

Minutes, May 1, 1948

Regular meeting of the Knights of Malta held Saturday,
May 1, 1948 at 30 East 40th Street, New York City.

Meeting held for the regular business of the Order and a
proposal for an addition to the Constitution and By-laws.

Chairman-Lieut. Grand Master:	Dr. W. S. Bryant.
Secretary-Grand Chancellor pro-tem:	Thourot Pichel.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

The Secretary read to the members a number of letters received
of interest to the meeting.

The Membership and Credentials Committees submitted the names
and ranks of the following for the consideration and acceptance of
the meeting:

Prince Tassilo Festetich, Knight Commander of Justice.
the 13th Duke of Croy, Knight of Justice.
The Marques de San Francisco, Knight of Justice.
Count Henri de Beaumont, Knight of Justice.
M. Jackson Crispin, Knight of Justice.
Admiral Nicholas Horthy, Knight Grand Cross of Justice.
Commander Millard J. Glowacki, Knight Commander of Justice.
Field Marshal Baron Carl Mannerheim, Knt. Grd. Cross of Justice.
Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm von Hohenzollern,
Knight Grand Cross of Justice.

On a motion by Professor Avinoff, seconded by Count Boutourlin,
it was moved that the above list be accepted and recorded in the
archives. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Chairman announced that he would be pleased to submit
to the members for a motion for final action at the next meeting,
a resolution as follows:

"Resolved that if and when any question of religion,
religions, morals, articles of faith or related matters and pro-
cedures for such come into question, it will be the duty of the
grand master to appoint a carefully selected committee or
ecclesiastical tribunal composed of grand prelates, prelates,
chaplains, etc., to take under advisement such questions and to
render a fair decision by a majority vote, in which the chapter
general will concur."

The Chair also suggested that if this resolution was
passed by the members, it should properly be made a part of the
Constitution and By-laws, and for this purpose, the chair will
a special meeting or chapter general for the next meeting.

It was pointed out by the Chair that while the ecclesiastical members of the Order do not vote on matters affecting the election of officers, etc., that nevertheless it appears fitting and proper that the Order should benefit by the co-operation and votes of the ecclesiastics in matters properly judged within their field of endeavor.

The Chair directed that the following names be promoted in the ranks of the Order, based on more than ten years of faithful devotion and service to the Order:

Charles Louis Thourot Pichel, to Knight Grand Cross of Justice.
Count Walter Seth Kipnis, to Knight Grand Cross of Justice.

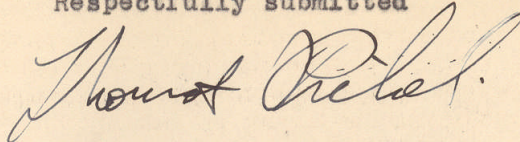
Upon a motion by Count Boutourlin, seconded by Knight Commander Winter, it was moved that Thourot Pichel be nominated and elected Grand Chancellor. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The announced that certain other elections would be taken up at the next meeting of the Order.

The Chair asked the Metropolitan Theophilus to conduct the meeting in a prayer for the deceased knights, followed by the Lord's Prayer in which all would take part.

There being no further business, and on a motion by Count Kipnis, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Thourot Pichel, Secretary,
Grand Chancellor.

