

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

March 16, 2024

No. 21

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
M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M.
R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, 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	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.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Joseph A. Severino, P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.
W.: William C. Wagner, P.M.	W.: John Eaton, W.M., Tampa Lodge No. 240
W.: Demarcus A. Smith, W.M., Pace Lodge No. 349	W.: Evan R. Sobel, P.M.
W.: Leonard Morreale, W.M., Landmark Lodge No. 383	Brother W. Christopher Townsend
Mrs. Ruby Combs, Masonic Home Resident	

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. 20 of February 10, 2024. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MARCH

- COVID-19 Update – The Masonic Home completed outbreak protocols on February 15th following the positive cases noted in the January report.
- The Home continued its preparation for the 2024 Pilgrimage Day Event. We have seen an increase in table reservations for this year's event which is wonderful. The schedule for the day has been distributed.
- Outreach Program Updates:
 - There have been no new calls received since the last meeting.
 - The Administrator and Outreach Coordinator participated in two education sessions with Lodges and Districts this month. We continue to schedule meetings both virtual and in person, during these sessions we stress the importance of referring Brothers, wives, and widows to the Outreach Program for assistance.
 - In our efforts to learn the efforts of our sister states Cristal has compiled a review of all programs throughout the country. Information from each of the states will assist in further development of the Outreach Program.
- Certification Process Update:
 - The Administrator presented a status review for Medicare/Medicaid application.

- The Home is awaiting a response letter from the IRS.
- New business:
 - The Home has received a contract for repair of the roof over the administrative area of the Home. This has been presented to legal counsel and approved by the Long Range Planning Committee. The Administrator is requesting we move forward with this contract with a total cost of \$31,841. This includes a 20 year warranty on material and 5 years for labor. (FYI-this project is already in the 2024-2025 budget proposal.)
 - Weiser Security has submitted a request for wage increases. We have noted an increase in turnover within the Security Department as other organizations have raised their rates of pay. The request is a \$2.50 per hour increase bringing the hourly rate to \$16 for Officers and \$17 for the Supervisor. We are requesting approval to move forward with this increase.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH

1. On Thursday and Friday, February 15th and 16th, Daikin Global installed the missing parts on the new chiller. On Monday the 19th Daikin Global ran the chiller for four hours to test operation and efficiency. The chiller ran well with no issues. The new chiller was shut down and the rental chiller was restarted to carry the building load. Daikin Global will not start the new chiller again until Harper Mechanical has installed the enclosure. We are waiting on permitting and production of the enclosure panels.
2. On March 5th Daikin Global delivered a new temporary air-cooled chiller to take the place of the Sunbelt rental chiller. On March 7th Harper Mechanical and Daikin Global installed the electrical and water connections and started the new air-cooled chiller. On March 13th Sunbelt removed their rental chiller. It is our understanding that we will no longer pay for a rental chiller.
3. New sconce lights were installed in the Stardust movie theater room.
4. The semi-annual cleaning of the kitchen hood system was completed on February 27th.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH

1. Marketing/Admissions:

- 1) The Masonic Home will be sponsoring a table for the Pinellas County Social Worker/Case Manager Breakfast on April 12th. This event is held annually and brings together members of the hospital and hospice communities.

2. Census:

- 1) As of February 29th: Total of 73 residents; of which 33 are Private Pay with 20 of those being non-masonic. There are 38 residents in the SNF and 35 in the ALF from the census breakdown report.
- 2) Fiscal Year to Date:
 - i. Admissions = 32 (10 Fraternal, 22 Private Pay)
 - ii. Discharges/Deaths = 33 (10 Fraternal, 23 Private Pay)
- 3) Referral Summary:

Total Number of Referrals in Pipedrive	Private	Private Masonic	Fraternal	Undecided	Totals
Nursing	7		1		8
ALF	8		7		15
					23

Age Of Referral					
0- 6 months	10		5	1	16
7-12 Months	2		2		4
12+ Months					0

Referral Source	Website	Drive By	MD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
	10	2	1	2	8	

3. Chiller Insurance Claim: We have been informed that the insurance adjuster on the mechanical breakdown policy claim has been reassigned within Travelers Insurance. Conversations have taken place with the new adjuster and we are gathering the additional documents that have been requested.

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 March 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 – MARCH

There were no funds distributed in March of 2024 for Non-Resident Relief. The Admissions Committee did not receive any Fraternal Care applications to review this month.

R.:W.: Taleb T. Atala, Senior Grand Warden, moved for acceptance of the Admissions and Relief Committee Report for the month of March 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 FEBRUARY

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 24811.001	Horwitz, Jerold (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 26344.008	Rizzo, Rosemarie (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26345.008	Buzzell, Garry (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26346.008	Dutmers, Christine (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26347.008	Knigge, Rosemarie (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 February. 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 FEBRUARY**

During the month of February, 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 February which was seconded by M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for February. M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of February as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.:W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, 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 February for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$1,163,688.30). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$566,919.85). During the month of February 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 February which was seconded by R.:W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – FEBRUARY

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

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

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – FEBRUARY

We report that we are currently 2.29% unfavorable to the final budget (\$199,661) after eleven 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 Report which was seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

Nothing pending.

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 roofing contract. 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.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – FEBRUARY

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of February, R.: W.: J. Paul Stellrecht, P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, 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
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.

M.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, 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 to approve the 2023 annual contribution to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Florida Employee Pension Plan and Trust in the amount of \$91,415.49, which was seconded by R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

R.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to approve the list of Distinguished Guests for the 195th Annual Grand Communication. 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 10:21 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

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March 25, 2024

No. 22

At the request of the State Chairman of the Properties Committee, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for approval of the listing price of \$115,000 for the Horwitz Property (Masonic Home Resident) located at 115 Ventor F, Deerfield Beach, Florida, 33442. The members voted as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted:



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Approved:



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April 15, 2024

No. 23

At the request of the State Chairman of the Properties Committee, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for approval of the recommendation that the Board counter a cash offer of \$97,127 for \$114,000 for the Horwitz Property (Masonic Home Resident) located at 115 Venter F, Deerfield Beach, Florida, 33442. It shall be noted that there is another offer on the table that will net \$114,000. The members voted as follows:

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

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



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



Glen B. Bishop
Grand Master