

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

February 10, 2024

No. 20

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Masonic Home of Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, and via video conference on Microsoft Teams by M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, Grand Master, Chairman
R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer
R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M.
M.: W.: Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, Secretary to the Board

Absent: M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M. (Excused)

Also Present:

R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, General Counsel	M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M.
M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.	M.: W.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
R.: W.: Joseph M. Fleites, P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Jorge L. Filgueira, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., W.: Grand Historian	R.: W.: Anthony A. De Angelo, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Rick Wendling, W.: Grand Sword Bearer	R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	W.: John Eaton, W.M. of Tampa Lodge No. 240
W.: Demarcus A. Smith, W.M. of Pace Lodge No. 349	Brother W. Christopher Townsend

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

A motion was made by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 19 of January 20, 2024. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – FEBRUARY

- COVID-19 Update – The Masonic Home entered COVID outbreak status on January 17th due to a positive resident. Testing of all staff and residents began on January 18th with three additional positive cases identified. The Home continues to follow County Health Department requirements including masking and visitor screening. The outbreak status will continue through February 15th pending any further positive cases.
- The Home is preparing for the 2024 Pilgrimage Day Event. Our residents are excited to see everyone and enjoy a day of fun and family. We remain open for more vendors to register for a table; if there is anyone with interest please remind them that all must register ahead of the event. We cannot guarantee space on the day of the event.
- Legislative Update:
 - Senate Bill 238 & House Bill 995 – Claimants against ALF's. As of February 5, 2024, the House Bill sits with the Health and Human Services Committee; the Senate Bill was reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 29, 2024, with a 9-0 favorable vote. The Bill is now on the Health Policy Committee Agenda for February 6, 2024. The Senate Bill was introduced by Senator Burton and the House Bill by Representative Chamberlin to ensure procedural protection to ALF's similar or equal to that of Nursing Homes.
 - Ensures that claims and damages are focused on those who are directly at fault.
 - Specifies how claims for punitive damages are heard and selected.

- The change in Legislation should lead to downward adjustments in future liability insurance rates.
- Outreach Program Updates:
 - There have been two new calls received since the last meeting. Both calls were related to service assistance. All cases are being reviewed and handled by the Outreach Coordinator (Cristal).
 - The Administrator and Outreach Coordinator continue to schedule education sessions with Lodges and Districts. During these sessions we stress the importance of referring Brothers, wives, and widows to the Outreach Program for assistance.
 - Cristal Baer is working with the Lodges to schedule virtual education and communication sessions. These will be via Zoom or Microsoft Teams meetings monthly which can be accessed by any Lodge. Sessions will also be recorded for use at the Lodge Level.
- Certification Process Update:
 - The Administrator presented a status review for Medicare/Medicaid application.
 - Formal communication has been drafted by Legal Counsel for signature and submission to the IRS.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY

1. Harper Mechanical states that Daikin Global is still waiting for parts for the new chiller. Harper Mechanical will construct a new enclosure around the chiller to satisfy the warranty held by Daikin Global. Three Harper Mechanical representatives were present to discuss the repair and answer questions from the Board.
2. 350KW Onan life safety generator passed the required four hour load bank test during the week of February 5th.
3. The semi-annual testing of the fire alarm system has started this week and may continue into next week. Because of the busy week, the 4” water line repair is pushed to next week.
4. We received additional contractors to provide bids for the roof replacement over the dining room and laundry. We are awaiting their reply.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY

1. Marketing/Admissions:

- 1) Standardized marketing material templates are completed and located in Canva. These will be used for all materials used in order to create Brand Recognition across all advertising platforms.
- 2) Trestleboard advertisements are completed and have been sent to Grand Lodge for posting on the website. Lodges will be able to access these templates for use in their monthly mailings.
- 3) Maryanne and Cristal attended a senior expo at the St. Petersburg Coliseum this month. This event was hosted by the Tampa Bay Times and provided great opportunities to network with local providers and community members.

2. Census:

- 1) As of January 31st: Total of 74 residents; of which 34 are Private Pay with 20 of those being non-masonic. There are 37 residents in the SNF and 37 in the ALF from the census breakdown report.
- 2) Fiscal Year to Date:
 - i. Admissions = 27 (9 Fraternal, 18 Private Pay)
 - ii. Discharges/Deaths = 30 (10 Fraternal, 20 Private Pay)
- 3) Referral Summary:

Total Number of Referrals in Pipedrive	Private	Private Masonic	Fraternal	Undecided	Totals
Nursing	4		2		6
ALF	9		7	1	17
					23

Age Of Referral					
0- 6 months	11		7	1	19
7-12 Months	2		2		4
12+ Months					0

Referral Source	Website	Drive By	MD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
	9	1		2	11	

3. **MISC.:**

- 1) **Additional Update of Insurance Claim for Chillers:** Communication has taken place with the insurance adjuster from Travelers. Loss information (e.g., make, model, theory to cause of loss, photos, etc.) has been provided and the adjuster is working on arrangements for a local field representative to inspect the loss.
- 2) **Property and Casualty Insurance:** Talks have commenced with our broker as to exploring ways to possibly reduce further premiums, loss control inspections, and adequacy of limits (such efforts will also include the upcoming status change with the Grand Lodge Building).

R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the Masonic Home Administrator’s Report, the Long Range Planning Committee Report, and the Operations Committee Report for February as printed and presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting. Second was made by R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY

There were no funds distributed in February of 2024 for Non-Resident Relief. The Admissions Committee reviewed one Fraternal Care Application for George Williams, sponsored by John Darling Lodge No. 154, 19th Masonic District. Mr. Williams’ application has been approved pending results of the background check.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions and Relief Committee Report for the month of February as presented at the Board of Trustees Meeting and the motion was seconded by R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden. Motion carried.

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

During the month of January, the following new General Ledger Account Numbers were created:

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 26342.008	Gonzalez, Victor (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26343.008	Miller, Janice (Private Pay)	Liability

R.:W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of January. Second was made by R.:W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

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

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

R.:W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of January which was seconded by R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer. 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 January for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$1,161,752.65). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$566,919.85). During the month of January there were no undesignated funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund.

R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of January which was seconded by R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for January. R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of January as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – JANUARY

During the month of January, no funds were received and deposited into the Masonic Relief Fund. The year to date total received is \$11,000.00.

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

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – JANUARY

We report that we are currently 2.35% unfavorable to the final budget (\$204,892) after ten months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used, after amortizing for the insurance premiums already paid, and adjusting for the timing of maintenance.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Reports which was seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – JANUARY

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of January, R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

General Counsel reviewed and approved the contract with the Rosen Plaza Hotel for the 2025 Jurisprudence Committee Meeting.

II. ESTATES:

General Counsel 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:

All property matters are listed on the Properties Committee Report.

IV. MASONIC HOME:

General Counsel has reviewed a boiler service agreement and continues to work with our Administrator in the Medicare application and related matters. General Counsel continues to work with the Admissions Committee, including undertaking title and asset searches for incoming residents as well as the preparation of their requisite documentation upon admission.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the Report of the General Counsel as presented by R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone. Second was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, 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
General Counsel will, based upon the local Property Committee Chairperson's report, and at the direction of the Corporate Board, be contacting the adjoining landowner(s) to determine if they have an interest in purchasing the property.
- 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.

R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., made a motion to accept the Properties Committee Report as presented by R.: W.: Stephen R. Gladstone, State Chairman. R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to approve the contract with the Rosen Plaza Hotel for the Jurisprudence Committee Meeting in 2025. R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 10:18 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Glen B. Bishop
Grand Master