

A **Regular** meeting of O Ton Ta La Grotto was held at Northern Light Lodge, on **February 21, 2024** 

- Prophet Matthew Gloor opened Grotto in due form with 13 in attendance at 7:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.
- Visiting dignitary Jeff Shaw was introduced at the alter to a hearty round of applause.
- Minutes from the January Meeting were read. No corrections were requested.
- Bills to present included Supreme Council Per Capita, Northern Light Lodge Rent, and MWO Masonic Bulletin Column. A motion to pay the bills was made by Robbie Franks and Seconded by Jessee Spillman. All were in favor.
- Communications: Baku Grotto and Aut Mori Grotto Newsletters.
- Old Business:
  - Transfer from Citizens Bank to Champions Creidt Union completed. Current Balance: \$3,863.94
  - Still no change in the information on Supreme Council Communications in New Orleans. We are planning events and dinners starting on Wednesday before Supreme Council Session on Friday (International Day). Plans are to try and stay through Saturday and enjoy the city.

## New Business:

- Petitions: The following were read, a motion to accept was made by Steve Grindle and seconded by Craig Szczublewski. All were in favor:
  - Kenneth Crouch (Bryan), Jason Willman (Northern Light), Joshua Harless (Rubicon), William Pacak (Fulton), and Patrick Lambert (Fulton)
- o **Derby Day**: May 4th with plans to start at 3pm Organized by Jerel Fish
- Regarding the 7 Act Ceremonial, the Maumee Indoor will require a card on file for equipment protection
  if their own staff is not running it. Next few meetings we will be assigning parts.
- Regarding the By-Laws, we need to move forward with getting the costs adjusted for initiation. We will to review the proposed by laws changes from last year and present them in April at the latest.
- Monarch Matt Gloor appointed the following committee chairmen:
  - Enchanted Lantern: Doug Towslee
  - Dr of Smiles: Jessee Spillman
  - Suspensions: Jerel Fish
  - Membership: Robbie Franks
- Treasurer Steve Grindle indicted we need to change the Grotto Building Club authorized accounts to himself and Craig Szczublewski (Treasurer and Secretary). A simple vote is all it takes. Future plans are to eliminate the Building Club account and move it into the general O Ton Ta La account. This will help reduce paying bond coverage twice.
  - A motion was made to change the authorized signers to Steve Grindle and Craig Szczublewski by Steve Grindle and Seconded by Mike Weeks. All were in favor.
- We were informed that Malek Bouni has demitted from Northern Light Lodge. We will issue a demit with Supreme Council as he is no longer a mason in good standing.
- Mike Weeks was presented his Past Monarch certificate and Fez for his service during the 2023 year. He
  reflected on his year and feels like the Grotto is moving in a positive direction.
- Sick & Distressed: no report
- Good of the Order:
  - Robbie Franks is calling for a cigar therapy night at 3rd St on 2/27 @ 6:30pm
- The Next Stated meeting is March 27, 2024 at 7:30 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm.