

Minutes, June 24, 1956

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees or Directors of the Knights of Malta, held Sunday, St. John's Day, June 24th 1956, 8:00 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order.

Chairman pro-tem: Thourot Pichel.

Secretary pro-tem: Wm. Alexander Valentine.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

In commenting on the financial report, the Chair explained that the Order required at least \$500.00 to pay for the Delaware charter and for the printing of booklets describing the Order. It was stated that one of the directors had kindly offered to loan the Order the necessary \$500.00 for this purpose, if acceptable to the other directors.

Upon a motion by director Valentine, seconded by director Pichel, it was moved that the generous offer of director Franklin A. West be accepted with thanks, and that upon the receipt of sufficient new funds that this loan be repaid with the thanks of the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

The membership and Credentials Committee submitted a list of names and ranks for the approval of the meeting.

Upon a motion by director von Zeppelin, seconded by director Pichel, it was moved that the names be accepted for membership and recorded in the archives.

The Chair read some correspondence of interest to the meeting.

The Chair explained that director West had offered to organize in the vicinity of southwestern Pennsylvania, an auxiliary body of young people to serve the ill, lame and afflicted in the various hospitals of the district, acting as "Serving Brothers" and "Serving Sisters" of the Order. (Historic terms used in the Order to designate such service). It was suggested that each receive a donat cross of the Order as a Service Badge of Honor and Devotion to the Order.

It was suggested that those between the ages of 18 and 21 serve at least three years of probation, at the expiration of which they may be considered for eligibility as adult members, while those of the age of 21 or over also serve the same probation period before consideration for eligibility.

Upon a motion by director Valentine, seconded by director von Zeppelin, it was moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to director West for his noble offer of service to the Order. Further, that director West be given full power and authority to organize, maintain and direct this group of Serving Brothers and Sisters for the American Grand Priory of the Order, making a yearly report of

his progress to the Board of Directors. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by director Pichel, seconded by director von Zeppelin, it was moved that the resignation of acting director Richard C. Mooney be accepted without prejudice. Passed by majority vote.

The Chair advised the meeting that H.E. Graf von Zeppelin had accepted the appointment of Lieutenant Grand Master of the Order for an indefinite period, and that in the event of his inability to attend meetings, his proxy to act and vote on all matters would be in the possession of director Pichel.

Upon a motion by director Valentine, seconded by director Carey, it was moved that Dr. F. H. Graf von Zeppelin be accepted as Lieutenant Grand Master of the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Chairman then asked the members to join in the Lord's Prayer, and a prayer for the repose of the souls of the departed members.

There being no other business at hand, and on a motion by director Valentine, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. Alexander Valentine
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Secretary protem.

