Minutes, June 24th 1934

Regular meeting of the Knights of Malta held on Sunday, Saint John's Day, June 24th 1934 at 6:00 p.m. at 30 East 40th St., New York.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order.

Chairman: Wm. Schier Bryant. Secretary: pro-tem: Thourot Pichel.

The Secretary announced a quorum present, whereupon

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report was read and approved.

The Secretary read to the members, a number of letters being prepared, and of others recently received.

The membership committee submitted a list of approved names and ranks for the consideration of the meeting.

On a motion by Knight Bigelow and seconded by Count Kipnis it was moved that the names and ranks submitted be accepted for membership and recorded in the archives. Passed by manimous vote.

On a motion by Count Kipnis and seconded by Rev. Chodkiewicz it was unanimously adopted that the sum of three hundred dollars be sent to the mutilated Imperial Russian Officers residing at 14 rue des Trois Champtiers, Paris, France, whose physical condition, due to war wounds and illness is such as to claim the charitable intent of our Order.

On a motion by Dr. Martinovitch seconded by Rev. Chodkiewicz it was moved that lay members of the Order be permitted to wear the habit of the Order on the grounds of the Convent at any time, and that they may be entitled to be buried in the habit of the Order. That lay members also be encouraged to spend at least two weeks of each year at the Convent of the Order in the manner of mofified monks or friars, to pursue solitary retirement or retreat for the benefit of prayer and religious exercises. Passed by a majority vote.

Upon a motion by Grand Prior Chodkiewicz and seconded by the secretary, it was moved that more lay members be encouraged to take the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Chair asked the Grand Prior to lead the meeting in a prayer for the repose of the souls of the departed knights.

There being no further business at hand, and on a motion, properly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted

Thourst Pichel, Secretary pro-tem