**Meeting Agenda: January 2, 2018**

**Invited Guests: Knights of Columbus PA State Council-** Joe Paoletti

Joe is the state treasurer and notified us that he would like to attend our meeting.

**Dinner social after meeting**: meeting our goal of Relationships. Our Warden will be hosting dinner/ beer after meeting this month. Various assortment of hoagies from Primo. Please plan on attending and getting to know your brother Knights better.

**Call To Order: Grand Knight Bill Lahr**

 *Grand Knight* (One rap of gavel): Brothers, we are about to open this council in the first

section. All persons not having received the honors of membership in the first section shall

please retire from the chamber. The doors shall now be closed, and the guards assume their

positions. (In their absence, the grand knight shall appoint guards for the time being.)

**Warden’s Report on Membership Card: Gary Driscoll** *Grand Knight*: Worthy warden, do you vouch that all present are in possession of the

current membership card? (Warden salutes and proceeds to inspect membership cards.)

*Warden:* Worthy grand knight (salutes). I vouch that all present are in possession of the

current membership card. (Salutes grand knight and deputy grand knight.)

**Opening Prayer: Father Matt**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Grand Knight Bill Lahr**

**Roll Call of Officers:**
 *Grand Knight:* The recorder will call the roll of officers. (Two raps. The recorder calls the roll

of all officers. The warden answers in his place for all officers called. As each officer is declared

present, he is seated. In the absence of chair officers, the grand knight shall appoint officers for

the time being.)

Grand Knight: Bill Lahr

Chaplain: Father Matt Biedrzycki

Deputy Grand Knight Elmer Crocket

Chancellor Rob Hessler **E**

Recorder Rich Rospond

Treasurer Gerry Monagle

Lecturer

Advocate Earl Walton E

Warden Gary Driscoll E

Inside Guard Rich Szczurowski Ken Bucker

Outside Guard Noel Pelletier E Patrick Monagle

Trustee for One Year Steve Mobley E

Trustee for Two Years Jim Brennen

Trustee for Three Years Mike Dougherty

Financial Secretary Chuck Nicholson

**Chaplain’s Message: Father Matt** discussed the Feast of the Holy Family and how Christ might have lived in his first 30 years.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

 *Grand Knight*: Are there any corrections to the minutes? They are approved as reported?

**Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications. Nothing new**

**Balloting for membership.** (New members, readmissions, reapplications, transfers.)

**Initiations.**

**Grand Knight’s Report.**

**Growth and Unity:** I want to thank my brother Knights for the growth and attendance within our council. It is wonderful to see our meetings have such increased attendance. Our Christmas party had more attendees than I ever remember. We are doing more events now then we have accomplished in recent history. The next few months have some pivotal events happening that will require our unity as a council and participation from all members. Please participate in making our Golf Bash, St Patrick’s Dance, and the Joe Conklin comedy event all a positive success. We have a goal to host $65,000 in events and charitable causes. Together, united, we can achieve this. Let God’s will be done.

**50/50 pot:** Tonight we will continue our monthly meeting 50/50 meeting raffle. Last month’s winner was Wally ‘the dumpster’ Pattyson. Thank you Wally for donating back the winnings to the council’s general fund

Reminder: $1 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5, 15 tickets for $10.

$20 of the pot is held back and membership card is pulled towards a ‘second pot’. If member is present, they get the ‘second pot’. If not present it rolls over to next month. That pot gets large and motivates attendance at meetings. …Especially when pot get over $100. Must be present and have your membership card pulled.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Ended the month with $27,620.99, New income $2,645 and expenses $2,2446.64

Reading by Grand Knight of Receipts of Treasurer to Financial Secretary and Treasurer’s Voucher of Deposit.

**Reading of Bills and Communications.**  There are 103 paying members, 50% have already paid dues for 2019.

**Financial Secretary’s Report of Receipts of Meeting.**

**Report of Auditors and Trustees.**

**Chancellor’s Report on Vocations. – Rob Hessler**

*Report of Service Program Committees. (Grand knight calls on membership and program*

*directors, who introduce their committee directors for their reports.)*

 *Membership Director*

 *Program Director*

 *Church Director*

 *Community Director*

 *Council Director*

 *Culture of Life Director*

 *Family Director*

 *Youth Director*

*Report of Round Table Chairman.*

**Report of Standing Committees.**

 **Golf Committee:** Tom Hendricks- Chairman

**Fundraising Committee: Bill Lahr, Chairman -** Last month we met to review our budget and fundraising planning. Attached is the budget we are using through the remainder of the 2019 Knights year

This is not a closed committee. All are welcome to participate. The purposes of the committee are:

1. To establish the goals of fundraising within our council

2. To evaluate and prioritize the fundraising events hosted annually

3. To be an active support group to recruit and supply needed resources to ensure fundraising success

4. To establish team leads and active team members to dedicate to specific functions to ensure we don’t ‘burn- out’ the repetitive few volunteers.

5. To establish and maintain a working budget – Goal is $91,000 in income

**Golf Bash:** Tim Powell, Chairman – Tim and his committee has achieved much progress in under a month.

 **Date**: Feb 23rd

 **Place:** St Robert Bellarmine Hall

 **Prizes:** over $10,000 in prizes already committed

 **Menu:** being finalized and secured

 **Tickets:** Please be promoting and selling. Need over 300 attendees.

 **Flyer**: distributed at monthly business meeting.

 **Call to action:** all brothers to invite 10 friends and family to buy a ticket or make a donation.

**Dance Committee:** Bill Lahr – Our St Patrick’s dance committee has met during the holidays. The theme this year is to align to support ‘local’ breast cancer patients. We met with Keith Fenimore, the chairman for Pine to Pink. We plan to make this event a tremendous success through attendance and many prizes and auction items. We currently have a Bahamas House and a Myrtle Beach house for raffle. Many exciting prizes still coming. Please consider donating a prize to this event. bill.lahr@myforte.com

 **Date:** March 16th tickets are $60 per person

 **Place:** St Robert Bellarmine Hall

**Prizes:** please make donations

**Theme:** We will continue with the St Patrick’s theme with a focus on local Breast Cancer survival and school scholarships. We will also be putting more emphasis to make the silent auction a ‘lady fashions’ emphasis to try a new approach.

**Tickets, flyers, menu** still to come.

**Unfinished Business.**

**Keep Christ in Christmas Banner – Bill Gibbons:** The banners at both churches have received much positive feedback. it is a goal for Christmas 2019 to bring the message to a bill board to promote keeping Christ in Christmas.

**Coats for Kids** –Grand Knight, Bill Lahr and District Deputy Mike Dougherty delivered 9 boxes of coats to Our lady of Hope parish. Rob Hessler delivered 2 boxes of coats to FEAST.
This contributes to our council goals of **GROWTH**

**Code Blue Family homemade dinners –** Brother Frank LaRusso lead an initiative for Knights families with young children make casseroles for the local homeless. Please consider making a donation to help Brother Frank cover the costs paid for the ingredients.

**Knights Christmas Party:** Bill Lahr – Thank you for all that attended the Christmas party. It was a well-attended event and a great expression of faith, unity, and joy. Thank you to all who made donations and assisted in the planning including Brooke Lahr and Mike and Kristen Druger. Thank you to Altamonte’s for the main entrees.

**Christmas Mass Color Guard:** Bill Lahr – Monsignor Hagan requested the color guard for the Christmas Mass celebration. Thank you to Mike Dougherty, Tom Hendricks and Bill Lahr for serving in our color guard. Billy Lahr served as a ‘junior’ color guard. Many parishioners were appreciative of our service.

**New Business.** (When elections are in order, this is the first item under New Business.)

**Holy Family Prayer Cards:** Fr Matt - Father Matt has lead the initiative to distribute Consecration to Holy Family Prayer Cards #10371 <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html#/> at Mass during the Christmas Season for the Epiphany. We will need volunteers at all Masses of St Roberts and OLMC to replenish the pews before Mass. Please notify Bill Lahr of your willingness to assist.

**Knights Retreat:** Saturday, March 2nd. Bill Lahr/ Father Matt - I have asked Father Matt to assist our council in organizing a council retreat. Father Matt to give us an update in meeting. We decided to invite fellow
parishioners to attend. It is being held at the Shrine of the Immaculate Medal.

**Admissions Degree**: Bill Gibbons – We have scheduled a Initiation Degree on Sunday, January, 13th. We have new candidates. Please attend to welcome our new candidates and to support the degree teams.

**Second Degree:** Bill Gibbons – We are looking to build a second-degree team. Bill is working with the state that the degree ‘can’ be read in the absence of a full team able to memorize their roles. We will encourage member to attempt to memorize, but forming a 2nd degree team is proving to be more important and valuable than having to memorize. Who is interested in volunteering to become a 2nd degree team member?

**Basketball Free Throw:** Mike Dougherty – Our annual free throw competition will be coming in January. Mike will need volunteers for a successful event. Wed Jan 16 @ 6:00

**Superbowl Box Pool:** Mike Dougherty – As a small fundraiser we will host a Superbowl pool. Please sell squares or contribute. This can be a small, but impactful fundraiser to contribute to our budget.

**Knight and Family of the Month:** Tom Hendricks – Please join me in congratulating Tom Hendricks for achieving Knight of the Year and the Stetler family for achieving Family of the Year. Tom would like to start a new initiative of Knight and Family of the month.

**Report of the Fourth Degree.**

**Field Agent’s Report.** – Tom Hendricks

**District Deputy’s Report.** – Mike Dougherty

**Good of the Order.**

 Grand Knight: Before proceeding to the Good of the Order, let me ask: Does any brother

present know of a member of this council, or an unassisted brother of the Order, sick or in

distress? (Any such are reported. Four raps. Chaplain or grand knight leads prayer for sick or

distressed. One rap.)

 Grand Knight: The Good of the Order will now be conducted by the worthy lecturer, I trust

to the enjoyment, instruction and edification of all present. (The lecturer then presides, but

the grand knight may terminate this order of business at his pleasure.)

**Closing Prayer.**

 *Grand Knight:* Brothers, we shall now close this meeting. Let us kneel and pray that we may

ever be united in charity, that God may bless our work, aid us to keep our pledges for His

greater glory, and that He may grant eternal peace to the souls of our departed brothers.

(Four raps. Chaplain or grand knight so prays. One rap at conclusion.)