

Minutes of the Knights of Columbus Council 5604

October 05, 2017

The Meeting was opened at 6:59 p.m. by Grand Knight Larry Locascio.

- Welcomed our District Deputy, James Vanderhorst and Field Agent Bob Teraska.

An opening prayer was offered.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of officers:

- Grand Knight - Larry Locascio - Present
- Chaplain - Fr. Lawton Lang - Excused
- Deputy Grand Knight - Jose Estiggaribia - Excused
- Chancellor - Mark Rettig - Late
- Warden - Thomas Reese - Present
- Financial Secretary - Warren Peterson - Present
- Treasurer - Vincent Colonnese, Jr. - Present
- Recorder - Michael Sutherland - Present
- Advocate - Thomas Flynn - Absent
- Inside Guard - Richard Andrade - Present
- Outside Guard - Diego Estiggaribia - Present
- 1 Year Trustee - Phil Indovina - Present
- 2 Year Trustee - Al Connizzo - Present
- 3 Year Trustee - James Vanderhorst - Present
- Lecturer - Tony Cane - Present

The meeting is now officially opened for business:

Chaplains Report: No report.

Special Address to the Council by Brother James Frame: Jim spoke regarding the Habitat for Humanity program and an upcoming Faith Build. Jim enlightened the council on the origins of Habitat, it's goal, fund raising, home builds with volunteers and potential owners. The qualifications for ownership were discussed and how to keep the homes affordable and storm resistant to help stabilize the finances of the owners. The upcoming Faith Build needs volunteers, funding and persons to keep the project in front of our church community.

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Grand Knights Report:

- Grand Knight Locascio introduced the Knight of the Year (Mick Sutherland) and the Family of the Year (Mike and Peg Cotter) which were awarded at the recent Past Grand Knights dinner held in McLaughlin Hall.
- The Grand Knight noted that there are no longer scheduled Social Meetings on the Third Thursday of each month and the Officers Meetings are not listed in the SJCFL.org calendar as they are held in the McLaughlin Kitchen which is not a listed space for the calendar.
- The Past Grand Knights dinner was a great success, about 45 attended. We celebrated the accomplishments of the council through the guidance of PGK's Al Connizzo and James Vanderhorst. If you weren't there you missed a great time.
- Pancake breakfast on 10/15/17, Al will purchase the food but will not be there to assist with the event.
- The county wide Sugar Bowl is set for February at the State College of Florida. This deserves our support as it is a fund raiser for Catholic Charities for Manatee County needs.
- Getting your information onto the Council Web Site. Any committee chair or other person having items of interest for the council web site MUST submit them in email form via the council recorder, Mike Sutherland. You can send them to him at msuthy55@gmail.com.
- Grand Knight solicited a co-chair to work with the Women of St. Joseph's for the St. Joseph's Day Dinner. Brother Al Connizzo volunteered.
- The council will have a membership drive on November 4th and 5th after all masses. We need enough volunteers to cover all of the doors. For those showing interest, a brats and dogs dinner with Q & A session for the individuals and their spouses will be held on November 17th.
- We are looking into Round Tables at St. Bernard Parish and Sacred Heart.
- Next Officers meeting is October 24th.

Report of the Admissions Committee: Brother Cotter noted we have two applications for admission (1) Tony Christiani and (2) Joseph Cucciarelli.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes of the preceding meeting held on August 3rd, 2017 were read. A change was made to correct James Vanderhorst in lieu of Jose Estigarribia for the Car Show. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes were then approved by voice vote.

Communications: A letter was read requesting support for a Veterans run. It was made available to the council.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance Forward from the previous month: \$14633.95

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- Past months receipts: \$3330.00
- Past months balls paid as authorized by the Trustees: \$6657.66
- Current Balance: \$11306.29
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers Report as made. It was approved by voice vote.

Financial Secretary's report: The Financial Secretary read the bills and vouchers for the month as proposed to the Trustees.

Trustees report: The Trustees noted they reviewed the pending bills and vouchers for such and have approved payments.

Chancellor's Report:

- Brother Rettig noted the upcoming carnival cooking which we are responsible for will require about 350 man hours. Several have signed up but need to commit to certain days to help fill in the schedule. The sign-up sheet will be at the back of the Hall after the meeting.
- Dates and times for the carnival are: 11/09 (Thursday) 5 - 10 pm; 11/10 (Friday) 3 - 11 pm; 11/11 (Saturday) 3 - 11 pm; 11/12 (Sunday) Noon - 8pm;

State Raffle Chairperson (Brother Sweeney) - tickets will be distributed after the meeting. We have books for 75% of the council membership; Cost is \$12 per book, Council keeps 1/2 of the amount; There are incentives to the sellers for cash prizes. Notes of the supported charities on the back of the ticket books.

A motion was made to halt the regular 50/50 during the season and sell the raffle tickets at the pancake breakfasts. The motion was seconded and approved on voice vote.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion was held on a donation to the Diocese of Venice in support of the annual Veterans Day Mass at the Sarasota National Cemetery. It was noted this is approved in the annual budget but will need to be looked up to determine the amount previously approved. **Tabled for the monthly officers meeting.**

New Business:

- On October 21st there will be a fund raising dinner at the Parish Center, it will be featuring the foods of famous chef Fr. Lawton Lang and will be a Tour of Italy Dinner, cost is \$10 per person.
- Our DD requested an ad be funded for the Fourth Degree Military Ball program. The ads are \$100 for a full-page ad. The motion was seconded and discussion was had. Due to unanswered questions **the motion was tabled for the upcoming officers meeting.**

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Field Agent Report - Brother Bob Terasca noted important information for our brothers in the K of C from the McGiveney Charities for those in need of financial assistance due to our recent storm damage. This is available for a 3-month period.

District Deputy report:

- DD reviewed the PGK dinner and the great time had by all 40 or so attendees. What a meal and time for only \$10 per person.
- We need all members out recruiting new blood for the Knights. Our district, region and state are behind on all goals so far, this year.
- The Soccer challenge locally was held late due to Irma and down south in our region will not be held at all this year due to the hurricane. Our regionals will be held at St. Joseph's on October 28th at 9 am.
- We hope to know the annual essay topic soon.
- Council newsletter fell apart with the demise of the mailed newsletter. The web site needs updates and include photographs of council happenings such as the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month.
- Your GK needs your help. Step up and help out, volunteer to run an event.
- October 21st is Special Olympics Bowling at AMF lanes on Cortez Rd. They need all the help that can be there for the bowling. Some bowlers need two helpers just to get the ball down the lane and a score person too. There will be 60 lanes in use.
- October 15th is a church rosary event. The Knights have been requested to carry Mary during the procession. It will be at 3:30pm.

Fourth Degree - Fourth Degree certificates were handed out to council members who completed their degree in late April in Sarasota. Also, it is noted that tickets are available for the November 4th Military Ball at IMG Country Club.

The Good of the Order:

- Please pray for:

- Vincent Colonnese, Sr.
- Mike Cotter
- Phylis Godrella
- Brian Thomas
- Nick Rabone
- Richard Andrade's father

Recognition:

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- **Knight of the Month - Brother Phil Indovina**
- **Additionally - Brother Jerry Leete was recognized for helping a nursing home in need during Hurricane Irma. While making a delivery to the home Jerry noted their lack of power and water and made calls for assistance that went unheeded by local authorities. With the help of the Knights water and ice was delivered over a period of days assisting the home and its' persons to make it through to the recovery of power and water!**

The Closing Ceremony was held.

Grand Knight Larry Locascio officially closed the meeting at 8:21 pm

Michael Sutherland, Recorder 08/08/17

As scribed from notes provided of the meeting.