rick Renshaw stated they met in December. Closed initiation is set for February at Perkins.
- Cast Unit – Barry Dupré - Dark
- Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – We participated in two parades – very successful. We missed the Veterans Day parade in Gulfport because we did know about it in time. Still trying to sell the Crosley.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: Joe Griffith – one new member
- Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – Visited Nina Harris, this is where we get most of our dental patients from.
- Public Relations: David Vincent - no report
- Toothbrush: John Mitton - no report
- Enchanted Lantern: David Vincent – EL tie presented to Jody Meguiar.
- Youth Coordinator: Ryan Saxer - no report

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- ◆ John Mitton - As of Oct. 31, 2016 John Mitton has been moved to room 208 Sabal Palms Health Care Center, 499 Alternate Keene Road, Largo, FL 33771 As of Nov 2, 2016 he is back in Morton Plant hospital in the ER. Doctors can not stop his hemorrhaging.
- ◆ Ed Flowers' son Roland was discharged from the hospital to home Wed. Nov. 2 and made airplane reservations for this coming Thursday. Send Ed a card at Inn At Freedom Square 10801 Johnson Blvd, Seminole, FL 33772

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. We will visit Northside Lodge on Nov. 21, 2016. Black shirt, red tie, and Fez.
3. Pinellas Park parade – Saturday December 10, 2016 – steps off 6:00 p.m. – line up 4:00 p.m.
4. Seminole Parade – Sunday December 11, 2016 – steps off 6:30 p.m. --- line up 4:30 p.m.
5. Adult Christmas party will be this Friday December 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Men should bring a gift for a man (marked or tagged as "man") and women should bring a gift for a woman. Please keep gifts in the \$10 range. This is open to all members, friends, family, master masons, and Eastern Star.
6. Children's Christmas party will be Sunday December 18, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Open to Grotto Children up to 16 years old. Drop dead date to get information in WAS November 22, 2016

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary