

Minutes, September 21, 1960

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees or Directors of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, held Wednesday, September 21st 1960 at 2:30 p.m. at the Convent of the Order.

Meeting called to conduct the regular business of the Order and to propose additions to the By-laws, etc.

Chairman pro tem Franklin A. West

Secretary Thourot Pichel

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Chairman announced that the Amended Certificate of Incorporation in Delaware had been received and placed on the table for inspection.

After an inspection of the Amendments, and upon a motion by the Secretary, seconded by Mr. West, it was moved to accept the Amended Certificate of Incorporation and present it to our attorney in Washington, Mr. Guy Martin, with Power of Attorney to represent the Order on all tax matters before the Treasury Department. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hewes, seconded by Mr. Tabbutt, it was moved that larger crosses and crowns be made available by the Grand Chancellor for the rank of Commander and still larger crosses and crowns for the rank of Grand Cross. Passed by majority vote.

Upon a motion by General Carey, seconded by Thourot Pichel, it was moved that Mr. Joseph Edward Doublet be elected as a member of the Board of Directors, and as such, authorized to represent the Office of Grand Chancellor upon such occasions as it might not be convenient for the Grand Chancellor to be present. Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Hewes, it was moved that the following text be submitted and considered as an addition to the By-laws:

(1) All prospective Knights and Ladies, as well as chaplains and priests be required to take the simple Vows.

(2) Qualified Knights, Ladies and Ecclesiastics of any rank may at any time take the prescribed and serious Vows of ~~Purity~~ Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, and be thus qualified as PROFESSED Knights or Ladies.

(3) The category of Oblates of the Order may be established with the appropriate qualifications, duties, insignia, etc.

Passed by majority vote.

Upon a motion by the Secretary, seconded by Mr. West, it was moved that Brothers Ficarra and Scotti, be promoted to the rank of Knight Commander of Justice, for special loyalty and devotion to the Order. Passed by unanimous vote

Upon a motion by M. de Cassagnac, seconded by Mr. Patterson, it was moved that authority be granted to certain specially qualified

Knights to conduct hospitals, clinics and dispensaries, ~~xxxxxxx~~ under the strict rules, name and protection of the Order, and that under certain conditions agreed upon by the Board, a stipulated amount of medical and surgical supplies may be furnished to dispensaries each year, and further, that all such buildings be authorized to display the insignia of the Order inside and outside of these buildings, and to display the official flag of the Order on clear days.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hewes, seconded by Mr. Patterson, it was moved that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to design and manufacture embossed paper seals of the Order in two sizes, one size (small) to be furnished to the members for use on letters, cards, messages, etc., Also that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to make appropriate arm bands for use by the members.

Passed by unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hewes, seconded by Mr. West, it was moved that all designs arranged and submitted by the Grand Chancellor for suitable awards, insignia, decorations, habits, gowns, etc. and the manner of use by the members, in accordance with the history and tradition of the Order, be accepted, approved and officially adopted. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Chair asked the assembled to join him in repeating the Lord's Prayer and a special prayer for the repose of the souls of the departed Knights: Have mercy, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon the souls of all our departed Knights, and in return for the benefits which they bestowed upon us on earth let them obtain an eternal reward in heaven. Amen.

There being no further business at hand, and upon a motion duly seconded, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Thourot Pichel
Thourot Pichel,
Secretary.

