

# SELAMA GROTTO M.O.V.P.E.R.

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Session minutes

February 14, 2018

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

There were a total of 8 Past Monarchs and 7 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 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:**

1/2/18	Frontier December	47.78
1/2/18	Humanitarian Foundation see D92	50.00
1/5/18	Emory Brantley - Pest Control	32.10
1/10/18	Charlie Clinker - VP advance	150.00
1/15/18	city - water	155.38
1/19/18	Supreme - per capita	1,471.75
1/23/18	Dovetail Building Insurance	2,819.81
1/29/18	Duke Energy	326.79
1/31/18	Frontier	48.12

It was moved and seconded to pay the bills as read. Passed by voice vote.

The Treasurer reported previous month	
5,101.73	Payments
1,497.40	Deposits
2,107.63	Balance at EOM

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

## **Communications:**

1. Trestleboards from several Lodges. All posted on bulletin board.
2. Letter from SEGA requesting dues, necrology report, and new officers report. Dues have been paid and the two reports have been submitted.
3. Info from SEGA about the 2018 convention New Orleans, LA May 17 to 19, 2018
4. Letter from BBT about our \$100 bonus for opening our account with them.

**PETITIONS:** none

**BALLOTING:** none

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- ❖ Election of Replacements for Board of Directors and Board of Trustees with 2017 terms expiring
- ❖ Note Bene: Board of Trustees requires three Past Monarchs and three Red Tassels.
- ❖ Note Bene: Board of Directors may NOT succeed themselves.
- 1. The craft voted to approve the RECOMMENDATION that PM Chris Webb and Marshal Russell Wurr be elected to the Board of Trustees, their terms to expire in 2020.
- 2. The craft voted to approve the RECOMMENDATION that VP Charlie Clinker be elected to replace Ed Flowers on the Board of Trustees, his term to expire in 2019.
- 3. The craft voted to approve the RECOMMENDATION that PM John Devore and PM Ray White be elected to the Board of Directors, their terms to expire in 2020.
- 4. The craft voted to approve the RECOMMENDATION that we paint the east wall of the building, allow the Monarch to appoint a committee to buy the paint and paint the wall.
- 5. The craft voted to approve the RECOMMENDATION that we NOT pay the \$8,000 to the Humanitarian Foundation at this time. Two prophets voted in the negative.
- 6. The craft voted to NOT approve the RECOMMENDATION that we pay \$250 per year to the Humanitarian Foundation. Motion failed by a vote 5 for, 9 against.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Charlie Clinker moved and Barry Duprè seconded that we write a letter to the Humanitarian Foundation requesting to take our name off the \$10,000 donation plaque. Passed. with two prophets voting in the negative.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Treasurer Hardy Bryan moved that we move \$4,000 from the interest portion of the Trust Fund to the checking account. Seconded and passed by voice vote.
2. Secretary Bruce Ward moved that we pay \$25 for a table at Pilgrimage Day to promote our Toothbrush program. Seconded and passed by voice vote.
3. Tom McVeigh was appointed Chair of the Exterior Appearance committee.
4. David Vincent was appointed Chair to see that the Square & Compasses is painted on the East wall.
5. Bruce Ward was appointed as Chair to acquire sponsorship of the Little League Challenger team.

**UNIT REPORTS:**

1. Cast Unit – Charlie Clinker - Ceremony will be March 24, 2018. Samoor will bring 3 or 4 candidates and 2 or 3 prophet helpers. Zendah will bring 6 to 8 candidates and 3 or 4 prophet helpers. Lunch at 11:30 am, Ladies invited.
2. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – David Vincent with Rich Renshaw and Joe Griffith are looking at getting new cars that will be easier to get in and out of.
3. Past Monarch's Unit – Joe Griffith – no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Membership: David Vincent – no report
2. Suspension: Bruce Ward – no report

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3. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – As of Jan. 31, 2018 the new family has contacted Humanitarian Foundation, just has not been processed. Update: This family has an appointment for March 14, 2018. A second family has been waiting 8 months. Re-submitted on Jan. 2, 2018, have not been answered or approved.
4. Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith – Two Enchanted Lanterns were presented.
5. Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
6. Toothbrush: John Mitton – need help for Pilgrimage Day.
7. Youth Coordinator: Bruce Ward – The Youth Dance was a success. Had 24 people present including some from Tarpon Springs and Tampa. Thank you for sponsoring it. Left over decorations are in the dining room. Bruce was requested to see about sponsoring a member of Rainbow and Job's Daughters.

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- ✓ PM Roger Webb was seen at our Ladies Night Out.
- ✓ Most Worshipful Grand Master and Prophet Rick Hoover and his lady Bobbie were also there.
- ✓ David Vincent is working on his new and old houses. He tipped over a Bob Cat doing yard work. There was a cage and he is only banged up.
- ✓ Brian Jacob is still taking chemo. He is planning on going to the Strawberry Festival March 1, 2018.
- ✓ Bill West passed Jan. 25, 2018. Northside did a service on Thursday Jan 8, 2018.
- ✓ Ed Flowers no new information.
- ✓ Al Rodgers is doing better. Still planning on visiting soon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order**

1. The SCDD should make a visit to our Stated Meeting March 14, 2018. Officers show up at 6:00 pm for practice.
2. Please come out to the Jokers and Cast meeting on Wed. Feb. 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Both units need your support. We have a Ceremony scheduled for March 24 and need your help.
3. SCDD Jim Mason's wife Sherri has diverticulitis.
4. Hardy noted that the electric bill has gone up this month.
5. The Board of Trustees will meet following this meeting and select a Chairman.

**CLOSING:** The Grotto was closed in due form at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary