



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
November 15, 2023

- **Prophet Monarch Mike Weeks** opened Grotto with **14 in attendance** at 7:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.
- **Communications** included: Dues Cards for 2024 from Supreme Council, include an invoice for dues cards; A Past Monarch Certificate from Supreme Council; a charitable donation request from Adopt America Network; and our monthly bank statement.
- **Minutes** from the October meeting were distributed through our email list.
- **Treasurer's Report** \$10,079.80 in Checking
- **Bills to present:** Invoice from Supreme Council for Dues Cards for \$19.23. A bill for two past Monarch Fezs and four sets of tassel chains totalling \$1,243. Dinner tonight was \$247.50. A motion to pay was made by Matt Gloor and seconded by Jessee Spillman, all were in favor.
- **Sick & Distressed:** We were pleased to have Prophet Jim French in attendance, who was feeling much better. Tom Abner reported suffering a bad asthma attack and has been down for a couple of weeks. James Moomey reported he is recovering from a broken arm.
- **Cigar Unit Update** (Robbie Franks, Jesse Spillman, Jerel Fish): The Inagural Meeting for the O Ton Ta La Cigar Unit will be 6:00 pm, Wednesday, December 6 at Third Street Ciger in Waterville.
- **New Business:**
 - Matt Gloor requested a past monarch certificate for Will Smith to be presented at the next meeting.
- **Old Business:**
 - A motion was made to rescind our membership to the Ohio Grotto Association by Matt Gloor and seconded by Jay Harris. The motion will be held over for vote until the December stated meeting.
- **Good of the Order:**
 - Doug Towslee talked about the SPRIG association from the Ohio Masonic Communities and a current raffle benefiting Browning. Please see Doug before December 1.
 - A motion was made for the Grotto to donate \$100 to the Ohio Masonic Community Browning Christmass Tree Light festival by Jim French and seconded by Jay Harris. All were in favor.
 - Jessee Spillman informed us that 9am on Saturday December 16th will be a double master mason followed by an entered apprentice degree by Edon lodge (at the Bryan Masonic Temple)
 - A round of applause for another excellent steak dinner cooked by prophets Jesse Spillman and Matt Gloor.
 - First wednesday of the month at Charlies in Maumee, 6:00 pm dinner.
 - December 20 is O Ton Ta La's Annual Meeting for Officer Election and Installation, with good fellowship to follow. **Dinner starts at 6:00 pm** and absolutely needs RSVPs (flyer attached).
 - Dues notices for the 2024 year will be going out at the end of November. Checks can be sent to O-Ton-Ta-La or paid online using CheddarUp! at otontalagrotto.org.
 - August 3rd, 2024 will be 7 Act Ceremonial at Maumee Indoor Theater, with good fellowship to follow at Northern Light Lodge.
 - We still have a few Polo Shirts for \$30 and hats for \$15, get with Doug Towslee.
 - The incoming Monarch, Matt Gloor, stated that planned events for next year will be a Derby Day, a Cajun Dinner, and other great opportunities for fellowship.
- **The Next Stated meeting is December 20** at 7:30 pm, with **dinner at 6:00 pm**. Please RSVP to matthewgloor@gmail.com by Deceber 13!

Fraternally Submitted,
Craig Szczublewski