

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL K of C COUNCIL #4160 MINUTES

BUSINESS MEETING of October 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by GK Dougherty, following a pre-meeting Rosary.

The opening ode was omitted. Opening prayers were followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers Excused or Absent: Chancellor Bill Lahr, Advocate Earl Walton, Outside Guard Noel Pelletier, 2-yr trustee Mobley.

Chaplain's message (available in its entirety on the web site) – Father Matt reminded the council that October is the month of the rosary, with October 13 being the 100th anniversary of the final apparition at Fatima. Father made reference to the message from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori during the most recent K of C Supreme Convention, and made available a list of questions that we can each use to ensure that we understand our discipleship through our charitable efforts. He also mentioned that October 22 is the memorial of St. John Paul II, and November 1 and 2 are All Saints' and All Souls' days.

Minutes of the previous (September) business meeting were not read, having been available on the council web site and with a paper copy available for any attendee's review. The minutes were accepted as posted.

Admissions Committee – Form 100 from Jackson Lafferty was read and discussed. Motion was made and seconded to accept him for membership. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report – End of Month total assets are \$36,332.68. See online copy of report at council web site for details of the monthly transactions and how the balance is broken down into the various accounts. Report was accepted as read.

Financial Secretary's report – no report.

Trustee report – progress.

Old Business

- Tom Hendricks reported on the golf outing; it looks like we will exceed \$9,000 in proceeds after expenses. Bob Farina reported thanks to all of the players, the volunteers, and all those who helped solicit donations. Next year's golf outing will be help on Monday Sep 24 2018.

- We had the third reading of a proposed change to our council by-laws to establish a council emergency fund. After the reading, we had a motion to accept the by-laws change, which was seconded, and the motion carried.
- COAL – Bill Gibbons reported that we have approximately 100 books remaining, and we will be selling at the OLMC craft fair on November 4 and 5. We'll need coverage by 2 to 4 knights at the table throughout that weekend.
- St. Robert Bellarmine Oktoberfest – Bill Gibbons reported that he needs knights to sign up to help him with the parking at the event, throughout the day on Sunday, October 15. We will also have a table at which we can display promotional materials, but we will not be selling COAL chances.
- Keep Christ in Christmas – Bill Gibbons discussed the banners we purchased last year for St. Robert Bellarmine and for OLMC. The St. Robert banner needs replacing, and Bill will check on whether Monsignor Beisel will allow one this year before ordering one. Someone will need to check on the availability of last year's OLMC banner.
- Investment fund review – Don Cericola reviewed the performance of the two Ave Maria funds in which we are invested. They are performing acceptably. Our chaplain mentioned that investing in the fund is itself an act of charity, in that the fund is committed to acting in a Catholic way.
- Bon Ton sales are underway – please check council web site for sales dates and come out to help.

New business

- Coats for kids – we discussed last year's purchase, and a motion was made to purchase 4 boxes of children's coats – 2 boys and 2 girls. The motion carried.
- Membership drive – we have authorization to sit in the back of the church at St. Robert Bellarmine, and announcements will be made prior to Mass. Date is November 18/19. We will be organizing a "knights and families" turnout at one of the masses that weekend.
- Dance committee – the dance will be held on the Saturday after tax season ends (April 21, 2018). The committee will do their part, but they need help in all areas to make the work manageable. Bob Farina will help to organize the solicitation of sponsorships and donations.
- RSVP program – a motion was made, seconded, and carried, to donate \$500 to seminarian Ben Speranza under the RSVP program to support priestly vocations. Bill Gibbons will deliver the check.
- FOCUS ministries – we will be sending our second installment of \$600 to Charlie Cappelli. Motion carried. Carl Cappelli reported on Charlie's progress in his new role and location.

- Ushers needed – GK Dougherty reported that the National Catholic Women’s Conference will be held at Our Lady of Czestochowa once again. He’s committed to providing 10 ushers. Those interested need to arrive at the shrine by 3:30 PM on Oct 21 in coat and tie.
- First degree – we plan to perform a first degree ceremony in lieu of our October officer’s meeting, on Wednesday, October 25. Mike Dougherty will attempt to secure St. Mary’s Hall for the event, and our backup location would be St. Robert Bellarmine.
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- Ultrasound initiative – Tom Hendricks reported that the Legacy of Life foundation will be opening a new location, and as a result they’ll be needing a new ultrasound machine. Tom, in his position as field agent, has contact with many councils, and is trying to build a team of councils who will commit to raising the \$15,000 needed so that Supreme will match the funds. He asked if our council was interested, and we informed him that we would.

Fourth Degree Report – The fourth degree Master, Sean Connelly, was in attendance, dressed in the new 4th Degree regalia. He informed everyone that the 4th degree ceremony for 2018 will once again be on Memorial Day weekend, but he is going to be moving that to June 8 for 2019. He anticipates that all who claimed Memorial Day weekend was their barrier for taking the degree will show up for 2019. He also explained that in 2019, the dress code will change so that candidates will only need to wear a “dark suit”. Tuxedos are still allowed, but not required. Social baldric will no longer be used.

Field Agent Report – Tom Hendricks reported that there will be a free long-term care insurance information night in St. Mary’s Hall on Oct 23rd at 7 PM, and that he promises to get everyone home in time to see the Eagles on Monday Night Football that evening.

Good of the order

Sick and/or Suffering Knights.

Sick family members and friends.

Deceased members, family, friends.

Brother Knight Jim Dunn – health issues.

Brother Knight Rich Quinn – health issues.

Brother Knight Rich Quinn’s son – needs a lung transplant.

Brother Knight Frank Drulis’ mother-in-law Essie Karpowich – health.

Brother Knight Earl Walton’s wife – Marilyn Walton – health.

Brother Knight Darrin Mayer – health concern.

Brother Knight Tom Hendricks’s son-in-law Dominic Camillo, cancer.

Father Biedrzycki’s father John Biedrzycki.

Father Biedrzycki’s uncle Joe Gabrieli.

Let us also pray for

- victims of abortion, both child and parents
- members of our armed forces who are in harm’s way
- the sick, hungry, weak and poor throughout the world
- all who suffer from catastrophic natural events
- victims of oppression

- domestic tranquility

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM after closing prayers.