

Present: MON David Douglas, CJ Joe Griffith, MOC Chris Webb, VP Charlie Clinker, Treasurer PM Hardy Bryan 3rd, Secretary PM Bruce Ward, Marshall Russ Wurr, Chaplain James Hughey, Captain of the Guard John Mitton, Sentinel Joe Glaser. There were a total of 9 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 MOC introduced the dignitaries and presented the calendar for the next month.

PETITIONS:

The petition of Ernst Porter was read, accepted, and balloted on. The ballot was clear. Ernst was then obligated and welcomed as a Prophet.

INSTALLION:

Charles Clinker was installed at Venerable Prophet. The Installing Officer was Barry Duprè and the Installing Marshall was Russell Wurr.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous Stated meeting 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:

12/1/17	Grand Lodge GM's project	100.00
12/1/17	Grand Lodge First Lady's project	100.00
12/3/17	David Douglas Kids Christmas Party	57.75
12/3/17	David Douglas - supplies (liquor cabinet)	53.38
12/4/17	Frontier for November	47.78
12/8/17	We Do Locksmith	295.00
12/10/17	David Vincent - supplies - bar and kitchen	284.12
12/13/17	city - water	144.58
12/13/17	Supreme Council - Dues cards	10.66
12/13/17	Bruce Ward - stipend and bonus	500.00
12/13/17	Hardy Bryan - stipend	300.00
12/13/17	Brookwood Girls Center	300.00
12/13/17	Chris Webb Kids Christmas Party	215.77
12/13/17	water meter cover	6.34
12/19/17	office supplies - stamps	49.00
12/29/17	Duke Energy	197.23

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed 11 to 2.

The Treasurer reported previous month	
2661.61	Payments
567.00	Deposits
5711.96	Balance at EOM

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

Only in January, April, July, and October, skip on other months

Trust Fund Report	
17093.09	Interest added (12 months)
13,600.00	Withdrawals (12 months)
3493.09	Total Interest Available
16036.50	Gains (or Losses)
361,289.26	Total Value

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Trust Fund report. Passed 14 to 0

Communications:

1. Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
2. Letter of Thanks from Brookwood for our \$300 donation.
3. Letter from William Rulfison thank the brothers for helping him and his wife move into the Masonic Home.

PETITIONS: none

BALLOTING: none

RECOMMENDATIONS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bruce Ward moved that the Grotto sponsor a dance for the youth groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. Cost not to exceed \$300. Fifty percent will be reimbursed by Supreme Council. Dance would be a Nitram Lodge on Feb. 10, 2018. Passed 14 to 0.
2. The financial books were audited and found to be in order. Audit committee was John Mitton, John Devore, and Joseph Glaser.
3. It was moved, seconded, and passed that we allow Danny Hess to paint a Square and Compass on the East side of the building. We will initiate him at no cost to himself.

4. Barry Duprè moved that Selama Grotto pay in one lump sum their delinquent H-F commitment, now totaling \$8,000.00 to complete the \$10,000.00 we pledged to them, through the Fairchild Society, which was made over 4-yrs ago in honor of PM's Lee Griffith and Mark Flower for their outstanding humanitarian works. Seconded and passed 7 to 4.

UNIT REPORTS:

1. Cast Unit – Charlie Clinker - no report
2. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – lost a tire on the float - being repaired. Need new wheel.
3. Past Monarch's Unit – Joe Griffith – LNO Feb. 6, 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership: David Vincent – 1 new - Ernst Porter
2. Suspension: Bruce Ward – no report
3. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – There have been a lot of changes to the Dental program. Such as not paying for hospital admissions and restricting who can qualify. Chris has a new patient and possibly a second patient. The HF website needs updated. See attached letter from HF.
4. Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith – 3 so far this year.
5. Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
6. Toothbrush: John Mitton – no report
7. Youth Coordinator: Bruce Ward – The Youth Groups will have a dance at Nitram Lodge at 7:00 pm on Feb. 10, 2018. All DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and prospects from 12 to 20 years old are invited.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS:

1. Brian Jacob - Still in Gainesville, lesions on lungs, found lumps, looking at severe chemo.
2. Richard Daniel - now home, needs therapy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order

David Vincent presented Rich Renshaw with Prophet of the Year Award from the Past Monarchs. David Vincent reminded everyone that we have the CP program tomorrow.

CLOSING: The Grotto was closed in due form at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary