

Minutes, July 19, 1958

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, held Saturday, July 19th 1958 at 2:00 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Board.

Chairman pro-tem: Franklin A. West.

Secretary: Thourot Pichel.

The Chairman called for a prayer to open the meeting by the Rev. Dr. Kirkland.

The Secretary announced that a roll call of the members of the Board of Directors established a quorum, whereupon

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer submitted a comprehensive report of the financial condition of the Order, dating from its first meeting in the United States and continuing up to June 11th of 1958. Report accepted.

A final vote on the Resolution to appoint an Executive Committee which was proposed at the April 19th meeting, failed to receive a majority vote.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tabbutt and seconded by Mr. West, it was moved that the Black Dodge 4 door sedan owned by the Secretary, be accepted as a gift to the Order and that ownership be formally transferred to the Order for its official use and maintenance. Passed by majority vote.

Upon a motion by the Secretary and seconded by the Lieut. Grand-Master, it was moved that the traditional authority of the Grand Master to confer and bestow Donat Crosses of Honor and Merit upon deserving Esquires of the Order, as well as non-members of all races and religions, be confirmed and executed by the Grand Chancellor, and that appropriate diplomas, insignia and rosettes be designed and furnished. Passed by majority vote.

Upon the motion of the Secretary and seconded by the Chairman, it was moved that the following resolution be submitted to the Board for consideration and approval:

"It is hereby decided by the Board that a special account in the name of the Order be opened at the First National Bank of Shickshinny, Pa., for the deposit of such funds as may be received for the special purpose of the proposed religious seminary building fund to be conducted under the auspices of the Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Committee of the Order.

"It is resolved that the Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Committee shall be authorized to deposit in and withdraw from this Special Account such sums of money as may be required for the purpose of building, instituting and maintaining a religious educational seminary.

"It is further resolved that in the event of the said Chairman being unable to function in connection with the said purpose and Special Fund, that the Board of Directors of the Order shall be empowered to



assume all the corresponding responsibilities and authority for the fulfillment of the purposes of the Special Fund."

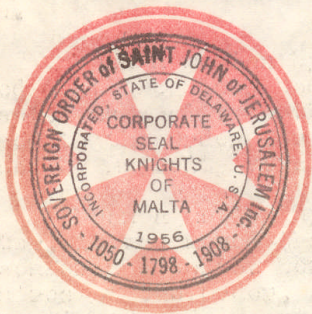
A round table discussion ensued, following which the resolution was put to a vote. It was adopted by a majority vote.

Upon a motion by the Secretary and seconded by Mr. Tabbutt, it was moved that John J. Boyle, a tax lawyer of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., be consulted and commissioned at a reasonable fee to make a formal application for the necessary tax exemption status for the Order and its members. Passed by majority vote.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tabbutt and seconded by General Carey, it was moved to give a vote of thanks to Archbishop Gerard George Shelley, the Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Committee and our representative in Rome, for paying a visit to the Convent for a week in June, at which time he was kind enough to bless and consecrate the Convent and the grounds of the Order according to the Roman Catholic Rite. Passed by majority vote.

The Chair then asked the assembled to join him in repeating the Lord's Prayer, and a short prayer for the repose of the souls of the departed knights.

There being no further business at hand, and upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.



Respectfully submitted

Thourot Pichel,

Secretary

Corporate Seal.