

Session minutes

May 10, 2017

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ David Douglas, MOC Chris Webb, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PM Joe Griffith, Chaplain James Hughey, Sentinel Joe Glaser.

There were a total of 8 Past Monarchs and 3 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.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

Minutes of the prior stated meeting 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 corrected.

Bills:

4/12/17	city - water	149.71
4/18/17	Stahl Insurance Jokers Parade	825.04
4/21/17	D Turin & Company CHAPLAIN strip	57.44
4/30/17	Balanced 4-30-17	
5/2/17	Frontier replaces Verizon	46.24
5/2/17	Duke Energy	193.85
5/5/17	FSGA	61.00
5/5/17	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 10 to 0.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
1,535.44	Payments
3,643.00	Deposits
5,735.68	Balance at EOM

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Passed 10 to 0.

Communications:

1. Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
2. Demolay Awards Banquet program with our ad in it.
3. From Supreme Council:
 - a) Call to Convention
 - b) Dress code for Convention
 - c) Legislation for the 127th Convention
 - d) Handouts from Candidates

PETITIONS: none

BALLOTING: none

RECOMMENDATIONS: none

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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:

It was moved, seconded and passed that PM Marshall Joe Griffith would attend the convention and carry the proxy of the Monarch and that PM John Devore would attend the convention and carry the proxy of the Chief Justice.

UNIT REPORTS:

2. Past Monarch's Unit – David Vincent – Reviewed the CJ's calendar for 2018
3. Cast Unit – Barry Dupré or Charlie Clinker - Dark
4. Jokers Unit: –Chris Webb – we have a collector looking at the Crosley, wants to trade for El Camino w/no engine, rust, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership: David Vincent – Will visit Tarpon Lodge #112 on Thursday May 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm dinner at 6:30 pm. Please bring your Fez and wear a Grotto Shirt. Will visit Port Tampa Lodge Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. 4712 Commerce St. Tampa.
2. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – no report
3. Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
4. Toothbrush: John Mitton – Pilgrimage Day raised \$37.00
5. Enchanted Lantern: David Douglas – no report.
6. Youth Coordinator: Bruce Ward – DeMolay still looking for members.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

Ed Flowers is still at the VA. Son Rowland has gone back up north.
Earl Chaney, brother-in-law to Al Rodgers, has passed. Al expects to visit us soon.
David Vincent is going into surgery soon (June). He has spur on spine to front of neck.
Ron Watson is to receive an Enchanted Lantern, Secretary will be asked to mail it.
Rick Renshaw doing well after knee surgery, doing physical therapy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

Hardy's wife Zenaida is now a U. S. citizen.
July 1, 2017 will be the Kenneth City Parade, 9:15 am step off, line up at 8:00 am
July 4, 2017 will be the Gulfport Parade, 6:00 pm step off, 4:30 pm line up.

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary