

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

BUSINESS MEETING of June 6, 2018

Prior to the meeting, the council gathered at 7 PM to say a rosary.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by GK Dougherty. The warden reported that all present were in possession of a current membership card.

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

District Deputy Report – DD James Albert spoke eloquently about the exceptional job our Grand Knight Mike Dougherty has done during his tenure, with council membership up 25%, improvements to existing activities, and addition of several new council activities. He presented Mike with a plaque to honor his performance. James will be exiting the role of District Deputy, and Mike will be moving into that role as of July 1.

Roll Call of Officers

Absent/Excused: Advocate Walton, 1-year trustee Majdosz, 2-year trustee Mobley.

Chaplain's message – Father Matt's message concerned St. Joseph's feast day and Father's Day, the two major items in June. See the full report online.

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

Admissions Committee – No new applications at this time. We have 3 new knights, and 5 new Sir Knights who made their 4th degree on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. (Pelletier, Driscoll, Gibbons, Grandzol, Brennan).

Grand Knight's report – Mike offered his congratulation to the 5 new Sir Knights. He reported that the book "Inside the Atheist's Mind" is available for anyone present to borrow. Mike thanked all of the council members for their participation during his tenure as GK, and acknowledged that any of the awards that he receives are only possible because of the general membership doing the work they do.

Treasurer's report –As of the end of June, total balance sits at over \$27,000 even after several large spends/donations this month. See online report on council web site for details. Report was accepted as read after discussion of what the various internal fund names mean.

Financial Secretary's report – No new report.

Auditor's report – no report.

Trustee report – no report.

Chancellor's report on vocations – no report.

Round table – no report.

Golf Committee – tournament is September 24th. Price will be \$600 per foursome; \$25 discount if paid by August 15. Flyers have been sent to all members with information. This year we'll have a program book with various price / size options. A group will be going out and knocking on doors at Doylestown businesses to solicit sponsorships/donations/ad book sales.

New business

Habitat for Humanity – Rob Hessler explained that volunteering at a build is a full day and requires no experience at all. He will solicit interest from the council at large to see what dates we'd be able to send 5 brothers. We would also need a monetary donation. Volunteering at a thrift store is another option, for a larger group.

Father Nees picnic – St. Robert Bellarmine will be hosting the 50th annual picnic for the handicapped. Rob Hessler explained that there may be a need for assistance from the knights and will find out from the committee and pass along the information to the K of C.

Election of officers – we had the third nominations for new officers.

3-year trustee: Mike Dougherty, 1 vote.

Outside Guards: Noel Pelletier and Patrick Monagle, each 1 vote.

Inside Guards: Rich Szczurowski and Ken Bucker, each 1 vote.

Warden: Gary Driscoll, 1 vote.

Advocate: Earl Walton, 1 vote.

Treasurer: Jerry Monagle, 1 vote.

Recorder – Rich Rospond, 1 vote.

Chancellor – Rob Hessler, 1 vote.

Deputy Grand Knight – Elmer Crockett, 1 vote.

Grand Knight – Bill Lahr, 1 vote.

The elections are now complete, and those listed will take office officially on July 1 2018. Congratulations and best of luck.

Flag Retirement program – GK Dougherty explained that we'll be collecting worn American flags with a box in each church's vestibule during the month of August. Flags will be burned at a flag retirement ceremony to be scheduled by the Archbishop Wood (4th degree) Assembly.

Rummage Sale – June 23rd at OLMC. Need men to be there to help accept and move donations as directed by the Ladies of OLMC. Note: this is the same day as the last Arc collection at the Doylestown ACME.

Council shirts – member Don Walsh offered the opportunity to purchase short-sleeved collared polo shirts with K of C logo and council number/name embroidery for \$25. Seller is a knight from Croton, NY. Good quality shirts, various colors available.

Sight & Sound theater – Gary Driscoll reports that he drove a group here to see the latest production and highly recommends it to anyone who can make it.

Ultrasound machine – after discussion, we voted to earmark \$3000 in a new internal account to eventually be used on an ultrasound machine for a pregnancy center. This will require us to locate a facility, identify the type of machine, obtain Archdiocese approval, and only then can we actually do the fundraising. Should that not come to fruition, we can always vote to remove the internal account and use that money for other purposes. If available and usable general funds run low as a result of this, we will dip into the “Happ” account to replenish the general funds.

Field Agent’s report – Tom reported that we have 16 new members this year, lost 1 for a net of 15. We have 5 new insurance members, with 2 in the pipeline. These are good numbers. In reviewing the insurance report for the year, there were 49 policies nationwide that paid out less than a year after they were opened. Just a reminder that we know not the day nor the hour. Protect your family now.

State Advocate – Mike Kish was in attendance to present to us an award for last year’s Arc collection. We were the highest collection in the Eastern region. There is another award that he could not present b/c it broke in shipping.

July meeting date – the July meeting will be moved 1 week later due to the Independence Day holiday. We will meet on July 11 in St. Mary’s Hall.

Good of the order

Sick and/or Suffering Knights.

Sick and/or suffering family members and friends.

Father Matt’s father – surgery.

Mark Majdosz’s mother – ill.

David Brennan (brother of SK Jim Brennan) – cancer.

Bob Keebler (brother-in-law of Bob Farina) – Parkinson’s.

Jenny Mayer – mother of Darrin Mayer.

Deceased members, family, friends.

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 ~9:05 PM after closing prayers.