

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

September 17, 2022

No. 9

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:05 a.m. via video conference on Microsoft Teams by M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, Grand Master, Chairman
R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Junior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer
M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.
R.: W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Also Present:

R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel	R.: W.: Julian M. Mackenzie, D.D.G.M. Dist. 19
R.: W.: Michael S. Griffin, P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Rick Wendling, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Joseph M. Fleites, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian	R.: W.: Chester A. King, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: R. Patrick Jacob, D.D.G.M. Dist. 10	R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: William B. Dishman, P.D.D.G.M.	

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, Grand Master, and prayer was offered by R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Master introduced the members of the Board and others present.

A motion was made by R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 7 of August 20, 2022, and Poll No. 8 of September 7, 2022. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER

- COVID-19 Update: The Home currently has no residents or staff out with COVID. County positivity remains in the high category at 9.63%. The Home has been taken off outbreak status with the County Department of Health effective August 27, 2022. The screening process and mask use remain in place for all staff and visitors.
- Hurricane Season: Although there have been no threats as of yet, we remain ready for any changes. The Home has designated a second evacuation site should it be necessary for residents who may need more care than what we can provide in a Lodge setting. Trinity Rehabilitation Center, which is located outside any evacuation zone, has agreed to assist when and if the need arises.
- Administration is attending multi-site Lodge events and meetings in an effort to discuss bringing a sense of normal back to the Home through events and tours.
- First Lady Project Updates:
 - Putting greens are in and the Courtyard Project is completed.
 - The bathroom upgrade is completed and the water bottle filling station has been installed.
 - The Movie Theater Project (2020) is underway with the audio visual equipment arrived and awaiting installation.
- The Florida Minimum Wage increase will be effective on October 1, 2022, for Assisted Living Facility providers and this has been a hot topic around the industry. Just for discussion and clarity of what

many may be hearing or seeing in publications the Masonic Home is not required to increase wages to the \$15 per hour minimum as this only relates to centers who receive Medicaid funding.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER

1. The Home continues to follow state and county COVID-19 guidelines for visitation and overall operations. Visits and tours are occurring daily and large groups have been scheduling their visits through the Administrator.
2. Marketing:
 - a. August: total of 66 residents; of which 26 are Private Pay with 11 non-masonic; with 37 SNF and 29 ALF from the census breakdown report.
 - b. BrandMETTLE marketing is only in place for upkeep of the website.
 - c. The center’s team will be attending the Florida Senior Expo in October to generate awareness of the Home and what we have to offer.
 - d. Discussion on the renovation of the ALF continues during workshops with PURE Project Management.
3. Other: The new Activities Director is in place and a new Activities Coordinator has been hired.

R.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the Masonic Home Administrator’s Report and the Operations Committee Report for September as presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting. It was noted that the Long Range Planning Committee Report was not presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Second was made by R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER

1. One application has been approved by the Admissions Committee for admission to the Masonic Home. This application was pending and under review for additional documentation. The additional documentation was received and the admission into the Home took place on September 15, 2022.
2. One application has been received for Non-Resident or Emergency Relief. This is the same application for Non-Resident Relief which was previously approved over the past six months. Again, a review of this application with a complete report is being conducted by the Admissions Committee.
3. R.:W.: Glen Garner, Chairman of the Admissions Committee, has a PowerPoint presentation available to the Corporate Board on the following: Out Reach, Non-Resident Assistance, Widows, etc.

R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions Committee Report for the month of September as printed and distributed and the motion was seconded by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Junior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME APPLICATIONS APPROVED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – AUGUST

During the month of August, there were no applications approved by the Board of Trustees for admission to the Masonic Home. We continue to have one application pending the receipt of additional information.

NON-RESIDENT RELIEF REPORT – AUGUST

During the month of August, there were no Non-Resident Relief Funds distributed.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the Masonic Home Applications Approved by the Board of Trustees Report for the month of August, and the Non-Resident Relief Report for the month of August. Second was made by R.:W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 263 12.008	Galvin, Mildred (Private Pay)	Liability

R.: W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of August. Second was made by M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., and the motion carried.

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

During the month of August, there were no credit applications received and processed for the Grand Lodge Office or the Masonic Home of Florida.

M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of August which was seconded by R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR AUGUST

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for August. R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of August as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Deputy Grand Master, 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 August for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$903,675.83). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$566,399.85). During the month of August there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of August which was seconded by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – AUGUST

During the month of August, no funds were received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the report for August as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – AUGUST

We report that we are currently .5% favorable to the budget (\$38.2k) after five months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used, after amortizing for the insurance premiums already paid, and adjusting for timing of maintenance.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report for August as printed and distributed which was seconded by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

General Counsel has not been requested to review any documentation from the Grand Lodge Office with the exception of estate work as further referenced.

II. ESTATES:

General Counsel is working with Bob Robertson on the Gardner Estate and continues to review files relating to open estates and/or trusts naming The Grand Lodge of Florida, the Masonic Home and/or the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc., as beneficiaries.

III. PROPERTIES:

There is no additional report to be given at this time as all property matters are listed on the Properties Committee Report.

IV. MASONIC HOME:

General Counsel has reviewed two contracts submitted by Bob Robertson, including Mirabito Natural Gas as well as for the Board of Trustees concerning Baker Barrios Architects' conceptual design portion of the contract for the Masonic Home. General Counsel continues to work with the Admissions Committee, including the undertaking of title and asset searches for incoming residents as well as the preparation of their requisite documentation upon admission.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Junior Grand Warden, moved to accept the Report of the General Counsel as presented by R.:W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. Second was made by R.:W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – AUGUST

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of August, R.:W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by M.:W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., and the motion carried.

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 vacant land located in a wetlands area at the south end of the county and is unusable and has no resale value.
- 2. Zone 2 Properties Committee Chairman R.:W.: Robert L. Gentry**
The Crofton Property at Davis Street, Quincy, FL 32351
The property is vacant land and we have posted a FOR SALE BY OWNER sign.
- 3. Zone 3 Properties Committee Chairman Brother Nick D. Deonas**
Vacant Land, Starke, FL, owned by Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc.
The property is listed for \$599,900.
- 4. Zone 6 Properties Committee Chairman W.: Jeffrey A. Tumbarello**
The DeFrenn Property at 13 Pinewood Blvd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
The property is listed for \$99,900 and the Board approved the acceptance of a cash offer of \$98,500. After the Board accepted the offer the buyer increased their offer to \$100,900 as another offer was received. Closing is set for October.
- 5. Catawba County North Carolina**
The Anderson Property at 00 Sweet Bay Lane, Hickory, NC
The property is listed for \$250,000 and we accepted an offer of \$225,000 and will close on September 15, 2022.

M.:W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as printed and distributed. R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion for the Baker Barrios Architects Contract to be open for discussion by the Board. R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was amended to approve the contract pending approval of General Counsel. Motion carried.

The Grand Master then called the Corporate Board into Executive Session. In addition the two nominees for Junior Grand Warden were asked to attend the Executive Session.

During Executive Session a motion was made by R.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Deputy Grand Master, to approve the Purchase Agreement with Eddie and Charlie Farah for the Grand Lodge Building pending approval of the Craft at the 2023 Annual Grand Communication. R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 11:10 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Robert J. Lambert
Grand Master