

Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies
Virtual meeting held on Zoom platform
14 September 2020

Due to the coronavirus pandemic the stated meeting was held on the Zoom platform, provided by Brother Javier Hernandez, 32°. The meeting was opened at 7:15 pm in the Consistory by Brother Ryan Phillips, 32°, Master of Kadosh, along with Mark Torrez, 32°, Venerable Master, Roy Price, 32°, Wise Master, and Sir Knight Steve Goad, 32° KCCH, Commander. Brother Mark was delayed by connection problems. Approximately 13 members attended the virtual meeting.

The Prelate, Sir Knight Fred Ervast, 32° KCCH, led us in prayer.

A link to the minutes of the July 13th stated meeting was distributed along with the meeting notice. Sir Knight Goad moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. The motion was carried.

There was no Almoner's Report.

There were no communications.

There was a discussion of the status of the fundraiser to replace the New England Picnic. Rodrigo Kammer reported that the GoFundMe page has collected \$1000 so far. Ill. :. Andy Little reported that direct donations of \$2010 have been received, for a total of \$3010. Last year's NESP resulted in a donation of about \$5000. It was noted that the cutoff date for donations is December 1. Brother Ron Robinson, 32°, suggested that we keep sending out reminders.

There were no petitions.

Bills in the amount of \$72.57 were read. Brother Roy Price, 32°, moved, and Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, seconded the motion to pay the bills. The motion was passed. Note that the bills for rent were deferred.

Under Old Business Ill. :. Little noted that we postponed our planned 25 and 50 year presentations, originally scheduled for March, and that because of the uncertainty as to when we can again get together, he suggested that we may just mail them their pins and certificates. He also reminded the members that the dues cards for 2021 will be mailed with the invoices, unlike previous years.

There was no further old business.

Under new business Ill. :. Little reported that the Orient will hold an online Orient-wide class on Nov. 7, with all degrees communicated. MW John Lowe, 32° KCCH, is representing our Valley at a planning meeting being held concurrently with this one. All Scottish Rite masons are welcome to observe the class.

Ill. :. Little also noted that at some point we may need to tighten security of our Zoom meetings, particularly if we have anything sensitive to discuss, and that this may require people to register in order to attend our meetings. We can also use online surveys to provide a secure secret voting capability.

The secretary, Ill. :. Little, reported on sick brothers, who included Brother Ron Brown, 32°, and Brother Mike Satumba, 32°. He also noted that we need to check on Sir Knight Jim Daniels, 32° KCCH.

The Prelate reported on deceased brethren, which included Larry Jack Tuomi, who passed on 5/28/2020, and Neal Lavern Glisson, who passed on 8/17/2020.

In lieu of passing the box of Fraternal Assistance, Brother Phillips urged the members to make charitable donations to the New England Picnic fundraiser.

Under Good of the Order Sir Knight Ervast noted that there is a litter problem on the grounds of Oxnard Masonic Center and requested that people visiting the site help clean up the trash. However, Brother Torrez noted that this does little good because each day there is a new batch of litter.

With no further business appearing the meeting was closed at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Andrew Little, Secretary