

Minutes of the Knights of Columbus Council 5604

May 03 , 2018

The Meeting was opened at 7:07 p.m. by Grand Knight Larry Locascio.

Recognized dignitaries: Chaplain Fr. Lawton Lang and DD James Vanderhorst and our newest member, Scott, who just completed his First Degree.

An opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Fr. Lawton Lang.

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 - Present
- Chancellor - Mark Rettig - Present
- Warden - Thomas Reese - Present
- Financial Secretary - Warren Peterson - Present
- Treasurer - Vincent Colonnese, Jr. - Present
- Recorder - Michael Sutherland - Present
- Advocate - Open Position after death of Thomas Flynn
- Inside Guard - Richard Andrade - Absent
- Outside Guard - Diego Estigarribia - Excused
- 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: Not at the meeting but sent the following:

Fr. Lang reported on vocations to the priesthood and to religious life. You don't know who will be called by God; what is it God is looking for with a myriad of qualities noted by our Chaplain. Be Open to His call.

Reading of the Minutes: Reading of the meeting of 04/05/18 was waived by motion, second and voice vote. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as distributed. The minutes were approved on voice vote as distributed.

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Report of the Admissions Committee: Brother Cotter noted that Supreme is having a contest for recruiting new Knights. The winner will receive a trip to Ireland.

Grand Knights Report:

- Brothers Jose Estigarribia and Mark Rettig will be attending the Florida State Council Convention in Orlando over the Memorial Day Weekend
- Our Council will be hosting a car show this Saturday, 05/05/18, in front of the Parish Center. We will need help with parking, 50/50, cooking, etc. Come on out and help!
- May 20th is our final pancake breakfast of the season.
- The Florida State Council raffle is coming to an end for this year. All tickets and cash are due in now and a check needs to be cut to the State Council for our outstanding sales.
- The school scholarship committee wants to make some changes but will need input from the incoming officers for the next fraternal year regarding pancake breakfasts, etc. in regards to income and service hours.

Communications: The following were received:

- An Easter card and beautiful letter were received from one of our past supported seminarians, Wojcek Borzyskowski, with his thanks and noting he is now a deacon and will be ordained soon. He provided history of his area and contact information.
- Thank you letter from KC Supreme with a copy of the portrait of the Holy Family (for framing and placement in McLaughlin Hall as requested by Chaplain Fr. Lawton Lang) for recent recruitment by 5604.
- Thank you letter by the SJCC Welcome Committee for providing breakfast for the recent breakfast held by the parish for incoming families.

Treasurers Report: This is the report from March as the Treasurer is out for the meeting excused.

- Balance Forward from the previous month: \$22,877.28
- Past months receipts: \$0.00
- Past months balls paid as authorized by the Trustees: \$3,846.61
- Current Balance: \$19,030.67
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as made. It was approved by voice vote.

Financial Secretary's report: The FS read the vouchers to the Assembly.

Trustees report: The Trustees reported they have reviewed the bill and vouchers as reported by the Financial Secretary and have approved them for payment.

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Un-finished Business:

- Grand Knight Locascio turned the meeting over to Brother Connizzo who is the head of the nominating committee.

- Voting for Council Officers for the 2018/19 Fraternal Year.

- Brother Connizzo asked for any nominations from the floor, after three calls there were none.

- With no nominations from the floor Brother Connizzo made a motion for the casting of 1 vote for the entire slate of officers as presented by the nomination committee. The motion was seconded and approved on voice vote. 1 vote was cast to accept the entire slate of officers as per the nominating committee for the 2018/19 Fraternal Year. They are:

- Chaplain - Fr. Lawton Lang
 - Grand Knight - Jose Estigarribia
 - Deputy Grand Knight - Mark Rettig
 - Chancellor - Thomas Reese
 - Warden - Bob Belville
 - Financial Secretary - Warren Peterson - appointed by Supreme
 - Treasurer - Vincent Coloneso
 - Recorder - Ian Forrest
 - Inside Guard - John Diedam
 - Outside Guard - David Wagner
 - Outside Guard - Diego Estigarribia
 - Advocate - Michael Sutherland
 - Trustee 1 Year - Alfred Connizzo
 - Trustee 2 Year - James Vanderhorst
 - Trustee 3 Year - Larry Locascio
 - Lecturer - To be appointed.
- The floor was returned to Grand Knight Locascio.
- The GK reported that the May and June officers meetings have been cancelled and that they will resume in July being held at 6:00pm prior to the regular business meeting.

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- GK Locascio noted for JUNE ONLY that due to summer heat the dress code is relaxed for both officers and members.
- GK Locascio noted that Brother Cotter will be taking over as the Program Director and Brother Sweeney as the Membership Director.
- Brother Connizzo noted to the GK that a change is coming from Supreme and reducing the total number of programs to about three. For those involved in youth programs Safe Environment Training is a must and if the GK and Youth Director had not completed the training no awards were available to the council in recognition of their accomplishments.
- Incoming GK Estigarribia noted there will be an Italian Festival on Sunday September 23rd and the Knights have been requested to participate in the event. it is the San Gennero Festival.
- A motion was made by Bob Belville and seconded by DD Vanderhorst for hosting a post school year fund raiser for funds to replace the school garden. This would be on June 8th once school is out for the summer. No funds would go to the council. During discussion it was noted how funds would work, our responsibility for funds though not controlled by the council and the need for INSURANCE. Also it was discussed to be a parish event which we could assist with and reduce council insurance need and liability. The motion was withdrawn.

Program Reports: FOOD FOR FAMILIES: The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) annual food drive is Saturday, 05/12/18. Truck drivers, handlers and sorters are needed for this major event providing up to 100K pounds of food to the St. Joseph Food Pantry each year. Jump in and volunteer. Fr. Lawton volunteered his truck for a Knight willing to be a driver.

Field Agent Report - No report.

District Deputy report: DD Vanderhorst noted:

- There will be a First Degree at St. Patrick's on May 17th.
- Big thank you for all who assisted in the many ways at the Fourth Degree Exemplification held at St. Joseph Parish Center and Church on 04/28/18. It was a great success with 202 persons taking their 4th Degree. Over 400 dinners were served at the banquet after the event. The state was so pleased they want to schedule the event again next spring but not on the same weekend as the DeSoto parade.
- The Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice was at our church the morning after the Fourth Degree and the volunteers workers did such a good job no evidence was seen as to the previous day's event.
- Fr. Tom Zalewski, our Pastor and Chaplain of our Assembly, was the Honoree of the Fourth Degree Exemplification!
- KC Supreme has opened the opportunity to be classified as an insurance member with a simple \$100 annuity.
- Reminder of the car show and need for help on 05/05/18. Wives can help, too!
- The NALC food drive will run to about 8pm. We are starting later because the food typically doesn't begin to arrive until 3 pm.

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- Thanks go all participating in the Giving Challenge. With the outpouring of support the new windows will be going into the school after the summer break begins.

Fourth Degree -

- For our new Fourth Degree members, our next meeting will be held on 05/17/18 at 7pm. Bring your certificate to show membership completed at the recent exemplification.

Good of the Order:

- Mark Cotter (Brother Mike's son for recent heart attack.)

It was noted that the request that the Knight's sponsor a section of the church bulletin regarding the Praying of the Rosary is beginning with support from the Women of St. Joseph and Lyn B. (bulletin layout).

A CLOSING PRAYER WAS OFFERED.

Grand Knight Locascio officially closed the meeting at 8:22 pm

Michael Sutherland, Recorder 05/06/18

As scribed from notes provided of the meeting.