

Minutes, June 24, 1915

Regular meeting of the Knights of Malta held Thursday, June 24th 1915 at 6:00 p.m. in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order.

Chairman-President: Dr. Wm. Sohler Bryant.
Secretary-Grand Chancellor: Dr. J. G. B. Bulloch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read and approved.

The Membership and Credentials Committees reported the following names and ranks as acceptable for membership:

Count Nicholas Ignatiev, Knight of Justice.
Count Alexander Ignatiev, Knight of Justice.
Prince Frederic-Guillaume-Janusz Radziwill, Heredit. Comm. of Justice.
Baron Renaud d'Ungern-Sternberg, Knight of Justice.
Count Alexander Saltikov, Knight of Justice.
Count Estaban de Salazar y Cologan, Knight of Justice.
Count Serge Stroganov, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Baron Raffaele Garofalo, Knight of Grace.
Alfonso Otho Gandolfi-Hornoyold Duke Gandolfi, Knight of Grace.
Count Leon Narishkin, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count Cyril Narishkin, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count Vasili Narishkin, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Prince Dimitri Volkonsky, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count Wladimir Wassili, Hereditary Knight of Justice.
Count Stefan Colonna Walewski, Knight of Justice.
Prince Duke de Clermont-Tonnerre, Knight of Justice.
Henri Comte de Clermont-Tonnerre, Knight of Justice.
Archduke Eugen-Ferdinand-Pie-Bernard-Felix-Marie von Habsburg,
Knight Grand Cross of Justice.
Barclay Harding Warburton, Knight of Grace.

Motion by Baron Korf, seconded by Baron von Hengervar that the above names be approved and recorded, Passed by majority vote.

Question to the Chair by Knight Stites asking for a clarification of the nobiliary status of members. In reply, the Chair asked the Secretary to transcribe in the minutes the Grand Master's authority, explanation and definition of nobility for the Knights of Malta as follows:

"When a knight of grace (not a nobleman) has earned and received promotion to the rank of knight of justice, he is considered and recognized to be a nobleman. However, this type of nobility is personal and not hereditary.

"The Order recognizes an already existing nobiliary status of a knight when he is accepted and given a diploma with the designation of knight of justice.

"When a diploma bears the prefix of "hereditary" to a rank, it is understood to be recognition of an already existing hereditary noble status given by the traditional authority of any previous or present Grand Master of the Knights of Malta.

"The grand master makes it clear that any diploma of our Order inscribed as "knight of justice" or "hereditary," is the equivalent of a Patent of Nobility given by any traditional ruler or sovereign prince and should be universally recognized as such.

"The grand master may at any time exercise his traditional authority to originate, augment, modify or qualify degrees of nobility for knights and prospective knights of the Order of Malta."

The Chairman led the Knights in a prayer for the peaceful repose of the deceased Knights of the Order.

There being no further business at hand and upon motion by Knight Bowen, the Order adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



(Signed) Wm. Sohler Bryant,
President.

(Signed) J. G. B. Bulloch,
Secretary.