

Minutes, December 31, 1955

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors or Trustees of the Knights of Malta, held Saturday, December 31st 1955, 8:00 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order.

Chairman pro tem: Thourot Pichel.

Secretary pro tem: Wm. Alexander Valentine.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On a motion by the chair, seconded by Knight Valentine, it was moved that Franklin A. West be promoted to the rank of Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice. Passed by unanimous vote.

A report of the Committee on Finance was read and approved, in which it was shown that the Order is indebted to the Grand Chancellor for his personal funds expended for the welfare of the Order over the past five years.

Upon a motion by Knight Valentine, seconded by Knight Carey, it was moved that the grand chancellor be fully compensated, if and when sufficient funds are received by the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by the Lieutenant Grand Master, seconded by the Chair, it was moved that Knight Franklin A. West and General A. B. Carey be nominated and elected as permanent directors or trustees of the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Secretary, it was moved that H.E. Dr. F. H. von Zeppelin be asked to act as the Lieutenant Grand Master of the Order, beginning during the year of 1956. Passed by unanimous vote.


The Chair read correspondence of interest to the meeting.

The membership and Credentials Committee submitted a list of names and ranks for the approval of the meeting. On a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Secretary, it was moved that the names be accepted for membership and recorded in the archives.

The Chairman then asked the members to join in the Lord's Prayer and a prayer for the repose of the souls of the departed Knights.

There being no other business at hand, and on a motion by the Lieutenant Grand Master, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
Wm. A. Valentine,  
Secretary pro-tem.

