

Minutes, June 24th 1957

Regular meeting of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem held on St. John's Day, Monday, June 24th at 3 p.m., at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order.

Chairman pro-tem: Wm. Alexander Valentine.

Secretary: Thourot Pichel.

The Secretary announced a quorum was present, whereupon

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Grand Chancellor submitted to the meeting the names and ranks of new members endorsed for acceptance.

On a motion by Capt. Tabbut and seconded by General Carey, it was moved that the names and ranks submitted be accepted and recorded in the archives of the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

At this point the Chair suggested that the meeting be recessed until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 29th 1957, in order that certain information from the Internal Revenue service might be reported to the meeting.

Upon a motion by the Secretary and seconded by Mr. West, it was moved that the present meeting be recessed until 3:00 p.m. Saturday June 29th 1957. Passed by a majority vote.

Convent of the Order, Saturday, 3:00 p.m., June 29th 1957.
Resumption of the meeting of June 24th 1957 for special information on the subject of tax exemption.

A quorum being present, it was voted that the meeting be presided over by Chairman pro-tem, Franklin A. West and Secretary Thourot Pichel.

The Secretary read to the meeting certain correspondence between the Order and the Internal Revenue regarding application for tax exempt status for the Order. It was reported that the meeting held with the attorneys of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington gave promise of a "tentative" consent of tax exemption of the Board of Directors would furnish the Commissioner's office with a letter explaining certain intentions of the Order. Such a letter was furnished and the secretary read a copy of this letter to the meeting.

At this point the Chair announced to the meeting that the Order may now be in a position to consider ways and means to build a home for the aged, and made the following suggestions:

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That the Secretary obtain and furnish information and plans.

That Mr. West furnish tentative building plans.

That all of the above suggestions be ready for a full discussion and further steps at a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Convent of the Order at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27th 1957.

Upon a motion by Captain Tabbut, seconded by Mr. Valentine, it was moved that the suggestions mentioned be executed and further acted upon at the next meeting of July 27th 1957.

The Chair then asked the meeting to join him in the Lord's Prayer.

There being no further business at hand, and upon a motion properly seconded, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.



Respectfully submitted

Thourot Pichel
Thourot Pichel,
Secretary.