

Minutes of the Knights of Columbus Council 5604

June 07, 2018

The Meeting was opened at 7:00 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 - Excused
- Deputy Grand Knight - Jose Estigarribia - Excused
- Chancellor - Mark Rettig - Present
- Warden - Thomas Reese - Present
- Financial Secretary - Warren Peterson - Excused, arrived late
- 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 - Absent
- 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:

Chaplains Report: I am sorry I can't be there I have Mass the same time this meeting started.

Father's day is coming. Today is about fatherhood. Every man is called to Fatherhood. I was called to a supernatural Fatherhood, to raise spiritual children. You are called to a natural Fatherhood to raise natural children. God gave us the gift of Fathers to help us realize the love and respect of God, The Father. As I say Father you may be thinking of your dad. Experiences with our earthly fathers can range from excellent to very difficult. Our Fathers on earth are human beings that make mistakes. This can cause us children deep wounds. That is why we have a perfect Father in heaven, to heal those painful memories that can happen. God the Father's love is beyond anything that we can imagine. He is the source of healing. He can heal even the deepest scars from our earthly fathers.

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There are many elements of Fatherhood from the position of our earthly fathers that show us truths of, God the Father. Characteristics like: protector, provider, generosity, playfulness, humor, slow to anger, rich in mercy, wisdom, and justice. These attributes of a Father show us truths of, God The Father. That is why God, The Father gave us natural Fathers, so that in human imperfections we may be lead to the perfect love of, God The Father.

Fr LL

Please pray the "Our Father"

**Reading of the Minutes:** Reading of the meeting of 05/03/18 completed followed by a motion, second and voice vote for approval as read.

**Report of the Admissions Committee:** **GK Locascio** noted the performance by outgoing Admissions Committee Chair Mike Cotter and noted incoming Frank Sweeney. Noted we need to drive for new members but we want members who join to work and not join only in name.

**Grand Knights Report:**

- Officer meetings are cancelled until the July meeting.
- The trees outside of McLauhlin Hall have been contracted to be cut down and the stumps ground.
- The Council will probably not participate in the San Gennaro Festival on September 23rd unless the incoming GK and officers determine to do so.
- GK spoke about the State of Florida Council and the Supreme per diem fees the council obliges itself to for each non-productive and non-dues paying member we bring into the council.

**Communications:** The following were received: None!

**Treasurers Report: .**

- Balance Forward from the previous month: \$19,289.87
- Past months receipts: \$1,776.00
- Past months balls paid as authorized by the Trustees: \$2,499.91
- Current Balance: \$18,565.96
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers Report as made. It was approved by voice vote.

**Financial Secretary's report:** The GK noted the bills were previously read and approved by the Trustees at the Councils Officer meeting.

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**Trustees report:** No report.

**Chancellors Report:**

- We have a new seminarian to begin supporting. His name is Daniel Stanley and his bio will be posted.

- Chancellor attended the Florida State Council Convention of the Memorial Day weekend and brought back a pocket folder full of information laid out on the rear table for members review.

- Noted the YOUNGEST GRAND KNIGHT at the convention was only 22 years old!

- Your Council received awards for the Ultrasound Machine and the support of Vocations program. Noted Florida leads all others in the placement of Ultrasound machines which tend to save 4 infants per day per machine in placement.

- Read the per Capita statement to the council.

- Discussed possible future methods of fund raising.

Brother Connizzo as a State Officer added:

- It was great having 2 new members represent the council at the Convention

- It was an off year without an election and in election years most officers move up but there is jockeying for the opened position for the next years election.

- Spoke about Charity events at the Convention and recognition of our giving to various programs.

- The new raffle year is beginning and a very supportive Knight from OL Queen of Martyrs won the main raffle.

- Pointed out our Trophy Case and what the trophies were from our council predecessors.

- Spoke about Special Olympics support

- noted the need to report the council's activities to the state in order to receive recognition.

**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.

**Unfinished business:**

- A dinner dance is being planned for September

- The week of June 25th will be a combined Vacation Bible School at the Parish Center for both our parish and Ss Peter and Paul. Looking for a volunteer to fire up the lunch time grill for hot dogs! Noon time frame.

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**Field Agent Report** - No report.

**District Deputy report: DD Vanderhorst noted:**

- Great job by the GK and Council this past year. Pleased that we received 2 awards at the Convention. Noted that there were many activities done but not reported.

- First Degree on 6/6 at Incarnation had 18 and 20 year olds entering the order!

- The tai-district will be making a line up of Degrees to be held in the area. We will try and make some Saturday events

- DD announced that the area Insurance Agent is being replaced!

- A thank you to all who donated towards the parish / school window replacement project. It is well underway and should finish in about 4 weeks ahead of schedule.

- Also, Thank you to those who assisted with the late (5/5/18) car show. The late date due to the unexpected passing of our late Council Advocate, Tom Flynn, got us into hot weather and out of snow bird season. We still made \$389 of which \$100 was donated to Habitat for Humanity.

**Fourth Degree -**

Your Assemblies annual Captain Robert O'Neill Military and Patriotic Ball will be held the Saturday evening of November 3rd at IMG Country Club.

**Good of the Order:**

- Mark Cotter

- Jerry Leete for upcoming surgery

IA CLOSING PRAYER WAS OFFERED.

**Grand Knight Locascio officially closed the meeting at 8:01 pm**

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Michael Sutherland, Recorder 06/14/18

As scribed from notes provided of the meeting.