



Manitoba Priory # 69 – Knights of the York Cross of Honour

Instituted September 3rd 1983 – Constituted April 13th 1984

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Minutes - April 24th 2015, Royal Oak Inn, Brandon, Manitoba

Opening: Eminent Knight Leif Hansen opened the annual conclave of the Priory at 10:25 a.m. with those present as per the sign in sheet with 2 guests. The two guests were Eminent Knight Louis Bartrand from Evergreen State # 41 (General Grand Chapter Royal Arch International Grand High Priest) and Knight Prince Selvaraj from Trent Priory # 74. The Prior raised the Knights for The Pledge of Allegiance.

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and the country for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all."

Necrology Report: Em Kt Hartmier read the Masonic history for Knight Charles William Cooper who was Knighted on April 23rd, 2010 and passed to the Grand Conclave above on September 30th, 2014.

Ceremony of Reception: As no petitions were received, no ceremony was required. Perhaps when the Knights read this, let's have the Secretaries / Registrars review the membership rosters and see who is eligible?

Confirming of Minutes: Em Kt Hartmier read the minutes as no hard copies were printed for this meeting and is was moved and seconded by Knights Laronde and Chambers that the minutes be adopted as circulated and read. **"CARRIED"**

Financial Report: Em Kt Hartmier presented the accounts as follows;

3 Past Priors jewels	\$98.38
MO for \$35.00 US + cost	47.45
Postage	3.10
Postage	1.25
File box	<u>16.93</u>
Total	<u>\$167.11</u>

Also as new cheques were ordered against the Manitoba YRC # 89 account vice the Manitoba KYCH # 69 account back in June 2014, a cheque for \$163.40 was processed. Thus for correction purposes, a cheque for \$163.40 needs to be written again using the

newly received correct cheques and payable to YRC # 89. Also, a charge for the new cheques will be automatically debited from the account.

It was moved and seconded by Em Knights Hardy and Toporowski that the accounts be paid. **"CARRIED"**

Unfinished Business:

- Em Kt Hartmier spoke on the newly created KYCH page which is courtesy of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba's website.
- Em Kt Hartmier and Kt Hawes have completed the changeover of the Registrar / Treasurer for Manitoba Priory #69.
- A discussion on the proposed by-laws was started. Em Kt Hartmier presented the original form of the by-laws along with the changed by-laws indicating the dues increase along with the supporting documents thru the years. Em Kt Hartmier read the proposed by-laws section by section with the reasoning required to substantiate the changes. It was moved and seconded by Em Kts Chambers and English in accordance with Section 9 Paragraph (2) of the Priory's current by-laws that the proposed by-laws be adopted once approved by the Grand Master of the Convent General. **"CARRIED"**

New Business:

- An application for Affiliation was received by Kt Prince Selvaraj from Trent Priory # 74. Knight Selvaraj was asked to leave the meeting while the application was discussed. It was moved and seconded by Knights Laronde and Porter that the affiliation be approved. **"CARRIED"**
- Em Kt Hartmier talked about the old financial records that exists from the previous Registrar Em Kt John James and that the records dealt with Rice Financial and RBC. After discussion, it was moved and seconded by Kt Bjore and Em Kt Chambers that the old records be destroyed by shredding. **"CARRIED"**
- It was moved and seconded by Kt Bjore and Em Kt Toporowski that an honorary membership be granted to Em Kt Louis Bartrand. **"CARRIED"**
- Due to the regrets of the some of officers not being present, a discussion into progression occurred. Em Kt Hartmier read the CG General Regulations Section 20 refers that "No officer may be installed by proxy or in private." Considering this and the regrets, It was moved and seconded by Em Kts Chambers and English that Kt Laronde be elected Prior, Kt Church to remain as Deputy Prior, Em Kt Hartmier to remain as Registrar / Treasurer and Kt Yorke to remain as

Warder. Prior Elect appointed Kt Hooper to remain as Prelate, Kt Hawes to advance to Orator and Kt Bjore as the Herald. **“CARRIED”**

- As the lectures were not discussed, the degree team as selected back in 2014 for the Ceremony of Reception and is subject to change is:

- a) Craft Lodge Knight Hawes;
- b) Royal Arch Chapter Em Kt Laronde;
- c) Cryptic Kt Ted Yorke; and
- d) Preceptory Kt Ron Church.

- Em Kt Hansen provided his parting words as Prior and mentioned that Kt Church is ascending to the Office of the Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba this June. Also, Em Kt Laronde is ascending to the Office Deputy Grand Master for Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada in May. Also, Em Kt Hartmier is ascending to the Office of Grand Third Principal for the Grand Chapter of Manitoba the next day. Also, Em Kt Hartmier will be installed as the President of the International Shrine Clown Association on February 20th, 2016 in Sioux City, IA, USA.

- A discussion occurred due to a recent purchase by Kt Porter for a KYGCH neck jewel. As most of the KYGCH personal jewelry comes from the USA, some caution needs to be exercised when ordering. As the registrar regularly orders items off of eBay, Em Kt Hartmier has experience and can be consulted. Em Kt Hartmier uses various USA addresses to ship items to but please consult with him on his travel schedule.

- The installation of Prior Elect Laronde was carried out by Em Kt Chambers and assisted by Em Kt Hansen.

Good of the Order: Em Kt Laronde thanked the Knights for the election to the Office and the Em Kts who conducted the Installation and stated that he will be wearing Em Kt McInnis's jewel. Em Kt Laronde presented an honorary membership card to Em Kt Bartrand. Kt Selvaraj thanked the Knights for accepting his affiliation. Kt Bjore brought greetings as the PGP for the District # 8 of the KT's of Canada and as the GIG for Manitoba representing Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada.

The Priory was closed at 11:50 a.m. and the members prepared to have lunch with their Ladies.

Em Kt Cliff Hartmier
Registrar / Treasurer

Em Kt Rick Laronde
Prior