

Minutes, November 13, 1959

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem held at the Convent of the Order, November 13, 1959 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order and to vote upon proposed resolutions as amendments to the Constitution and By-laws.

Chairman pro-tem: Franklin A. West,

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.

A number of letters were read to the meeting by the secretary who also submitted a list of names and ranks for approval. Upon a motion by the secretary seconded by General Carey, the list was passed and approved for the archives.

At the September 8th 1959 meeting a number of proposed resolutions were proposed for consideration, discussion and voting at the next regular meeting at the Order, for inclusion in the Constitution and By-laws of the Order.

Upon a motion by the Secretary seconded by Captain Tabbutt a round table discussion was conducted to dispose of the proposed resolutions for the by-laws.

Upon a motion by General Carey seconded by Captain Tabbutt, the following resolutions were decided upon for a vote?

Grand-Master and Lieutenant Grand-Master: Resolved that following a satisfactory vote by the qualified members of the Order, a Lieutenant Grand-Master may later be accepted and officially appointed a Grand-Master upon the recommendation and vote of the Board of Directors, and no election, appointment or promotion to any office may be considered valid, complete, binding or final until the candidate for such office agrees in advance in writing to act according to the conditions and rules imposed upon him by the Board for such office, and for any reluctance, neglect, failure or refusal to act according to such conditions, his office may at once be declared vacant by the Board of Directors.

Grand Chancellor pro-tem: Resolved that for various reasons from time to time the Grand Chancellor may designate any other member of the Board of Directors to act in the capacity of the Grand Chancellor pro-tem, and all such acts and signatures of a pro-tem Grand Chancellor shall receive full faith and credit.

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Emergency Acts: Resolved that in the immediate absence at the Convent of a Grand-Master or Lieutenant Grand-Master, for emergency acts where it is not convenient for the Grand-Master or Lieutenant Grand-Master to be present and act quickly, the Grand Chancellor may in such cases act officially for either office pro-tem, and all such acts and signatures shall receive full faith and credit.

Prior, grand prior, priory and grand priories: Resolved that a prior or a grand prior may be appointed by the Grand-Master and/or the Grand Chancellor to take charge of a certain category of knights, such as a section, sections, a particular religion, a language, nation, nations or section of a nation. Such offices may be held only as long as the Grand-Master, the Grand Chancellor or the Board decides that the conduct of such a prior or grand prior justifies such a position. A collection of two or more priories may be called a grand priory. A prior selected and appointed to take charge of more than one priory may be called a grand prior. All priors, priories, grand priors and grand priories operate under the direction and authority of the Grand Chancellor, who from time to time may modify, change or amend the rules of operation to suit various conditions and circumstances.

Vows: Resolved that when the vows of any knight have been violated to the satisfaction of the Grand-Master, the Lieutenant Grand-Master, the Grand Chancellor and/or the Board of Directors, the offending knight or officer knight may be removed and dismissed at once from his rank, office, and/or the Order, upon due notice of the Board of Directors.

Professed knights: Resolved that a professed knight is a knight of justice who in addition to being qualified as a nobleman, has voluntarily taken the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and lives accordingly.

Knights of justice: Resolved that a knight of justice may be qualified and designated as such without taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Upon a motion of the Secretary seconded by Captain Tabbatt, it was moved to accept the foregoing resolutions and that these resolutions be included as part of the Constitution and by-laws. Passed by unanimous vote.

The chair then asked the assembly to join in the Lord's Prayer 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 7:00 p.m.



Respectfully submitted

Thourot Pichel
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Secretary.