

Minutes, January 26th 1957

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, held Saturday, January 26th 1957, 4:30 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to appoint a qualified person to represent the Order before the Internal Revenue Service of the Treasury Department in seeking tax exempt status, and for other business of the Order.

Chairman pro-tem: Wm. Alexander Valentine.

Secretary: Thourot Pichel.

The Secretary announced that a quorum was present, whereupon the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Chair announced that the application of the Order for tax exempt status with the U.S. Treasury Department was refused in a letter dated December 28th 1956, which was read to the meeting. In view of this situation, the chair then suggested that some one qualified and familiar with tax matters be appointed by the Board to represent the Order in Washington, D.C. before the Treasury Department.

Upon a motion by the Secretary and seconded by Mr. West, it was moved that the Grand Chancellor be given authority to select the person best qualified to represent the Order in tax matters in Washington, and if necessary, adequate compensation be paid for such representation. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Valentine, it was moved that a corrected copy of assets, income and disbursements of the Order as of Nov. 1, 1956 be furnished to the Internal Revenue Department and that the Department please excuse or disregard the first copy submitted. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by Graf Zeppelin and seconded by General Carey, it was moved that the proposed and approved applicants be accepted into the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Chair asked the assembled to join him in repeating the Lord's Prayer and a special prayer for the repose of the souls of departed knights. There being no further business at hand, and upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Respectfully submitted

*Thourot Pichel*  
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Secretary.