

Present: MON David Vincent, CJ David Douglas, MOC Chris Webb, VP Russ Wurr, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall PM Joe Griffith, Chaplain James Hughey, Captain of the Guard John Mitton, Sentinel Joe Glaser, SCDD James Mason.

There were a total of _____ Past Monarchs and _____ 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:

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:

11/1/17	SC Initiate Andrew Gluchov	15.00
11/1/17	SC Initiate Jerome Meguiar	15.00
11/1/17	Frontier October	47.75
11/1/17	Frontier November	47.78
11/3/17	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10
11/8/17	Ink for printer	63.12
11/14/17	city - water	181.62
11/21/17	Lindsey Refrigeration AC dining room	5,600.00
11/28/17	Duke Energy	184.36

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 12 to 0.

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
6,377.25	Payments
5,977.00	Deposits
7,806.57	Balance at EOM

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's reports subject to audit. Passed 12 to 0.

Communications:

1. Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
2. Past Monarch's Certificate for David Vincent from Supreme Council.
3. Request from Brookwood for a donation.
4. Two letters from Grand Lodge for our donations during the Grand Master's Official Visit.
5. Two letters from the State Attorneys office and the Sheriffs office about the front door.

PETITIONS:

Charles Sprankle from Bendemeer in Little Rock, Arkansas for affiliation. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the petition.

BALLOTING: The petition of Charles Sprankle was balloted on and the vote was clear.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Pinellas Daylight Lodge visited our November Board of Directors meeting and requested a change to the rent structure. This was discussed and it was moved and seconded to keep the current rent amount of \$200 per month, entitling them to the second and fourth Saturdays. Passed 7 to 6.

- 2. It was recommended to give up to \$300 to one or more families in need at this time of year. If such families can not be found then to give the money to Brookwood. Since no family had been found it was moved and seconded to give \$300 to Brookwood. Passed 11 to 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Bruce Ward moved that since there was only one nomination for each office, that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for each office. Seconded and passed.
The Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for each office and the following were elected to serve in 2018.
Monarch – David Douglas
Treasurer – Hardy Bryan III
Secretary – Bruce Ward
Chief Justice – Joe Griffith
Master of Ceremonies – Chris Webb
Venerable Prophet – Charlie Clinker
- 2. Hardy Bryan move to give the Secretary an additional \$200 for exemplary performance this year. Passed 11 to 0.

UNIT REPORTS:

- 1. Past Monarch’s Unit – Joe Griffith or David Vincent – no report
- 2. Cast Unit – Charlie Clinker - no report
- 3. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Pinellas Park parade a tire on the float rolled off the rim. Did not go into the Seminole parade because of the tire and the temperature was 52°. Float has new floor boards and seats.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Membership: David Vincent – one new, Charles Sprankle by affiliation.
- 2. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – no report
- 3. Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
- 4. Toothbrush: John Mitton – no report
- 5. Enchanted Lantern: David Douglas – no report
- 6. Youth Coordinator: Bruce Ward – Job’s Daughters were on the float in the Pinellas Park parade.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

- 1. Brian Jacob still in Gainesville. Having surgery for lesions on his lungs. Undergoing strong chemo therapy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

There will be no Board of Directors meeting in December.

There will be no Unit meetings in December.

Installation and Adult Christmas Party will be December 22, 2017. See bulletin board.

Move Chris Webb’s Grandparents to Masonic Home Wed. Dec. 20, 2017 8:00 am to noon

It was moved, seconded, and passed to move the ages for the Kids Christmas Party to 12 and under.

David Douglas, incoming Monarch, presented some calendar items for 2018. Wants a Homecoming for all prophets (Selama Grotto members). Also wants to do a Rusty Nail Degree.

CLOSING: The Grotto was put at ease at 8:54 p.m. for Open Installation on December 22, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary