

Minutes, August 1, 1937

Regular meeting of the Knights of Malta held Sunday, August 1st 1937 at 6:00 p.m. at 30 East 40th Street, New York.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order.

Chairman-Lieut. Grand Master: Dr. Wm. Schier Bryant.
Secretary-Grand Chancellor pro-tem: Thourot Pichel.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Finances was read and approved.

The Chairman announced the death of our Grand Chancellor, Dr. Joseph Gaston B. Bulloch and appointed a Committee to represent the Order and pay its respects to the family of the late Grand Chancellor.

The Membership and Credentials Committees submitted a list of names and ranks for the approval of the meeting.

On a motion by Knight Peter de Chern and seconded by Count Boutourlin it was moved that the names be accepted for membership and recorded in the archives.

The Lieutenant Grand Master exercising his prerogative as a Grand Master, submitted the names of two knights for a merited promotion, as follows:

Walter Seth Kipnis, to Knight Commander of Justice.
Chas. L. T. Pichel, to Knight Commander of Justice.

The Secretary recorded the above promotions and read to the meeting a number of incoming and outgoing letters to the meeting.

The Chair then explained to the meeting that the official minutes of the Order were in a deplorable condition, dating back to the first meetings of more than 25 years. That no doubt this neglected condition was due in part to the vicissitudes of wars, long periods of inactivity, procrastination, and possible neglect.

That it is even possible that certain minutes may be missing.

That the minutes have not been typed and signed but actually appear to be hand written, sometimes in scribbled pencil, some in English, others in French and German. In some cases the writing is illegible.

The Chair reminded the meeting that it was very important

to have the official minutes of every meeting properly typed and signed by the Secretary of each meeting, and in some cases by the President as well.

In view of this condition, the Chair commissioned Knight Pichel to begin at once, this stupendous task of searching for, translating and transcribing into English, each and every record of minutes obtainable, making one original and one carbon copy for the archives of the Order.

As the transcribed minutes would not bear the actual and required original signatures, the Chair suggested that each record of minutes indicate in type the name of the original signer, accompanied by the impressions of the official double seal of the Order.

That upon completion of this task by Knight Pichel, it was suggested by the Chair that the previously described transcribed minutes be accepted and defended by the members as the official minutes of the Order.

Upon a motion by Knight Kipnis and seconded by Count Boutourlin, it was moved that the completed transcribed minutes with the impressions of the official double seal of the Order, be accepted as the official minutes of the Order.
Motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Chairman then asked the members to join him in prayer for the repose of the souls of the departed knights of the Order.

There being no other business at hand, and on a motion by Prince Gagarin, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Thourot Pichel
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Secretary pro-tem.

