

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF INDIANA

MINUTES OF GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2019 – 11:00 AM

THORNTOWN LODGE #124

131 MAIN STREET

THORNTOWN, IN 46071

Council Members present:

Grand Chancellor	William Keith Goff, Jr.	Grand Master at Arms	Michael A. Langdon
Grand Vice Chancellor	H. Wade McIntosh, III	Grand Inner Guard	Jeffery L. Strahan
Grand Prelate	Keith D. Ruetz, Sr.	Grand Outer Guard	Kenneth F. Norris
Grand Secretary	Dennis O. Adams	Jr. Past Grand Chancellor	Gerald J Randle
Grand Treasurer	Absent		

Meeting was called to order at 11:00am by GC William Keith Goff, Jr. and opening prayer by GP Keith D. Ruetz, Sr.. The flag was presented by GMA Michael Langdon and the pledge of allegiance was given.

It was noted that also in attendance were DDGC #2 Donald Adams (Ashley #394), DDGC#3 Wayne Hansen (Brotherhood #3-5-7), PC Gary Griggs and PC Dennis Nutter both of Crescens #33.

The minutes of the November 17, 2018 meeting were read. A motion by GVC McIntosh and 2nd by JPGC Randle that the minutes be approved as read was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A lengthy discussion was had pertaining to possible financial assistance for the Pythian Sisters' Grand Temple reps. A motion by GVC McIntosh and 2nd by GS Adams that the Grand Lodge will supplement over and above the normal Grand Temple Pythian Sisters Mileage & Per Diem payments by \$100 to each Sister that is registered for both Friday and Saturday of the 2019 Grand Temple Convention. That motion passed unanimously. GS Adams, JPGC Randle and GP Ruetz were named to a special committee to assess the results of this action and report back to the council once the information has been tabulated.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council received requests from Lafayette Lodge #51, Welcome Lodge #37, Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 and Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 for a \$2,000 Grand Chancellor's Grant. A motion by GS Adams that the requests be lumped together into one motion. It was 2nd by GVC McIntosh. The motion carried unanimously. A motion by GVC McIntosh and 2nd by GS Adams that the requests be granted carried unanimously.

GS Adams gave a report on the finances and drew the councils attention to a few items that would need our attention at the budgetary meeting in May. The council gave its consent for GS Adams to make the changes necessary.

It was brought up about the possibility of leasing the woods in the Pythian farm to Brandt Land Management, Following a brief discussion it was found that the council was in unanimous agreement not to do so. A motion by GVC McIntosh and 2nd by GOG Norris that the Grand Lodge not lease our woods on the Pythian Farm to Brand Land Management for hunting purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

GVC McIntosh proposed the idea of the Grand Lodge procuring a large walk in trailer that could travel from location to location. In this trailer would be Pythian artifacts that the membership would donate for display. This traveling "museum" would be a great tool, in his opinion, to show the people in the community in which it was for the day, exactly what the Knights of Pythias is all about. The members of the council are to ponder the idea and discuss it further at the next meeting. There will be an exploratory committee named at the next council meeting.

The next council meeting will be for the purpose of hammering out a budget for 2019-2020.

The meeting closed with comments from around the table before adjourning back to the Rathbone Celebration.

GOG Norris stated that he was not receiving e-mails from the Grand Lodge office. GS Adams promised to check into the problem as he was on the e-mail list.

GC Goff closed the meeting at 12:25 pm with appropriate benediction by GP Ruetz..

The next meeting will be held at the Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7, 310 First Street NE, Carmel, IN 46032. Dress code will be casual.

Fraternally Submitted;

/s/William Keith Goff, Jr., Grand Chancellor

/s/Dennis O. Adams, Grand Secretary