

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

January 21, 2017

No. 18

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:

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.: D. Mark Small, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Brian R. Poole, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: James W. McQuigg, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: F. Joseph Smedley, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Ronald E. Peebles, P.D.D.G.M.	W.: Jay B. Kosner
R.:W.: Jackie Arrington, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Reed Rue, P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Rudin "Rudy" J. Boatright, P.D.D.G.M.	R.:W.: Edward J. Mayfield, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.
R.:W.: Glen B. Bishop, 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. 16 of December 17, 2016, and Poll No. 17 of January 17, 2017. Motion carried.

MASONIC HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – JANUARY

- We would like to welcome the Grand Court of the Order of the Amaranth for their Annual Masonic Home Day tomorrow and thank them for their support.
- J.F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 is here today to put on their Annual Fish Fry Celebration for the residents and staff. We appreciate all the effort which goes into this special event.
- The following two contracts are being presented to General Counsel for review and to the Grand Master for approval: Red Bag for biomedical waste pickup services and Nutritional/Dietitian Consultant Services.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – JANUARY

1. Adobe Builders will start the roofing projects on site at the Guest House, the chiller deck roof, the irrigation house, and the Eastern Star Building. The total bid for all of the work is \$85,000. There will be a \$3,000 savings for this work on the sales tax for building materials that will be purchased

directly; therefore, the net cost will be \$82,000. The approved budget for the chiller deck roof was \$45,000 and the approved budget for the Guest House Project was \$40,000.

2. The ACCA inspection was completed last week. The inspector flagged the hood sprinkler head system in the kitchen. The inspector issued a violation and will require a new Ansul System for the hood. This new system will require a budget approval of \$20,000.
3. Update on the Guest House Project: 75% of all of the budgeted contract work has now been completed. All of the construction work should be completed by the end of February and a Certificate of Occupancy acquired by the end of March. There was recently a 2½ - 3 week delay in the project caused by a problem with a particular Building Inspector. Allen West and John Youngman, Architect, met with the Chief Building Inspector for the City of St. Petersburg and now the inspections are complete and up-to-date. All Rough-In inspections have been completed and Allen feels that the balance of the project should start coming together fairly quickly.

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

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – JANUARY

During the month of January the no applications for admission to the Masonic Home were received by the Admissions Committee for review and/or approval. 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 January 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 – DECEMBER

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

Gary Snyder, sponsored by Phoenix Lodge No. 346,
pending disposal of his auto and its debt prior to admission
Tomas and Rosalynda Ratner, sponsored by Hibiscus Lodge No. 275,
pending disposal of their auto and its debt prior to admission
David Keddy, sponsored by West Pensacola Lodge No. 296,
pending receipt of the investigation report and Lodge Resolution

NON-RESIDENT RELIEF REPORT – DECEMBER

During the month of December 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 December. 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 DECEMBER

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

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME:	ACCOUNT TYPE:
060 00-00 24729.001	Bradford, James (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 24730.001	Bradford, Rebecca (Cash)	Liability

060 00-00 24731.001	Clawson, Frank (Cash)	Liability
060 00-00 24732.001	Clawson, Thomasine (Cash)	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 December. 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 DECEMBER**

During the month of December 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 December which was seconded by R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master. Motion carried.

LIST OF ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER

The Board then reviewed the List of Estate Activity for December. R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, moved for acceptance of the report for the month of December 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 December for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund, Inc. (\$1,282,143.70). The Board then reviewed the funds available for the Masonic Home Building Fund (\$227,440.11).

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

MASONIC RELIEF FUND REPORT – DECEMBER

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

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

MASONIC HOME BUDGET REPORT – DECEMBER

We are currently 4.86% under budget (\$392,769) 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 December 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:

There was no action taken during December.

II. PROPERTIES:

General Counsel is working with a land surveyor on the Starke property to seek the abandonment of a road by the County. Also, the people parking on the property and storing items on the property have mostly cleared their items from the property.

General Counsel is commencing a Quiet Title action for the Carpenter Property in Lehigh Acres.

General Counsel is working on the listing of a timeshare in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

General Counsel reported that many years ago, possibly in 2000, The Grand Lodge of Florida obtained a small section of a property that is located in an outdoor athletic field in Fort McCoy, Florida. At that time a lien was placed on the property and the Grand Lodge could not sell the property. This file was presented to General Counsel in 2010 and at that time the Corporate Board voted to lease the property to the little league that was using the field for \$1.00 per year and the little league would be responsible for paying the taxes on the property. General Counsel attempted to contact the little league with no success. The file was turned over to another member of the Panel of Attorneys who also was not able to make any progress with resolving the issue. Approximately two weeks ago the Grand Lodge received a very low offer of \$912.00 net proceeds to purchase the property and the property is valued at \$3,990 by the County Property Appraiser. General Counsel recommends that the property be assigned to the Zone Chairman of the Properties Committee and have him research the tax rolls and obtain a value on the property.

III. ESTATES:

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

General Counsel is in the process of resolving issues relative to the Scally Trust Property which includes the defense of two foreclosure actions, a writ of unlawful detainer, code enforcement, and tax matters.

IV. 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 discussed with R.:W.: Charles Calabritto of Knymble setting up a HIPAA compliant method of reviewing protected documents by the Admissions Committee.

General Counsel has conducted the asset verifications and prepared Warranty Deeds, Wills, Durable Power of Attorneys, and spousal waivers, if applicable, for Dr. David Keddy, Tomas Ratner, and Rosalinda Ratner.

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.

R.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to authorize adding R.:W.: Jackie Arrington to the signature cards of the Grand Lodge bank accounts as he will be appointed Grand Treasurer Pro-Tem once M.:W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., resigns from the Office of Grand Treasurer. M.:W.: James W. Ford, P.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

LIST OF PROPERTY ACTIVITY BY COUNTY – DECEMBER

After a review of the List of Property Activity by County for the month of December, 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.: Reed Rue, Zone 6 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.
We are in the process of obtaining a land survey and gathering information about selling some of the lumber on the property.
- 3. 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 and sold and closed for \$5,250.
The Clawson's Property at 1001 Starkey Rd., Largo, FL 33771
We are waiting on the listing contract.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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 – SOLD for \$300.00
- 2005 RV with 62,000 miles is being stored at the Morocco Shrine RV Park in Jacksonville and we are working on getting an appraisal for setting a price

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.

R.: W.: Ronald E. Peebles provided an update on the vacant land in Starke owned by the Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc. The land survey has been completed, with the exception of it being signed and sealed, and the property lines are clearly marked which prompted the surrounding neighbors to remove all vehicles and property that was being stored on the vacant land. There is one trailer left on the vacant land that is owned by a neighboring motorcycle repair shop which will be removed before the fencing is installed. R.: W.: Peebles has obtained two bids and is waiting on a third bid for fencing the property. The two bids already received are in the range of \$3,400 - \$3,600. It was reported that Mosely Tire, a neighboring business, is requesting that he be allowed to use the access road on the front of the property that faces Highway 301 and that the fence be installed in a way that he continues to have access to this road. The Board discussed this request and will make a decision once the land survey is signed and sealed.

R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion that R.: W.: Ronald E. Peebles be authorized to select the fence contractor for the vacant land in Starke at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. R.: W.: Douglas L. Ankeny, P.D.D.G.M., seconded the motion which carried.

The Grand Secretary reviewed the 2016 Perpetual Membership worksheet that determines the distribution of funds to the Lodges. R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to distribute the total amount of net income which exceeds 5% of the market value of the fund. The total amount of net income is \$655,818.51 which calculates to a yield of a 6.2067% distribution to the Lodges for 2016. R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

At the request of the Grand Secretary R.: W.: Charles G. Calabritto provided the Corporate Board with an update on the electronic voting to be used at the upcoming Annual Grand Communication to vote on written ballots and the election of Grand Lodge Officers. It was reported that each Lodge will be given three voting fobs in order to comply with the voting rights of the Delegates. It was noted that the Lodges would be informed of the procedures for the electronic voting and a presentation will be made at the upcoming Legislation Meetings. R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$6,000 for the cost of leasing the electronic voting system which may be expended from the Contingency Fund if necessary. R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden and Chairman of the Finance and Accounts Committee, presented the Statement of Condition to the Board. After discussion, R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden, made a motion to approve the Statement of Condition pending the final income figures. R.: W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden, seconded the motion which carried.

The Grand Master then recognized R.: W.: James W. McQuigg, Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee. R.: W.: McQuigg reported that the Masonic Education Program has been updated as well as the reporting forms and the new program will be distributed in the 2017-2018 Committee Report Booklet. It was also reported that less than 50% of Lodges have turned in reporting forms in order to meet the qualifications to earn the 2016 Masonic Education Award.

There being no further business to come before the Corporate Board the meeting was closed at 11:29 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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No. 19

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 list the Clawson's 1995 Jaco Double Wide Mobile Home located at 1001 Starkey Road, Lot 825, Largo, Florida, for \$73,900. The members voted as follows:

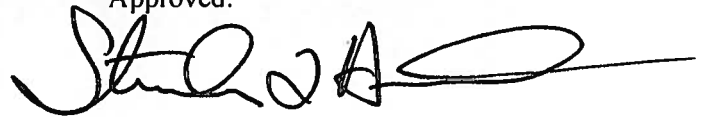
M.: W.: Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master, Chairman	Yes
R.: W.: Richard G. Hoover, Deputy Grand Master	Yes
R.: W.: John E. Karroum, Senior Grand Warden	Yes
R.: W.: John W. Westerman, III, Junior Grand Warden	Yes
M.: W.: Elmer G. Coffman, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer	Yes
M.: W.: James E. Ford, P.G.M.	Yes
R.: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

Respectfully submitted:



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

Approved:



Stanley L. Hudson
Grand Master