



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
January 15, 2025

- **Monarch Matthew Gloor** opened O Ton Ta La Grotto in due form with **15 in attendance** at 7:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Charley Lough, Chief Justice of Singara Grotto visited us and was given a hearty round of applause.
- **Minutes** from the December 18 meeting were read with no corrections.
- **Treasurer** account balance reports were given along with Year-end balances.
- **Bills to present:**
 - No bills to present, \$190 was taken in for dinner.
- **Communications:**
 - Baku and Islam Grotto newsletters. Thank you note from Browing Sprig I for the support of the Festival of Trees.
- **Old Business:**
 - Regarding the 7-Act Ceremonial, **Mark Harris needs to step back from a director role.** Mark got a couple of spots filled, but we need to fill the role of a new director. Given a month and a half to find a new director, schedule practice sessions, and fill the cast out (only 5 have committed to some parts), the topic of deferring was brought up. Jesse Spillman suggested we read through the acts over the course of the next year after our grotto meetings to build excitement. **Our outgoing Monarch Matt Gloor has offered to take degree director.** We will post a new date once we see how we can fill the roles out.
 - With Grand Lodge being at Kalahari in 2025, we are investigating putting a table up in the Market Place. Jesse Spillman has made contact with the necessary people to move this forward.
 - The Monarch Matt Gloor is still in discussion with Northern Light about possible renovations of the third floor as a club/cigar room. We need to present what we are willing to do regarding remodeling.
- **New Business:**
 - Officer Installation was conducted: Monarch - **Jerel Fish**, Chief Justice - **Jesse Spillman**, Master of Ceremony - **Ken Crouch**, Venerable Prophet - Robbie Franks, Marshal - Jay Harris, Treasurer - Steve Grindle, Secretary - Craig Szczublewski, Captain of Guard - John Tate, Sentinel - **Tom Scott**, Chaplain - Bill Pacak.
 - A framed Past Monarch Certificate was presented to Matt Gloor for his 2024 year. Matt expressed his gratitude to the prophets and line officers for all of the help they have provided in the 2024 year.
- **Sick and Distressed**
 - Jim French is under the weather.
 - Doug Towslee's wife is having health challenges.
 - Tom Abner is struggling with back issues.
- **Good of the Order:**
 - Jason Willman was selected to get an Enchanted Lantern. Members in attendance for January who are not EL participants are Jason Shamy and Tom Scott who will go into a selection pool for the next meeting.
 - A motion was made to remit dues for Carl Hüssel by Jesse Spillman and seconded by Steve Grindle all were in favor.
 - Northern Light has approved us to put in a locking cabinet on the 1st floor for our libations. A motion was made by Bill Pacak to have Matt Gloor purchase a locking cabinet. This was seconded by Pat Lambert. All were in favor.
 - The Grotto was closed at 8:55 pm by Monarch Jerel Fish.
- **The Next Stated meeting is on February 19, 2025 at 7:30 pm, with dinner at 6:00 pm.**