

Minutes, September 8, 1959

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem held at the Convent of the Order, September 8th 1959 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order.

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.

Upon a motion by the Secretary and seconded by Mr. West it was moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

"Resolved that an account in the name of the Corporation be opened and kept with the Berwick Bank, Berwick, Pennsylvania, for the deposit in said bank to the credit of this corporation from time to time of any and all moneys, checks, drafts, notes, acceptances, or other evidences of indebtedness, whether belonging to this corporation or otherwise, which may be or hereafter come into possession and that the said Bank be and is hereby authorized to make payment from the funds on deposit with it upon and according to the checks, notes, drafts or acceptances of this corporation signed by Chas. L. T. Pichel as Secretary-Treasurer including checks drawn to his or their own order."

Upon the motion of Captain Tabbutt it was also moved that the additional Resolutions be adopted:

That the Secretary-Treasurer be permitted to use the bank account of the Crux News Service for the deposit and withdrawal of funds for the Order at any time, keeping an accurate record of such.

That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to deposit, draw funds, or make loans in the name of the Order in any amounts at any time, in any bank or banks selected by the Grand Chancellor.

It was seconded by Graf von Zeppelin that all of the above Resolutions be accepted and authorized. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by the Secretary it was suggested that a list of proposed By-laws be distributed to the members on the subjects of Grand-Master, Lieutenant Grand-Master, Grand Chancellor, priors, priories, grand priors, grand priories, Vows, professed knights and knights of justice, for discussion and votes at a future meeting of the Board. Passed by unanimous vote, after being duly seconded.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hewes, seconded by the Secretary it was moved that the names and ranks of the proposed members be accepted. Passed by unanimous vote.

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Following a satisfactory vote by the qualified members, 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.

For various reasons and 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.

In the absence of a Grand-Master or Lieutenant Grand-Master and for emergency acts where it is not possible for the Grand-Master or Lieutenant Grand-Master to act quickly, the Grand Chancellor may act officially for either office pro-tem, and all such acts or signatures shall receive full faith and credit.

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, section, sections, a particular religion, a language, nation 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 prior selected or 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 to suit various conditions and circumstances.

Vows: 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: 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: A knight of justice may be qualified and designated without taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The Chair then asked the assembled to join him in repeating the Lord's Prayer with 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 6:00 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Thourot Pichel,
Secretary.