

Minutes of the Knights of Columbus Council 5604

January 04, 2018

The Meeting was opened at 6:57 p.m. by Grand Knight Larry Locascio.

An opening prayer was offered.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of officers:

- Grand Knight - Larry Locascio - Present
- Chaplain - Fr. Lawton Lang - Present
- Deputy Grand Knight - Jose Estigarribia - Excused (came late)
- Chancellor - Mark Rettig - Present
- 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 - Absent
- Outside Guard - Diego Estigarribia - 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: Fr. Lang spoke on Respect Life and the need to prayer. Prayer works and we should pray for the end to Human / Sex trafficking and to end abortions. Keep up your prayers in the Respect Life Ministry!

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes of the preceding meeting held on 12/07/17 were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes were then approved by voice vote.

Report of the Admissions Committee: Brother Cotter noted we have one new applicant, Bogdan Stakiak. He verbally introduced Bogdan (Bo) to the council. A motion was made and seconded to approved Bo's application. He was approved on a voice vote. GK Locascio added that the follow up to the last membership drive with Brats and beer on November 17th at McLaughlin Hall appears to have been a success noting the newest and active members recently joining the council

Grand Knights Report:

- Grand Knight Locascio noted he will be out of town the first and last two weeks of February. Our DGK Diego Estigarribia will be running the show

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- The next Officers meeting is January 20th in the Hall kitchen.
- We NEED a permanent and ongoing fund raiser (or fund raisers) that we can count on year in and out to raise funds for the council. We are open to suggestions. Without income we cannot continue to support the scholarship and other events.
- A previous motion had been made with regard to setting up a bar in the corner of the Hall. DGK Estigarribia will hold a vote on this topic next meeting.
- Florida State Council raffle tickets wishing to be part of the Early Bird drawing must be submitted NLT 02/22/18.
- On Saturday, 01/06/18, we will be holding a Bocce Court refurbishment with lunch! Also, the Hall TV antenna will be set up that morning to facilitate use of the TV for local programing.
- GK discussed the Knights Tootsie roll drive while requesting a member step up and chair the event to be held in February or March. New First Degree Bob Bellville stepped up to chair the event.
- GK noted the glut of Trophies (ready to be issued for events) filling the closet. DD Vanderhorst noted he is working to clear the glut.
- The Hall floors will be stripped and waxed beginning on 01/19/18.
- The Council will be hosting a Second Degree on Wednesday, 01/24/18. This is an opportunity for our new First Degrees to take their Second Degree and for current Second and Third Degree members to pitch in and make this a great event. Degree time is 7:00pm. Need cooks, and other assisting members for this event. Participants need to arrive NLT 6:00. Those assisting should be there by 5:30pm.
- There is a First Degree at Ss Cosmas and Damian on 01/12/18. Those participating should be there by 6:00pm.

Communications:

- Thank you letters were received from the following and read to the Council:
 - Fr. Tom for assistance with the Our Lady of Fatima Century Event.
 - The Colonesso Family in regard to passing of Brother Knight Vincent Colonesso, Sr.
 - Michael John for assistance with the Family Fun Day
 - Mary Ann and Rich for assistance post Hurricane Irma.
 - Diocese of Venice in regard to our support of the annual Veterans Day mass at SRQ.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance Forward from the previous month: \$9977.51
- Past months receipts: \$5986.00

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- Past months balls paid as authorized by the Trustees: \$1173.39
- Current Balance: \$14790.12

- 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. The Trustees have begun an audit but need past bills to complete it.

Chancellor's Report:

- Church: Brother Sitterly noted the tram is ready for picking up the invalids at the Saturday 4:00pm mass and the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00am masses. Announcements will be made at all masses The plan is to begin in February.
- Car Show - Upcoming show is on 02/24/18. Sign up to help. We will be parking cars for \$5 per vehicle. Each occupant will receive a raffle ticket. WSRQ (107.9) will be broadcasting live from the event. Expect > 50 vehicles. We need: cooks, 50/50 sales persons, parking attendants. To enter a vehicle it is a \$10 fee. Contact Lantz.
- Florida State Council raffle: Brother Sweeney noted tickets will be sold after all masses this coming weekend. Show up to sell.
- St. Joseph Dinner and Dance - flyers are being prepared, Fr. Lawton in charge of dinner. All cooks have been arranged.
- Brother Rettig read from a letter requesting financial assistance in fighting human sex trafficking.
- An email from the Diocese and Parish was read noting an upcoming Life Planning Seminar on 01/31/18 in the Parish Center and the contact information to register.

Un-finished Business: None.

New Business: None

Field Agent Report - No report.

District Deputy report:

- Happy New Year to all.
- The Spelling Bee will be February 3rd, Free Throw January 10th at 3:00pm and District Free Throw 01/28/18 at Ss Peter and Paul Council. Keep Christ in Christmas posters due 01/15/18.
- On February 17th is the Manatee County Sugar Bowl event at the State College of Florida: music by the Atlantic City Boys!

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- Ads are still available for the Sugar Bowl program.
- There is a Regional meeting on 01/06/18
- Fraternal Activity Reports are due!
- Council 5604 Leads the District in new membership.

Fourth Degree - no report.

Good of the Order:

- **Brother Tom Flynn noted Brother (Captain) Bob O'Neills health and the need for daily meals and a cheery face to visit with him. Brothers raised hands to volunteer meal deliveries for each day of the week.**

- **Brother Connizzo noted that we are a Brotherhood and we need to act and support our Brothers, especially in times of need. There was a poor lack of attendance at Brother Vincent Colonesso's funeral. WE MUST DO BETTER!**

A CLOSING PRAYER WAS OFFERED.

Grand Knight Larry Locascio officially closed the meeting at 8:07 pm

Michael Sutherland, Recorder 01/11/18

As scribed from notes provided of the meeting.