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GRAND OF VIRGINIA
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MINUTES OF THE GRAND MEETING HELD ON JUNE 12, 2009

OPENING CEREMONIES: the Grand of Virginia Senior vice Commander Graham Lever conducted opening ceremonies at 1700 June 12, 2009.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

The following Grand Officers were present:

Senior Vice Commander	Graham Lever
Junior Vice Commander	Jill Lynch
Quartermaster	Gary Dressel
Chaplain	Edward Powers
Surgeon	Mike Mackowiak
Historian	Kim DiShano
Adjutant	Sterling Moninghoff
Membership Chairman	Graham Lever
Inspector	Harry F. Sharp
Hospital Chairman	Bob Loy
Chief of Staff	Ralph Steinway

Area Counsel Members

Area #1	Jerry Cotter
Area#2	Floyd Seymore
Area#3	Chris Wheeler
Area#5	Chris Doyan

The following Grand Officers were excused:

Grand of Virginia	Butch Schupska
Chief of Staff	Ralph Steinway

The following Grand Officers were Absent:

Surgeon	Mike Mackowiak
Judge Advocate	Karen Stout
Area Counsel Member Area#4	Shirley Brumsfield

ROLL CALL OF PUP TENTS:

PUP TENT #1	BB+7
PUP TENT #2	SS+7
PUP TENT #4	SS+2
PUP TENT #5	SS+6

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PUP TENT #9	SS+4
PUP TENT #14	7
PUP TENT #15	2
PUP TENT #16	CCDB+7
	46 total

VISITERS OF NOTE;

Supreme Commander; Johnnie Howard
Deputy VAVS District Rep; Steve Lasseter
Tomb Trek Assistant Chairman; Skip Sharp
Department Quartermaster; Kim DeShano
4th Supreme Counsel Member; Mike Snell
Past 4th Supreme Counsel Member Charlie Walden
Past Grand Commanders; Sterling Moninghoff, Joe Horan

READING OF MINUTES: Motion made by Grand Adjutant and seconded by Comrade Gimble to dispense with reading of minutes. Motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS' REPORT: Gary Dressel gave the Financial Statement of the Grand Pup Tent. This is on file and will be available, if requested. Current account balance is \$23,565.22.

NATIONAL HOME: Was remembered in a ceremony led by Chaplain.

COOTIE'S IN DISTRESS: N/A.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grand Raffle, if any member has tickets and or monies, please turn it into the Grand Quartermaster.

Membership, currently the Grand stands at 97.25%. GC request that we look in our post for new members.

The Grand Inspector Report; Grand Inspector reports the Grand is at 100% for inspections.

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Good of the Order

Nominations for Grand of Virginia Officers for the 2009-2010 year where made as follows;

Grand Commander	Gary Dressel
Grand Senior Vice Commander	Graham Lever
Grand Junior Vice Commander	Jill Lynch
Grand Quartermaster	Tom Gimble
Grand Chaplain	Joe Horan
Grand Judge Advocate	Chris Wheeler
Grand Surgeon	Mike Mackowiak
Grand Historian	Kim DeShano
Grand Council Members;	
Grand Council Member 1	Jerry Cotter
Grand Council Member 2	Floyd Seymore
Grand Council Member 3	Brian Bishop
Grand Council Member 4	Shirley Brumfield
Grand Council Member 5	Chris Doyan

Motion was made & passed to accept the slate of officers for the ensuing year. Comrade Bishop made a motion of unanimous acclamation for all nominations and seconded and passed by the membership present.

Congratulations to all new Grand Officers.

The following officers to be appointed;

Grand Adjutant	Sterling Moninghoff
Grand Chief of Staff	Jill Lynch
Grand Membership chairman	Graham Lever
Grand Inspector	Harry F. Sharp
Grand Hospital Chairman	Bob Loy

Incoming Grand Commander Agenda for coming year:

1. **Golf Tournament to support pup tents. Each Pup Tent to get a percentage of the profits. Comrade Charlie Walden made a motion to give \$3,000.00 to assist with the golf tournament, comrade Skip Sharp second the motion. The motion was passed by the membership present.**

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2. Cootie Fun Day; Get Seam Squirrels and area council representatives to decide when Cootie Fun Day will be and where it will be held. Tentative date is March 6 2010 at Pup Tent 1 Oceanview.
3. Booster Program; Discuss the Booster Program and hand out forms.
4. Discuss trip to National Home for Christmas Party. Add trip to budget for the year. A motion was made by comrade DeShano to donate \$2,000.00 to the national home to be delivered by the Grand Commander; the motion was second and passed by the membership present.
5. Have Chief of Staff Set up visitation schedule for Grand.
6. Discuss the budget for next year. Comrade Horan made a motion to create three trustees position in the grand, the motion was discussed and tabled by comrade Bishop.
7. Membership
8. Special Projects, lets get it done early.
9. Tomb Trek, we need help Kevin food and over seeing of the room. Sterling, Pull tabs need someone to manage the bar.
10. Hospitals, which support which ones and let's, cut the checks now.
11. 4th Supreme meeting at Double Tree weekend of July 24-25.
12. Get email addresses from hospital chairman from each pup tent.
13. If you want the Grand to attend a function at your pup tent give him a couple of weeks notice so that plans can be made.

Good of the Order:

1. Cootie Safari: coming up annual Safari at Post 3160 planned for August 8th.
2. Grand Fun Day; tentative date March 6, 2010 Pup Tent 1.
3. 4th Supreme District Meeting
4. Tomb Trek
5. Grand Commander Comments
6. Supreme Commander Comments.

Comrade DeShano challenged all pup tent to add to the national home contributions.

Comrade Chris Wheeler pup tent 4 thanks Pup Tent 1 for hosting the past Cootie Fun Day.

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Meeting is adjourned for 20 minutes to prepare for the joint installation of Officers for the ensuing year.

Supreme Commander Howard installed the incoming Grand MOC Officers for 2009 – 2010 year.

Closing ceremonies IAW VFW Ritual

The Meeting was adjourned at 1840 P.M.

Submitted by Grand Adjutant
Sterling Moninghoff