

Minutes, June 24, 1955

Meeting of the Board of Directors or Trustees of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, held on Friday, June 24th, 1955, 6:00 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting held to conduct the regular business of the Order.

Chairman pro-tem: Wm. Alexander Valentine.  
Secretary: Thourot Pichel.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved, there being a quorum:

The Credentials Committee submitted a list of names and ranks of new members for the consideration of the meeting.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved that the new members be accepted and recorded in the archives of the Order.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved to accept the resignation of Baron de Engelhardt-Schnellenstein as Lieutenant Grand-Master of the Order.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved that the directors of the Order seek and secure a more appropriate and up-to-date non-profit religious corporation under the Laws of the State of Delaware, to be used in addition to the charter already held in New Jersey.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved that an appropriate Resolution be passed to deposit and draw funds at a bank. The Resolution follows:

"Be It Resolved, that the First National Bank of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, be, and it is hereby, designated a depository of this Corporation and that funds so deposited may be withdrawn upon a check, draft, note or order of the Corporation.

"Be It Further Resolved, that all checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said account be signed by the grand chancellor Charles L. T. Pichel acting in the official capacity of secretary-treasurer of the Corporation, whose signature shall be duly certified to said bank, and that no checks, drafts, notes or orders drawn against said bank shall be valid unless so signed.

"Be It Further Resolved, that said Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks, drafts, notes or orders so drawn. This resolution shall continue in force and said Bank may consider the facts concerning the holder of said office and his signature to be and continue as set forth in the certificate of the Secretary-Treasurer, accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said Bank or in any similar subsequent certificate, until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said Bank.



The Chair directed that certified copies of the foregoing Resolution be delivered to the said Bank upon receipt of any funds delivered to the Order, for whatever purpose.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved that the foregoing Resolution be unanimously accepted by all the directors. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved that the present secretary-treasurer need not furnish bond to insure the faithful performance of his office. Passed by unanimous vote.

At this point, the Chair called attention to the transcribed minutes and By-laws of the Order prepared by the grand chancellor. These transcriptions were in turn read and examined by each member of the Board of Directors, after which a rising vote of thanks was offered to the grand chancellor for a very difficult task well done.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved that the grand chancellor attach to each copy of the minutes (bound) an affidavit usual in such cases. The same to apply to the copies of the By-laws. It was further moved that the grand chancellor be the sole custodian of the foregoing documents, all of which should not be open to the inspection of the public or the members, except upon a vote of the Board of Directors. Passed by a vote of the Board of Directors.

A recess was called for a round table discussion and reading of the proposed Ceremony of Conferring Knighthood submitted by the grand chancellor for the consideration of the Board.

Upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved to accept the proposed Ceremony of Knighthood with certain corrections and additions, as the official ceremony for the American Grand Priory.

The Secretary read to the meeting a number of incoming and outgoing letters of interest to the meeting.

The Chair asked for all to join in repeating the Lord's Prayer, and a special prayer for the peaceful repose of the souls of the departed members of the Order.

There being no further business at hand, and upon a motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at about midnight.



Respectfully submitted

*Thomas A. DeLoach*  
Secretary