

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

BUSINESS MEETING of December 6, 2017

The men of the council gathered at 7:00 PM to say a rosary together.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by GK Dougherty.

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

Roll Call of Officers Excused or Absent: Advocate Earl Walton, Outside Guard Noel Pelletier, 2-yr trustee Steve Mobley, 3-yr trustee James Brennan.

Chaplain's message (available in its entirety on the web site) – Father Matt's message was about the Advent season, and how living according to the liturgical year can be beneficial (as opposed to living according to the secular calendar).

Minutes of the previous November business meeting were accepted as posted on the council web site, no corrections.

Admissions Committee – as a result of our recent membership drives at both parishes, we have 8 applications for membership. All were read, discussed, and accepted: Scott Kemp, Thomas Martino, Anthony Mastrome, Sean McCusker, Damian McKelvy, Brett Miller, Jim Seward, John Wilson. All will be invited to the December 17th admissions degree we are hosting.

We also have 1 pending transfer – Don Walsh.

In attendance was Paul Halferty, a new transfer into our council. Paul is a long-time Flaherty council member who is in position to become active with the K of C again. Welcome, Paul!

Grand Knight's report – The book 'Parish Priest', about our founder Michael McGivney, is available from Mike Dougherty for anyone who would like to read it. The Grand Knight has read this book and heartily recommends it to all. The GK also read a note of thanks from Ben Speranza, the seminarian who we are supporting with our RSVP donation.

Treasurer's report – End of Month total assets are \$33,558. 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, after brief discussion of the \$15,000 remaining from the dissolution of the Happ Home Association. Anyone with ideas or proposals for investing that money rather than leaving it in the non-interest-bearing account is invited to present them at the January meeting.

Financial Secretary's report – dues letter for 2018 will be sent out soon. Dues are at \$40 – no plans to change them. Per the insurance agent, this is on the high end of what other councils around us collect for dues.

Auditor's report – no report.

Trustee report – no report.

Chancellor's report on vocations – no report.

Round table – no report.

Dance committee report – flyers for the March dance are available, and hard copies were distributed to all meeting attendees. To make this event manageable, the job of managing the sponsorships/donations/etc. will be handled by Bob Farina with help from Ellen Cericola. The event itself (hall/DJ/food) will be handled by Don Cericola, Frank Drulis, and Bob Harner. More to come...in January all knights should be starting the push for donations/sponsorships/ticket sales.

Old Business

- Christmas party is this Saturday (Dec 9) in St. Mary's Hall. Help is needed at 3 PM for setup. The party is at 7 PM, and we also need help with the cleanup. If you have not RSVP'd, today (Dec 6) is the last day to do so.
- Habitat for Humanity – Rob Hessler has had no response from the organization, so we will now push toward a spring date for helping on a build.
- Coats for Kids – Rob Hessler reported that the St. Roberts coats were donated to the FEAST organization where they were distributed to local families during their Thanksgiving meal distribution. Any remaining coats will be distributed during the Christmas meal distribution. Mike Dougherty reported that the OLMC coats were delivered to the OLMC St. Vincent dePaul Society.

New business

- The charitable donations that we traditionally make in December were discussed. A motion was made to donate the same amount as last year to the same recipients. This motion carried.
- The annual fraternal report of charitable hours is due in January – the GK will be sending this out to all members. Please look for it in your email, and provide the requested information. Lets those hours you donate to others be counted...and help make the GK and FS jobs just a little easier.

- Additional fundraisers – Tom Hendricks has noted, through his work as a field agent, that some other councils have several smaller fundraising activities throughout the year (pie sales, etc.), and wonders whether our council might add a few to what we're already doing. This would obviously require someone to take ownership of each new fundraising activity. Bill Gibbons mentioned the counterpoint argument that we spend a good deal of effort on a fundraiser like COAL, and it generates relatively small return...so perhaps the opposite approach is better...just focus on the big ones that have high return. GK will solicit responses on this idea when he sends out the email for the fraternal survey.

Fourth Degree Report – all 4th degree knights should consider joining the color corps or honor guard.

Field Agent Report – Tom Hendricks reported that it is 'dying season'...a reminder that insurance is often useful. Consider purchasing K of C insurance. Long term care is another product that should be considered, especially by those in their 40s.

District Deputy report – n/a

Good of the order

Sick and/or Suffering Knights.

Sick family members and friends.

Deceased members, family, friends.

Dominic Camillo – son-in-law of Brother Knight Tom Hendricks. (passed away)

Brother Knight Jim Dunn – health issues.

Brother Knight Jim Brennan – special intention.

Brother Knight Bill Lahr – medical issues.

Brother Knight Brian Mullane – recovering from pneumonia.

Phil Verespy – friend of Brother Knight Bob Harner (open heart surgery).

Drew Farina – son of Brother Knight Bob Farina – hospital.

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.