

**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, SCDD James Mason.

There were a total of 7 Past Monarchs, 8 red tassels and 1 visitors.

**OPENING:**

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.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND CALENDAR:**

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:**

2/8/18	SEGA Dues for 2018	15.00
2/12/18	city - water	152.40
2/14/18	Rick Renshaw building supplies	32.28
2/16/18	St Pete Little League	500.00
2/22/18	David Vincent Kitchen & Bar Supplies	108.66
2/21/18	SC Initiate Ernest Porter	15.00
2/26/18	St. Petersburg Fire Inspection	60.00
2/27/18	Duke Energy	195.87

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

The Treasurer reported for the previous month	
1,079.20	Payments
555.00	Deposits
1,583.42	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.

**PETITIONS:** none

**BALLOTING:** none

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. It was moved and seconded to approve the **RECOMMENDATION** from the Board that the grotto sponsor the Challenger Team at St. Pete Little League at a cost of \$500. This includes our name of the team jerseys and our advertising on their website [www.StPeteLittleLeague.com](http://www.StPeteLittleLeague.com). Passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. It was moved and seconded to accept new initiates form the Grand Lodge Class in Orlando this year. Meaning that “we will suspend our voting rights to accept new members as stated in Section 33 of the Code”. It will be Monday after the Past Masters degree. Passed by voice vote.
2. By David Douglas
  - a) Scottish Rite Dinner March 24, 2018. Feast of Kadash Dinner.
  - b) Scottish Rite Class first weekend in May (Sat. and Sun.)
  - c) Desires to set up visit by each of the three youth groups.

**UNIT REPORTS:**

1. Cast Unit – Charlie Clinker - Had rehearsal last night. Next will be Wed. March 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
2. Jokers Unit: –David Vincent – Will have our float at Pilgrimage Day. No word on new cars.
3. Past Monarch’s Unit – Joe Griffith – No word from HF about anything. But Chris and mothers from the two families are emailing HF. First has been approved. Second family has been approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Membership: David Vincent – no report
2. Suspension: Bruce Ward – no report
3. Dr of Smiles: Chris Webb – no report
4. Enchanted Lantern: Joe Griffith – 1 new lantern sold
5. Public Relations: David Vincent – no report
6. Toothbrush: John Mitton – Need help for Pilgrimage Day.
7. Youth Coordinator: Bruce Ward – no report

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS:**

- Brian Jacob is in good spirits. May be able to make Pilgrimage Day. Went to Strawberry Festival. Will try to make our ceremony.
- James Mason’s wife Sherri has diverticulitis, has had major surgery, in ICU for 15 day. In rehab now. Doing well. On the surgery, must heal from the inside out, will take a while.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Good of the Order**

SCDD James Mason gave his remarks. Read the edicts from 2017, no new edits this year.

**CLOSING:** The Grotto was closed in due form at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward, PM, Secretary