

**MEETING OF THE CORPORATE BOARD  
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF FLORIDA**

December 17, 2016

No. 16

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 9:45 a.m. in the Grand Master's Office at the Masonic Home of Florida by M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master, Chairman  
R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master  
R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden  
R.:W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden  
M.:W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M.  
R.:W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M.  
M.:W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Absent: M.:W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer (Excused)

Also present:

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| R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel | R.:W.: James E. Bradford, P.D.D.G.M.       |
| R.:W.: Charles G. Calabritto, D.D.G.M. (16)  | R.:W.: Joseph A. Gonzalez, P.D.D.G.M.      |
| R.:W.: Ronald E. Peebles, P.D.D.G.M.         | R.:W.: Wallace T. Fine, P.D.D.G.M.         |
| R.:H.: Michael L. Elliott, P.D.I.            | Brother Jay B. Kosner                      |
| R.:W.: F. Joseph Smedley, P.D.D.G.M.         | W.: Kirk W. Hall, P.M.                     |
| R.:W.: Gregory L. Wynn, D.D.G.M. (23)        | R.:W.: Edward J. Mayfield, Jr., P.D.D.G.M. |

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by M.:W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master, and prayer was offered by R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden. The Grand Master introduced the Members of the Board and others present.

A motion was made by R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 13 of November 19, 2016; Poll No. 14 of December 6, 2016; and Poll No. 15 of December 14, 2016. Motion carried.

**MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – DECEMBER**

The residents and staff would like to thank the following:

- The 33<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District for hosting their annual Holiday Party for the residents today;
- M.:W.: Stan Hudson and First Lady Joy Hudson for joining the residents on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate;
- The 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Masonic Districts for delivering over 150 beautiful poinsettias to make our home extra special;
- The Masonic Home Activities Team for their creative holiday decorating;
- The Suncoast Master Mason Association (20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Masonic Districts) for making a generous donation to recognize the Masonic Home Staff for the holidays;
- The Order of the Eastern Star members of the Masonic Home Service Guild for hosting a lovely annual party for the residents;
- Venice Lodge No. 301 for bringing gifts and visiting with each resident on December 18, 2016;
- The Masters and Wardens Association of Hillsborough County (22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Masonic Districts) for donating a specialized 2017 calendar to each resident;

- John Darling Lodge No. 154, Brandon Lodge No. 114, the Egypt Shriners, and the Brandon Shrine Club for being here every Christmas morning to celebrate with the residents and making special donations;
- The Masonic Home Board of Trustees and Grand Lodge Officers for their support and assistances throughout the year.

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – DECEMBER**

1. The budgeted and scheduled repair of the chiller deck roof is to be completed before the end of April 2017. Three RFP's have been issued and the following three companies have bids forthcoming: Abode Builders; George Kontos Roofing; and Advanced Roofing. We have a budgeted amount of \$45,000 approved for this work.
2. We have approved a bid from Vootu Electric to replace the 15 exterior heads of the outdoor lighting system along with internal kits which will produce a higher efficiency lighting program. The project will cost \$4,500 and one is approved to be completed in the 2017-2018 Masonic Home Budget. A \$3,000 per year approximate savings will be realized and a 1.4% per year return on investment with this program.
3. Contracts up for renewal in January are Bingham Pest Control that will be renewed at \$1,100 per month; the biomedical waste contract for Stericycle Company which will not be renewed and RFP's for the biomedical waste disposal have been put out for 3 additional companies to bid on this service.
4. Update on the Guest House Project: The project will be ready for the plumbing and the a/c rough-in inspections next week. By this time next month most of the construction for this project should be substantially completed.

R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the Administrator's Report and the Long Range Planning Committee Report for December as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

### **ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – DECEMBER**

During the month of December the Admissions Committee reviewed and approved 4 Masonic Home Applications for admission to the Home, pending various information and actions. The Admissions Committee denied 1 Masonic Home Application. One Application for Emergency Relief was approved.

R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions Committee Report for the month of December as printed and distributed and the motion was seconded by R.:W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

### **MASONIC HOME APPLICATIONS APPROVED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – NOVEMBER**

During the month of November the following Masonic Home Applications were approved by the Board of Trustees for admission to the Masonic Home:

James and Rebecca Bradford, sponsored by Winter Haven Lodge No. 186

Frank and Thomasine Clawson, sponsored by Dunedin Lodge No. 192

### **NON-RESIDENT RELIEF REPORT – NOVEMBER**

During the month of November no Non-Resident Relief Funds were distributed.

R.:W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the Masonic Home Applications Approved by the Board of Trustees Report and the Non-Resident Relief Report for the month of November. Second was made by R.:W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

## **NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

During the month of November the following new General Ledger Account Number was created:

| <b>ACCOUNT NO.</b>  | <b>NAME:</b>            | <b>ACCOUNT TYPE:</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 060 00-00 26217.008 | Cain, Rex (Private Pay) | Liability            |

R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of November. Second was made by M.: W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M., and the motion carried.

## **CREDIT APPLICATIONS REPORT GRAND LODGE AND MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA FOR NOVEMBER**

During the month of November no credit applications were received for the Grand Lodge Office or for the Masonic Home of Florida.

M.: W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of November which was seconded by R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master. Motion carried.

## **LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR NOVEMBER**

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for November. R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of November as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## **FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND, INC. FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE MASONIC HOME BUILDING FUND**

The Board reviewed the funds received from estates and wills through the month of November for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$1,276,005.42). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$227,190.11).

R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of November which was seconded by R.: W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

## **MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – NOVEMBER**

There were no donations to the Masonic Relief Fund to report for the month of November.

R.: W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the report for November. Second was made by R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

## **MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – NOVEMBER**

We are currently 3.75% under budget (\$303,184) for the fiscal year, after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid and after adjusting for the timing of the Guest House Project.

R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report for November as printed and distributed which was seconded by R.: W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

The Grand Master recognized R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel, for the following report:

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

### **I. CONTRACT REVIEW/MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

General Counsel has reviewed various contracts forwarded by the Grand Secretary.

### **II. ESTATES:**

General Counsel continues to monitor various open estates whose beneficiaries include Grand Lodge and/or the Masonic Home of Florida.

### **III. MASONIC HOME:**

General Counsel has had the opportunity to review various contracts tendered by the Administrator of the Masonic Home as well as the Board of Trustees.

General Counsel has conducted the asset verifications and prepared Warranty Deeds, Wills, Durable Power of Attorneys, and spousal waivers, if applicable, for recent entrants to the Masonic Home.

General Counsel then provided an update on the Walter Hammond lawsuits that were filed against The Grand Lodge of Florida. Walter Hammond's attorney filed motions with the appellate court on the first lawsuit which were denied; therefore, this case is closed. Walter Hammond's attorney filed a motion questioning the court's decision on the Federal Lawsuit which was denied and he has the right to file an appeal within 30 days. There is a hearing scheduled in February to request that the lawsuit filed by Walter Hammond against Albert J. Russell Lodge No. 126 and The Grand Lodge of Florida be transferred back to the original judge who ruled on this case.

R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M., moved for acceptance of the Report of the General Counsel as presented. Second was made by M.: W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M., and the motion carried.

## **LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – NOVEMBER**

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of November, M.: W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

The Grand Master called upon R.: W.: Wallace T. Fine, Chairman of the Properties Committee, to present the following report:

## **REPORT OF THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

- 1. Zone 1 Properties Committee Chairman W.: Kenneth E. Thorndyke**  
**The Blocker Property, a lot at 0000 Longhorn Trail, Gulf Breeze, FL**  
The property is listed for \$10,000.
- 2. Zone 3 Properties Committee Chairman Brother Nick D. Deonas**  
**Vacant Land, Starke, FL, owned by Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc.**  
The land was listed for \$625,000. The listing agreement is up for renewal. We are in the process of obtaining a land survey and gathering information about selling some of the lumber on the property.
- 3. Zone 5 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Glenn A. Reynolds**  
**The Huff Property at 3342 Kittles Street, Mims, FL 32754**  
We closed for \$32,000.
- 4. Zone 6 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Reed Rue**  
**The Wampole Property at 16416 US Highway 19, #535, Clearwater, FL 33764**  
The mobile home is listed for \$5,000.
- 5. Zone 8 Properties Committee Chairman W.: Dana P. McGrath**  
**The DeFrenn Property at 13 Pinewood Blvd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936**  
There is a title problem and General Counsel is working on the issue.

**6. Out of State Property**

**The Shemela's timeshare at Sand Ocean Club in Myrtle Beach, SC Condo 1206 week 9**

The Board is discussing putting the timeshare for sale on Craig's List.

**Vehicles for sale:**

- 1996 Ford Ranger with 108k+ miles with a manual transmission; the vehicle is in rough condition and we are asking for \$759.00

R.:W.: Ronald E. Peebles, P.D.D.G.M., provided an update on the vacant land owned by the Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc. R.:W.: Peebles contacted a lumber company that visited the property and informed him that the timber on the land that could be sold is very limited. R.:W.: Peebles was also in contact with a commercial realtor that agreed with the determination of the lumber company and it would not be cost efficient to sell the lumber due to the cost of the cleanup of the property after the timber is sold. The realtor advised that the net proceeds from property would be higher if the trees were left on the property. It was noted that the contract for the survey on the land has been reviewed by General Counsel and will be signed today in order to proceed with the land survey.

R.:W.: Ronald E. Peebles, P.D.D.G.M., was informed by the commercial realtor that the sooner the property is sold the more profit will be realized due to a by-pass on Highway 301 being built near the property which will reduce the traffic passing the property for commercial purposes. It was also reported that the property may be more valuable as residential due to the by-pass being built on Highway 301. R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to hire real estate agent Jack C. Ganstine to list the property, pending General Counsel's approval of the contract. M.:W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as presented and amended. R.:W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

The Grand Secretary informed the Corporate Board that the #1 chiller at the Grand Lodge Building is not working. The chiller was re-built 5 years ago and is now beyond repair. The current air conditioning contractor that handles the Grand Lodge Building suggested that air handlers be installed and to discontinue use of the chillers and we would be able to remove the water towers on the roof. This new system would allow for zoning separation in order that we could shut down zones when they are not being used. The high pressure hot water boiler would be eliminated which would be a cost savings of approximately \$10,000 per year for maintenance and insurance plus the cost of the gas. The estimated cost to install the new units would be between \$125,000 and \$175,000; however, a bid received 6 years ago to replace the current chiller boiler system was \$450,000.

The Grand Master informed the Corporate Board that The Grand Lodge of Florida sent \$10,000 from the Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc. to The Grand Lodge of Tennessee to aide in the disaster relief due to the recent fires.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 10:46 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.  
Secretary to the Board

Approved:



Stanley L. Hudson  
Grand Master

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At the request of the Grand Master, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken requesting the approval of a recommendation of the Chairman of the Properties Committee to accept an offer of \$300.00 for the 1996 Ford Ranger located at the Masonic Home of Florida. The members voted to accept the offer as follows:

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| M.: W.: | Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master, Chairman   | Yes |
| R.: W.: | Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master      | Yes |
| R.: W.: | John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden        | Yes |
| R.: W.: | John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden | Yes |
| M.: W.: | Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer   | Yes |
| M.: W.: | James E. Ford, P.G.M.                       | Yes |
| R.: W.: | Douglas Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M.                  | Yes |

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