## Minutes, May 30, 1960

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, held on Monday, May 30th, 1960 at 1:00 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to dispose of proposed amendments to incorporation and proposed by-laws, and any other business of the Order.

Chairman: Franklin A. West.

Secretary: Chas. L. T. Pichel.

The Secretary announced a quorum present, whereupon

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Secretary read to the meeting a number of letters received by the Order and a list of new members accepted since the previous meeting.

On a motion by the Secretary, seconded by Brother Arthur Carey, it was moved that the resignation of Graf von Zeppelin be accepted and recorded with regrets, and that a Committee be appointed to select another Lieutenant Grand-Master for the Order. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Secretary read to the meeting, a letter received from the Chief of the Exempt Organizations Branch of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, dated April 7th, 1960, in which it was made clear by explanation the necessity of certain new amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation and new By-laws be officially adopted before full consideration could be given to the Order's application for certain tax exemptions.

The Secretary again read the proposed amendments and By-laws which had been proposed at a prior meeting for study and consideration.

On a motion by the Secretary, seconded by Brother Eugene Tabbutt, it was moved that the proposed amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation previously submitted and considered, be now fully approved and accepted as follows:

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, filed at Dover, State of Delaware, August 29th 1956.

Page 1, paragraph 4, change the sixth line to read:

build and maintain churches, clinics, hospitals

Page 2, change paragraph 2, to read as follows:

To build and maintain institutions of learning for the purpose of teaching and qualifying students in the primary, advanced, graduate and post-graduate branches of Christian history and theology; to select, instruct, educate and confirm chaplains, priests, brothers and sisters of the Order, to promote the Christian religion and charitable pursuits; to print, publish and distribute books, booklets, pamphlets, circulars, folders, cards and periodicals on the subjects of Christian religion, religious history, Christian religious information or propaganda, and to distribute the same free or without profit.

Page 4, paragraph entitled "IN GENERAL". Erase period and place comma after the last word "Delaware," and add the following:

except that the program of this corporation shall be restricted to a small and insubstantial part of its overall activities; the power to engage in a manufacturing business or to hold, own, use, operate and to sell or in any manner dispose of property or property rights, including licenses, inventions, improvements and processes used in connection with or secured under letters patent or copyrights; or to work, carry on, operate or develop the same, or any other act that may be defined as a commercial business-for-profit pursuit.

Page 4, change paragraph entitled "SIXTH" to read:

The existence of this Corporation is to be perpetual, and in the event of its dissolution or termination, its remaining assets shall be impressed in a trust exclusively set apart and transferred to other recognized religious and/or charitable organizations.

Page 5, last paragraph. Change sixth line to read:

as well as <u>defining</u> and qualifying their <u>human attributes</u>, civil

NOTE: Underlined words denote the added words.

The adoption of the Amendments was passed by unanimous vote.

On a motion by Brother Kirby Patterson, seconded by Brother Franklin A. West, it was moved that the Secretary be authorized to proceed at once to present the accepted amendments to the Secretary of State of Delaware at Dover, for official registration, securing several certified copies, of which one copy should be sent to the Chief of the Exempt Organizations Branch of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by the Secretary, seconded by Brother Arthur Carey, it was moved that the following resolutions, previously submitted and considered, be now accepted and recorded as additions to the By-laws and Constitution of the Order:

Resolved that all members be asked for a yearly report showing such acts as fulfill the purposes of Chapter III of the By-laws, entitled Religious and charitable Purposes, said report shall recite an inventory showing where, what, how and frequency of religious and charitable work performed in the name of the Order.

Resolved that a report be made each year by the Order showing how much money was dispensed for charity and the amount dispensed for religious purposes, together with a list or inventory of all religious publications or similar items distributed.

Resolved that the foregoing resolutions be added to Chapter III of the By-laws of the Order.
Passed by unanimous vote.

The Chair then asked the assembled to join him in repeating the Lord's Frayer and a special prayer for the repose of the souls of the departed Knights.

There being no further business at hand, and upon a motion, duly seconded, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfulby submitted

Secretary

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