



O Ton Ta La Grotto
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O Ton Ta La Grotto No. 136

Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm

A Regular meeting of O Ton Ta La Grotto was held at Northern Light Lodge, on April 16, 2025.

- Monarch Jerel Fish opened O Ton Ta La Grotto in due form with 17 in attendance at 7:30pm, and all gave the pledge of allegiance.
- Guest Jeff Shaw, 1st Vice President with Ohio Grotto was introduced.
- New Petitions:
 - A petition for Dennis Eugene Lemmon was read. The \$150 initiation fee was included. Dennis Lemmon was unanimously elected to receive the initiation into O Ton Ta La Grotto.
 - A Short Form Ceremony was conducted by Monarch Jerel Fish.
- Minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting were read and approved, with no corrections.
- Treasurer account balance reports were given.
- Bills presented:
 - State Farm \$190.00 for Fidelity Bond
 - Postmaster \$210.00 for PO Box
 - Dinner \$195.96 from Past Monarch Matt Gloor (no invoice from Prophet Spillman) Both PM Gloor and Prophet Spillman donated the supplies for dinner to the Grotto.
 - LA Fraternal \$511.45 for Past Monarch Fez (read last month but not acted upon).
 - **MOTION by Ken Crouch, second by Shad Zulch to pay the bills. MOTION PASSED.**
- Communications:
 - Doug Towslee sent a text that he wanted to thank O Ton Ta La Grotto for their donation to the Northern Light Lodge Kidney Foundation Breakfast. They raised \$12,000. \$10,000 was donated to the Kidney Foundation of NW Ohio and \$2,000 to Northern Light Lodge to refurbish they kitchen.
 - Newsletter from Aut Mori Grotto was read.
 - Call to Convention from the Supreme Council Grottoes International Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets was read. Our Monarch, Chief Justice, and Master of Ceremonies are all planning to attend. Prophet Steve Grindle is planning to attend and the Monarch asked that he be made eligible to vote as a Red Tassel. The Secretary should have the form which is due May 1, 2025. Note: Matt Gloor and Ken Crouch are registered Wednesday through Saturday and they are planning to attend the Monarch's Dinner on Friday night.
 - **MOTION by Jeff Mills, seconded by Ken Crouch to offer a stipend of \$250.00 to each officer that attends Supreme Council to help offset their costs. MOTION PASSED.**
- Old Business:
 - Kentucky Derby Event was discussed. Past Monarch Gloor and Prophet Spillman will prepare the food for the event. Prophets attending were encouraged to bring appetizers.
 - **MOTION by Jessee Spillman, seconded by Matt Gloor to establish a \$500 budget for the Kentucky Derby Event. MOTION PASSED.**
 - Seven Act Ceremonial was discussed. Past Monarch Gloor reported he is still building the cast.
 - Dues Collection: No update

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- New Business:
 - Prophet Tom Scott volunteered to plan and organize a poker night.
 - Monarch Fex for our current Monarch was discussed.
 - **MOTION by Adam Latham, seconded by Jesse Spillman to purchase a Past Monarch Fez for Monarch Jerel Fish and to buy 2 extra purple tassels so they can be switched out once a prophet is installed as Monarch. MOTION PASSED.**
 - Prophet Adam Latham informed all that Prophet Robbie Franks is a candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Visionaries of the Year. He is currently fundraising.
 - **MOTION by Adam Latham, seconded by Matt Gloor to donate \$500 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society MOTION PASSED.**
 - Past Monarch Gloor and Prophet Spillman each agreed to match the \$500 donation.
- Sick and Distressed:
 - Sally Towsley fell and Doug is with her and could not attend the meeting tonight.
 - Prophet Paul Peters is scheduled for back surgery.
 - Prophet Tom Abner has had back surgery and is doing very well.
- Good of the Order:
 - Round of applause was given to Prophets Spillman and Gloor for a fantastic dinner.
 - Prophet Jason Willman announced he has received an offer of employment from the Browning Masonic Community to be the Sales and Admissions Manager.
 - Past Monarch Jim French recommended that we get a Past Monarch Fez after election each year.
 - Prophet Jeff Shaw gave remarks on Ohio Grotto and Supreme Council.
 - The Grotto was closed at 8:55pm by Monarch Jerel Fish.
- The next stated meeting is on May 21, 2025 , at 7:30pm, with dinner at 6:00pm.