

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

June 15, 2024

No. 2

A Meeting of the Corporate Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. via video conference by M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman, with the following members present:

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer
M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., 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.: Jorge L. Aladro, P.G.M.
M.: W.: J. Dick Martinez, P.G.M.	M.: W.: Glen B. Bishop, P.G.M.
M.: W.: Robert J. Lambert, P.G.M.	M.: W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, P.G.M.
R.: W.: Raymond M. Ali, P.D.D.G.M.	R.: W.: Robert W. Estell, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Gary J. Gamache, Sr., W.: Grand Historian	R.: W.: Ben S. Schwartz, P.D.D.G.M.
R.: W.: Julian M. Mackenzie, P.D.D.G.M.	

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

A motion was made by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, to approve the Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting No. 25 of May 26, 2024, and Organizational Meeting No. 1 of June 1, 2024. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – JUNE

- COVID-19 Update – The Home has no current issues.
- A special “Thank You” to the grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth and the York Rite Appendant Bodies for inviting us to attend their Annual Grand Communication Events. Cristal and I were truly honored to participate and thank everyone for their continued support for our Masonic Home Residents.
- Cristal and I also wish to thank everyone who stopped by our table during the Annual Grand Lodge Communication. This is always such a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the Craft. A special thanks to D. Turin and Company for donating polo shirts for our Masons here at the Home and to Dalene Johnson for donating the beautiful cold cups for our ladies who attended the ladies events at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication.
- Regulatory Update:
 - CMS issued a final ruling on enhanced barrier precautions in nursing homes. This new guidance requires additional interventions for infection prevention for residents colonized infections or those with wounds and indwelling medical devices. In short, this ruling requires the addition of surgical gowns and gloves when caring for any resident with the above noted concerns.
 - AHCA (Florida) has issued a “proposed” rule which looks to change section 59A-36.006 (Admissions Procedures, Appropriate of Placement and Continued Residency Criteria in Assisted Living) to allow for admittance of those with an infectious disease that can be spread through droplet or airborne transmission at the discretion of the facility.

- Outreach Program Updates:
 - The Home had two outreach calls this month; both of which were to request assistance with in home services or provider search questions.
- Certification Process Update:
 - The IRS letter has not been received by the Home as of the date of this report. This document is necessary to move forward with the application submission.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE

- The members of the committee were informed of what we would like to accomplish as a Long Range Planning Committee this year and our number one concern is to keep our residents comfortable and in a safe environment.
- The committee discussed having an inventory of all equipment and appliances in the Home in order to be able to establish a plan for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement in a timely manner.
- The committee discussed contracts with vendors and suppliers and how we must do our due diligence and obtain at least 3 bids, if not more, when contracts are coming up for renewal.
- The committee examined and discussed the new chiller that was installed on the roof. M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, P.G.M., was retained as a special advisor and will handle everything involving the chillers.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE

1. Marketing/Admissions:

- 1) The Administrator and Outreach Coordinator attended the Grand York Rite this past month. We had the opportunity to speak with members and answer questions related to both the Home and Outreach Services.
- 2) We updated the Competitor Survey to be completed in June to include daily rates and services included.
- 3) We completed a re-evaluation of community physician network as a potential referral source.

2. Census:

- 1) As of May 31st: Total of 80 residents; of which 39 are Private Pay with 26 of those being non-masonic. There are 45 residents in the SNF and 35 in the ALF from the census breakdown report.
- 2) Fiscal Year to Date: (Starts April 1st)
 - i. Admissions = 6 (1 Fraternal and 5 Private Pay)
 - ii. Discharges/Deaths = 3 (1 Fraternal and 2 Private Pay)

3) Referral Summary:

Total Number of Referrals in Pipedrive	Private	Private Masonic	Fraternal	Undecided	Totals
Nursing	16		10		26
ALF	15		5		20
					46

Age Of Referral					
0- 6 months	30		9		39
7-12 Months	1		5		6
12+ Months			1		1

Referral Source	Website	Drive By	MD Referral	Other	Lodge/Mason	Magazine
	13	9	3	5	15	1

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, 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 June as printed and distributed. Second was made by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

ADMISSIONS AND NON-RESIDENT RELIEF COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE

There were no funds distributed in June of 2024 for Non-Resident Relief. The Fraternal Care application of Alice Barlow, sponsored by West Broward Lodge No. 253, was approved on an emergency basis at the

meeting held on May 26, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, by the previous Board of Trustees and recorded in the minutes.

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

NEW ACCOUNT NUMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 26351.008	Snyder, Arthur (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26352.008	Alexis, Fleurette (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26353.008	Cerf, Alain (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26354.008	Stansbery, Susan (Private Pay)	Liability
060 00-00 26355.008	Lewis, Clodagh (Private Pay)	Liability

R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, moved for the adoption of the New Account Numbers Report for the month of May. Second was made by R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

CREDIT APPLICATIONS REPORT GRAND LODGE AND MASONIC HOME OF FLORIDA FOR MAY

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

R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., made a motion for the adoption of the Credit Applications Report for the month of May which was seconded by M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR MAY

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for May. M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M., moved for acceptance of the report for the month of May 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 May for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$6,063.49). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$574,700.32). During the month of May there were no funds received for Estates and Wills and deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund. The year-to-date total for Estates and Wills deposited into the Masonic Home Building Fund is \$7,780.47.

R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer, made a motion for acceptance of the reports for the month of May which was seconded by R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, and the motion carried.

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – MAY

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

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

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – MAY

We report that we are currently 3.45% favorable to the budget (\$324,529k) after two months of the fiscal year before any contingency is used and after amortizing for the insurance premium already paid.

R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, made a motion for acceptance of the Masonic Home Budget Report as read into the record which was seconded by R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

I. CONTRACT REVIEW/GRAND LODGE:

The hotel contract for the 199th Annual Grand Communication in 2028 has been reviewed and approved.

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 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.: Frederick R. Wendling, 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.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., and the motion carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – MAY

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of May, R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M., moved for the adoption of the report as printed and distributed. Second was made by M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., 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.
- 3. Zone 7 Properties Committee Chairman R.: W.: Wallace T. Fine**
The Horwitz Property at 115 Ventor F 115, Deerfield Beach, FL
The property is listed for \$115,000.

M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., 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 2028 Rosen Plaza Hotel contract for the 199th Annual Grand Communication. R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to list the property of Tamiami Trail Lodge No. 262 for \$274,900 and that General Counsel be authorized to sign an updated Listing Agreement for a term of 6 months. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to authorize the Grand Master to sign a Letter of Intent to purchase the property for the new Grand Lodge Building in Jacksonville. R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

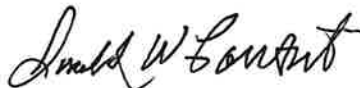
There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 10:25 a.m. Benediction was then offered by R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master

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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 accepting an offer of \$250,000 for the Tamiami Trail Lodge No. 262 (defunct Lodge) property located at 210 Storter Avenue S, Everglades City, Florida, 34139. The property was listed for \$274,900. The members voted as follows:

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer	Yes
M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.	Yes
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:



Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
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Approved:



Donald W. Cowart
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No. 4

At the request of the State Chairman of the Properties Committee, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken for guidance on how to proceed with the Barlow Property (Masonic Home Resident) located at 7050 SW 10th Court, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33023. The members voted as follows to have the sponsoring Lodge to clean out the property and have an estate sale:

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer	Yes
M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.	Yes
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master

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No. 5

At the request of the Grand Secretary, a poll of the Corporate Board of Directors was taken to approve the contract to purchase the new Grand Lodge Building Property in Jacksonville, Florida. General Counsel approved the contract. The members voted as follows:

M.: W.: Donald W. Cowart, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Taleb T. Atala, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.: Haskell R. Vest, Jr., Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Frederick R. Wendling, Jr., Junior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright, Grand Treasurer	Yes
M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Jr., P.G.M.	Yes
R.: W.: Jack W. Hampton, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.	Yes

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Donald W. Cowart
Grand Master