

Minutes

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem held on Saturday, July 27th 1957 at 1:00 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to discuss ways and means of building a home for the aged and other regular business of the Order.

Chairman pro-tem: Franklin A. West.
Secretary: Chas. L. T. Pichel.

The Secretary announced a quorum present, whereupon

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary submitted the applications of prospective members for the consideration of the Board, and upon a motion by Capt. Tabbutt, seconded by Mr. Valentine, it was moved that the applications submitted having been investigated and approved by the Secretary, be accepted as members of the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by Capt. Tabbutt, and seconded by Pichel, it was moved that Mr. Grebe now acting as Vice-Chancellor of the Order in charge of land and buildings, be accepted and elected to the position of an acting member of the Board of Directors or Trustees of the Order, to fill the vacancy caused by the inability of the Secretary to establish any communication with a regular member of the Board Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Carey, who may be deceased. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Chairman announced that his son Frank had prepared three drawings of a proposed home for the aged and that he would present these drawings in person to the meeting after looking over the ground site reserved for the building.

Mr. Frank West was later introduced to the meeting after which he presented his drawings and an explanation of his understanding of the requirements for a home.

The meeting was then resolved into a round table discussion so that all those present might examine the drawings and make comments on the subject.

Since the drawings were not complete working drawings but simply a general view of the exterior and interior of the proposed home, it was suggested that Mr. Frank West, if he felt inclined to do so, upon his own initiative, draw and submit further detailed drawings of his conception to be presented at a later meeting.

It was understood that an architect in Cleveland would also submit

a set of working drawings for a home of which previous suggested drawings had already been submitted.

All of the members present thanked Mr. West for his interest in the work of the Order and his kindness in making excellent drawings to demonstrate his understanding of the proposed home.

It was explained by Mr. West Senior that his son Frank may be called any time for military service, and that in this event, it may be necessary to call upon a registered architect to complete his work, if accepted by the Order.

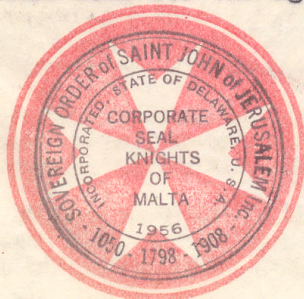
At this round table discussion nothing definite was decided regarding which drawings would be officially accepted by the Board, but that further drawings in more detail would be submitted and considered.

Discussion then turned to the subject of ways and means of building homes and hospitals, that is, the necessary financial backing required. In this connection Mr. West Senior asked permission (which was granted) to approach the various Foundations for financial help, while Mr. Grebe consented to pursue other avenues of financial sources, both of whom would report their progress at an early meeting of the Order.

At this point Mr. Grebe reminded those present that while it was necessary to secure funds at once to begin construction of a home, that nevertheless, members of the board could not approach prospective grantors of funds until the Treasury Department had granted the Order at least a tentative ruling of tax exemption for such funds. The Secretary then read to the meeting a letter received the same day from the Treasury Department asking if the Order contemplated building a home for the aged at once, and if so, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue would further consider a tentative ruling of tax exemption for the Order. It was agreed by all that this letter be answered at once in the affirmative.

Legal aspects of the program of building homes and hospitals were discussed with the attorney general of the Order, paving the way for the immediate construction of the buildings. Complete rules and regulations for the conduct and maintenance of homes and hospitals were submitted to each member for consideration and approval at the next meeting.

The Chair finally called the meeting to order again at 4:00 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Tabbutt, and seconded by Mr. Valentine, it was moved that the meeting adjourn with a vote to thanks to Mr. West and his son Frank for their kindness in bringing to the meeting thier ideas of a splendid home for the aged. Passed by unanimous vote.



Respectfully submitted

Thourot Pichel,
Secretary.