

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

## BUSINESS MEETING of November 1, 2017

The men of the council gathered at 6:45 PM to say a rosary together.

Prior to our meeting this evening, District Deputy James Albert presented the Star Council award to our Grand Knight, Mike Dougherty. DD Albert commented that we should be proud to have achieved this, and GK Dougherty spoke to the fact that the award is only possible through the hard work of all of the council members. DD Albert also presented to us our credentials as a certified degree team. Bill Gibbons accepted and will distribute the ID cards appropriately.

A contingent from Bucks County Special Olympics was in attendance to accept a ceremonial check from the golf tournament committee. Several athletes and coaches were present, and were very grateful for our \$5,000 donation, which helps the athletes participate at no cost to them.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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: Chaplain Biedrzycki, Chancellor Bill Lahr, Advocate Earl Walton, 1-yr trustee Majdosz.

Chaplain's message (read by the Grand Knight, and available in its entirety on the web site) – Father Matt's message was about the Protestant reformation, specifically about how the sale of indulgences played a large part. He reminded us that indulgences are still a vital spiritual tool and gift, allowing for the atonement for sins and to lessen the punishment of those in purgatory. We have specific opportunities to gain indulgences in the month of November. Also Monday, Nov 26 is a day of prayer for persecuted Christians.

Minutes of the previous (October) 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 – 2 prospective members are transferring into the council. We welcomed John Neaves, who recently made his first degree and joined our council. He's been in Mt. Carmel parish for 30+ years, his children attended Mt. Carmel school.

Treasurer's report – End of Month total assets are \$36,841.05. 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.

Auditor's report – no report.

Trustee report – no report.

### Old Business

- OLMC craft fair is Fri Nov 3 and Sat Nov 4. Still need people to sign up Sat 11:30–1 or 1:30–4.
- Keep Christ in Christmas banner – motion was made and carried to spend \$200 to purchase a banner and installation materials for St. Robert Bellarmine.
- Membership drive –will be held at OLMC on Nov 4 and 5 after all Masses. Donuts will be available in St. Mary hall on Sunday morning.
- Coats for kids – 2 boxes of coats have been delivered to the OLMC St. Vincent dePaul coat drive, and another 2 boxes will be distributed through St. Robert Bellarmine.

### New business

- 2nd and 3rd degree – St. Bede's (Holland) – several of our council member sill make their degrees.
- Bill Gibbons is planning on 4 degree dates next year, perhaps Feb, April, Sept, and November. Bill need to know if each first degree team member is interested in continuing.
- Guards needed – during OLMC's 40 hours' devotion on Nov 12 and 13, knights are needed to spend time in St. Mary Hall to guard the 100+ relics that will be displayed. A volunteer signup sheet will be sent out.
- Membership drive at St. Robert Bellarmine after all Masses on Nov 18 / 19, via a table in the narthex (no speakers during masses). Knights will attend the 9 AM Mass as a group. All are invited, with families. Pews will be reserved. Possible breakfast afterwards at TJ Smith's.
- Nov 22 7 PM – a memorial Mass for deceased members of our council at St. Robert Bellarmine in the chapel. All member (and their families) should do their best to attend.
- Christmas Party – currently scheduled for Saturday December 9 in St. Mary's Hall at 7 PM. HOWEVER — a food and beverage coordinator is needed, or the event may end up cancelled. Contact Mike Dougherty if interested. You need

to pick a caterer, place the order, arrange for delivery and for setup and for final destination of any leftovers (as if!).

- Dance – many dates are already taken at St. Robert's due to the 50th anniversary celebrations being planned. We have secured March 17 (St. Patrick's day) for our dance.

Field Agent Report – Tom Hendricks reported that we've met 22% of our new member quota, and 67% of insurance member quota. However, we are about to suspend 3 members, 1 of which is an insurance member.

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 Shelby Drulis – health issues.

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

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

Kathleen and Jennifer McGeehan – daughters of brother knight Mike McGeehan – debilitating illnesses.

Sarah Lundy – sister-in-law of brother knight Bill Gibbons – passed away.

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 8:40 PM after closing prayers.