

Present: CJ David Douglas, MOC Chris Webb, VP Russ Wurr, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PM Joe Griffith, SCDD James Mason. Also present PM Tom McVeigh, PM Rick Renshaw SCDD and PPFSGA and Prophet John Mitton.

OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS: At 7:30 p.m. the Grotto was called to order and **SCDD James Mason** was escorted in. The Monarch then opened in due form 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:

The prior Stated meeting minutes were distributed in the dining room before the meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed to bypass the reading of the minutes. Minutes were adopted as distributed.

Bills:

10/2/17	Duke Energy	311.68
10/6/17	Ink for printer	34.75
10/9/17	Florida Demolay - Ad in magazine	45.00
10/13/17	city - water	142.66
10/17/17	D Turin & Company - soft fez cases	220.52
10/18/17	Lindsey Refrigeration - cleaning	245.00
10/24/17	Scottish Rite - David Douglas - Wreath	25.00
10/27/17	Duke Energy	285.68

It was moved, seconded and passed to pay the bills as read.

The Treasurer reported previous month	
808.09	Payments
5,925.00	Deposits
8,206.82	Balance at EOM

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's reports subject to audit.

Communications:

1. Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
2. Newsletter from Brookwood (one of our charities) posted on bulletin board.

PETITIONS: none

BALLOTING: none

RECOMMENDATIONS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The fee for the Gulfport Parade will be applied to next year's entry since we will not be able to participate this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominations for Monarch for 2018 was called for three times. David Douglas was nominated and he indicated that he accepted the nomination.
2. Nominations for Treasurer for 2018 was called for three times. Hardy Bryan III was nominated and he indicated that he accepted the nomination.
3. Nominations for Secretary for 2018 was called for three times. Bruce Ward was nominated and he indicated that he accepted the nomination.
4. Nominations for Chief Justice for 2018 was called for three times. Joe Griffith was nominated and he indicated that he accepted the nomination.
5. Nominations for Master of Ceremonies for 2018 was called for three times. Chris Webb was nominated and he indicated that he accepted the nomination.
6. Nominations for Venerable Prophet for 2018 was called for three times. Charlie Clinker was nominated and he indicated that he accepted the nomination.
7. Remission of dues: The Secretary read the list of names. It was moved, seconded, and passed.
8. Bruce Ward moves that we accept the quote from Lindsey Air Conditioning for replacing our failing unit. It was seconded. There was discussion. Two quotes were distributed in the dining room. Motion passed.
9. Hardy Bryan III moved that we transfer \$5,600.00 for the maintenance account to checking to pay for the new AC unit. Seconded and passed.

UNIT REPORTS:

1. Past Monarch's Unit – David Vincent – no report
2. Cast Unit – Chris Webb - no report
3. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – floor of floated to be replaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership: David Vincent – no report
2. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – Money will be available again in January 2018, Chris has one on hold. Jody and Jerome Meguiar want to buy Enchanted Lanterns but are waiting for assurance that it is a sound investment.
3. Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
4. Toothbrush: John Mitton – no report
5. Enchanted Lantern: David Douglas – 2 more, total of 6 so far this year.
6. Youth Coordinator: Bruce Ward – The Demolay boys and Jobs Daughters passed out candy at Pinellas Park Halloween event. Demolay also held an Open House to recruit new members.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

1. John Mitton still having trouble with his leg.
2. James Hughey is too sick to come out to the meeting.
3. David Vincent is in California to help bring his wife back to St. Petersburg.
4. Brian Jacob – they found lesions on his lungs, 2 cm, will have surgery.

5. Al Rodgers probably will not move back to St. Petersburg. He is not allowed to drive. He did get a prosthetic.
6. Ed Flowers will get his 55-year pin this Saturday at Pinellas Daylight Lodge.
7. Bill West is in an Assisted Living Facility. Still hanging in there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

1. The Secretary read information about Veterans Day.
2. Bruce Ward announced that the Unit checking accounts need activity to keep from being charged a Service Fee.
3. EARLY NOTICE -BUT- NEVER TOO EARLY. We need to start considering the Holidays such as Thanksgiving, Adult Christmas Party, and Children's Christmas Party. They are but 2 weeks away and will arrive quickly.

The gavel was turned over to SCDD Jim Mason for his remarks. He covered the Grand Monarch's edits for this year. He especially noted that the following committees are very important and required for Supreme Council code.

- a) Membership
- b) Dr. of Smiles
- c) Enchanted Lantern

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary