

Minutes, May 17, 1912

Chapter General meeting of the Knights of Malta held Friday, May 17, 1912 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City.

Meeting called to order to accept for consideration, the proposed Constitution and By-laws, the reports of the various committees and such other business as may be of benefit to the corporation.

Chairman, or President: Dr. William Sohler Bryant.
Secretary, or Grand Chancellor: William B. Stites.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The secretary read various incoming and outgoing letters to the meeting.

The report of the Committee on the constitution and by-laws was presented. The text of the proposed constitution and by-laws was submitted for the consideration of the membership body.

The chairman ordered that the constitution and by-laws be read slowly paragraph by paragraph so that each paragraph could be voted by the membership as acceptable, subject to amendments or rejection. The constitution was thus read and thoroughly discussed, amended and finally unanimously adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes of the meeting.

The Membership and Credentials Committees offered the following resolution: That, beginning with the meeting of January 10th 1908 and including all participants and the deceased be approved and confirmed in their knightly ranks and qualifications as Knights of Malta and Knights of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, including the Grand Priory of Russia. That diplomas be dated as of today and of this meeting.

So ordered, the names and ranks follow:-

Consul William Lamb, Knight of Justice.
Rear-Admiral James Forsyth, Knight of Grace.
General George Wood Wingate, Knight of Grace, --
H.I.H. Grand Duke Alexander of Russia, Knight Grand Cross of Justice.
Count Alexander Narishkin, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count Dmitri Boutourlin, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count Vasili Boutourlin, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Don Emilio de Ojeda, Spanish Minister to U.S. Knight of Justice.
Bishop James Mills Thoburn, Chaplain.
Bishop Beverly Dandridge Tucker, Chaplain.
Bishop Henry McNeal Turner, Chaplain.
Prince Pierre Troubetskoy, Hereditary Knight Comm. of Justice.
Prince Louis Troubetskoy, Hereditary Knight Comm. of Justice.
Admiral Count Paul de Ligny, Hereditary Knight Comm. of Justice.
Ludvig Holmes, D.D., L.H.D., Chaplain.
Comte de la Boissiere, Knight of Justice.
James A. Harden-Hickey, Knight of Justice.
Bishop Stephan Kaminski, Chaplain.
Bishop Walter Ashbel Sellew, Chaplain

Major-General Leonard Wood, Knight of Grace.
 Archbishop Diomedeo Falconio, Chaplain.
 Archbishop Donatus Sbarretti, Chaplain.
 Major-General Radomir Putnik, Knight of Grace.
 Bishop John Scarborough, Chaplain.
 Consul-General Ethelbert Watts, Knight Commander of Grace.
 H. E. Nikolas Pashitch, Knight of Grace.
 Count Alfred de Choiseul-Gouffier, Hereditary Knight Comm. of Justice.
 Count George-Adam de Broel-Plater, Hereditary Knight Comm. of Justice.
 Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Chaplain.
 Count Borkh, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
 Bishop Spencer Spaulding, Chaplain.
 H. E. Clifton Rhodes Breckinridge, Knight of Grace.
 Myles Standish, A.M., M.D., Knight of Grace.
 Elim Demidov, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
 Frederick Cunliffe-Owen, Knight of Justice.
 Bishop William Hargrove Fouke, Chaplain.
 Prince Michel Khilkov, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
 Comte Gabriel de Choiseul-Gouffier, Hereditary Knight Comm. of Justice.
 Count Alexander Boutourlin, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
 Charles Joseph Bonaparte, Knight of Justice.
 H. E. Charlemagne Tower, Knight Commander of Grace.
 Baron de Bode, Knight of Justice.
 Baron Ludovic Moncheur, Knight Commander of Justice.
 Count Johann von Bernstorff, Knight of Justice.
 Count de Buisseret Steenbecque de Blarenghien, Knt. Comm. of Justice.
 George Bakmeteff, Knight of Justice.
 H. E. Lambert Tree, Knight of Grace.
 Count Alexander Golenistcheff-Koutousoff, Knight of Justice.
 Comte Pierre d'Harcourt, Knight of Justice.
 Vicomte R. de Saint-Phalle, Knight of Justice.
 Joseph Florimund Duc de Loubat, Knight Commander of Justice.
 Baron L. Hengelmüller von Hengervar, Knight of Justice.
 Herman Ludwig, Fabian de Lagercrantz, Knight Commander of Justice.
 Baron Stael de Holstein, Knight of Justice.
 Comte de Kergorlay, Knight of Justice.
 Jonkheer van Swinderen, Knight Commander of Grace.
 Baron de Longueuil, Knight of Grace.
 Peter Jansen, Knight of Grace.
 Chev. von Loewenthal-Linau, Knight of Justice.
 Count Massiglia, Knight Commander of Grace.
 Vicomte de Martel, Knight of Justice.
 Baron von Speck-Sternburg, Knight Commander of Justice.
 Alexander Nuber von Pereked, Knight of Justice.
 Baron Rosen, Knight of Justice.
 Conde de San Estaban Conongo, Knight of Justice.
 Count Carl de Moltke, Knight Commander of Grace.
 Baron von Richthofen, Knight of Justice.
 H. E. Constantin Brun, Knight of Grace.
 Baron de Saint Laurant, Knight of Justice.
 Baron de Schlippenbach, Knight of Justice.
 Prince Vincent zu Windisch-Graetz, Knight of Justice.
 Viscount de Valle da Costa, Knight of Justice.
 Baron Ernest de Schilling, Knight of Justice.
 Count G. von Wedel, Knight of Justice.
 Maj-Gen. Wasielewski, Knight of Justice.
 Dr. William Sohler Bryant, Knight of Justice.

Cardinal Mercier, Grand Prelate.
D. Joseph G. B. Bulloch, Knight of Justice.
Prince Georges Radziwill, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Anatoli Demidov Prince di San Donato, Hereditary Knt. Comm. of Justice.
Count Orloff Davidoff, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Prince Pierre Volkonsky, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count Jerzy Potocki, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count George Potocki, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Count Alfred Potocki, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Prof. Alexander Maksimov, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Emmanuel 3rd Count de Choiseul-Gouffier, Hered. Knt. Comm. of Justice.
Prince Martin Lubomirski, Hereditary Knight Commander of Justice.
Adolf-Konstantin Mechelin Count Ilinski, Hered. Knt. Comm. of Justice.
Count Stanislas Korwin-Kossagowski, Hered. Knt. Comm. of Justice.
William B. Stites, Knight of Grace.
Henry J. Bowen, Knight of Grace.
~~Thomas de T...~~, Knight of Justice.
Baron Alfons Sigismund von Engelhardt-Schnellenstein, Knight of Justice.
Baron Scipio Alfons Heribert von Engelhardt-Schnellenstein." " "

The above members and their listed ranks were elected and recorded by the unanimous vote of the meeting.

The Membership Committee further submitted to the secretary, a list of proposed new members. The president ordered that the names be not disclosed at this time and not until such time as a complete report on their qualifications be made known to the secretary through the committee on credentials, at which time their acceptance or rejection would be acted upon.

The Committee on the selection of a prince of royal blood as grand master of the knightly group reported that it had been in communication with three members of royal houses who may be considered worthy of the honour. The Committee also suggested that in compliance with old custom and in agreement with the Constitution just adopted that in the future transactions of the Order, all official designations of the officers of the organization should conform to those designations named and adopted by the Constitution. The report was accepted with thanks by the president.

A suggestion was made that the Committee for a grand master give preference to that prince who by his historical association would be the most suitable as head of our knight Order, that is, the liberality of his views coupled with an unquestioned agreement with our Constitution and the aims and principles laid down by the history of the Order.

The Secretary presented to the membership the resignations of all the original incorporators with the exception of Wm. B. Stites and Henry J. Bowen. The President in accepting the resignations thanked all the incorporators for the help which they rendered to the Knights of Malta.

The President asked Bishop Scarborough to pray for the repose of the souls of our departed knights.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 midnight. Next meeting to await the call of the president.

Respectfully submitted by
(Signed) William B. Stites, Secretary.