



O Ton Ta La Grotto 136 M.O.V.P.E.R.

A **Regular** meeting of O Ton Ta La Grotto
was held at Northern Light Lodge, on
October 18, 2023

- **Prophet Monarch Mike Weeks** opened Grotto with **14 in attendance** at 7:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.
- **Past Grand Monarch Mark McCombs**, representing the Supreme Council, was introduced at the Altar and Grand Honors were given.
- **Communications** included: A communication from Supreme announcing the District Deputy for 2023-2024 will be Scott O. Nave with instructions on protocol for receiving the District Deputy; a Newsletter from Baku Grotto for Sep-Oct; Aut Mori Grotto Newsletters for August and September; a notice from the NWO Masonic Bulletin outlining rate increases and need for address updates; LPL Financial Investment Statement; State Farm acknowledgment of Bond Payment.
- **Bills to present:** A bill for dinner supplies was presented by Jesse Spillman for \$265.67; an invoice from State Farm for Liability Insurance for \$400; and a bill from the NWO Masonic Bulletin for \$150. A motion to pay the bills was made by Matt Gloor and seconded by Robbie Franks, all were in favor.
- **Sick & Distressed:** Prophet Jim French is having some mobility challenges and was unable to attend this evening's meeting.
- **Cigar Unit Update** (Robbie Franks, Jesse Spillman, Jerel Fish): Third St Cigar has been the location for a Thursday evening wellness check-in (6:30pm); Working on planning an official outing that may be Wednesday nights (bring your smoking jackets); Don't smoke? We can teach you to appreciate a fine cigar
- **New Business:**
 - Robbie Franks indicated a tiered/themed dinner is being planned at Northern Light with a different theme/experience on each floor, more details to come.
 - Mike Weeks has indicated that O Ton Ta La has not participated in the OGA in some time. Although we are paying membership and per capita fee, we do not have voting rights in the OGA. He proposed that when the membership invoice arrives, we review and determine if we continue in the OGA. He also indicated the Michigan Grotto Association is now newly formed and may be an option to align with them.
- **Good of the Order:**
 - A round of applause for an excellent steak dinner cooked by prophets Jesse Spillman and Matt Gloor
 - First wednesday of the month at Charlies in Maumee, 6:00 pm dinner
 - Mark McCombs indicated December 7 is Sangara's installation
 - December 20 is O Ton Ta La's Officer Election and Installation, with good fellowship to follow.
 - James Moomey regaled us with a little bit of levity called the "three legged pig". He also donated \$5 for forgetting to wear his fez.
 - Dues notices for the 2024 year will be going out at the end of october. Checks can be sent to O-Ton-Ta-La or paid online using CheddarUp!
 - August 3rd, 2024 will be 7 Act Ceremonial at Maumee Indoor Theater, with good fellowship to follow at Northern Light Lodge.
 - Robbie Franks reminded of the Valley of Toledo Scottish Rite Fall Reunion on Nov 4 at the Maumee Indoor Theater
 - We still have a few Polo Shirts for \$30 and hats for \$15, get with Doug Towslee.
- Our **inspecting officer Mark McCombs** brought greetings from the Grand Monarch and gave some wonderful closing remarks and reminded us of the 2024 Supreme Convention in New Orleans from June 2 to June 9. He then closed the Grotto in due form.
- The **Next Stated meeting is November 15** at 7:30 pm, with **dinner at 6:30 pm**. Please RSVP to secretary@otontalagrotto.org.

Fraternally Submitted,
Craig Szczublewski