

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

## BUSINESS MEETING of December 4, 2018

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

Prior to the meeting, representatives of the OLMC Home/School Association spoke at 7:35 PM, and invited all to support their Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by GK Lahr. 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.

### Roll Call of Officers

GK Lahr – p; DGK Crockett – p; Chaplain Fr. Matt – p; FS Nicholson – p; Chancellor Hessler – p; Recorder Rospond – ex; Treasurer J. Monagle – p; Advocate Walton – ex; Warden Driscoll – p; IG 1 Szczurowski – p; IG 2 Bucker – ex; OG 1 – Pelletier – p; OG 2 P. Monagle – ex; Trustee 3 yr Dougherty – p; Trustee 2 yr Brennan – ex; Trustee 1 yr Mobley – ex.

Chaplain's message – Father Matt's message concerned Advent and preparing our hearts properly. A complete version of Father's remarks is available on the web site.

Minutes of the previous (November) business meeting – council voted to approve as posted.

Admissions Committee – The following new applications were read, discussed, and the council voted to accept all: Matt Hastings, Joseph Vasquez, Robert Richetti (transfer), Michael Buzzanca, Anthony Morgan.

### GK Report –

**Thankfulness:** I want to thank my brother Knights for such dedication to our council, our parishes, and our community in the month of November. We had a very busy month and it could not have been achieved without a very active brotherhood. We worked together to fulfill our goals of: Growth, Relationships, Visibility, and Transcendence. Thank you all very much and my God continue to bless the Knights of Columbus and its members.

This month we fulfilled and succeeded on: Nocturnal 40 hours, Recruitment Drive, Bagel Sale, Admissions degree, Special Olympics bowling, blue ribbon school Mass color guard, dance committee formation, golf bash formation and planning, fundraising committee launch. The week of November 11<sup>th</sup> there was some Knights function happening every day/ night. Thank you again for making our month success a success.

**50/50 pot:** Tonight we will be starting a monthly meeting 50/50 meeting raffle. It costs \$1 per ticket or 8 tickets for \$5. \$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 – Start of Month assets \$43,397.58; End of month assets \$37,218.28. See complete details in online Treasurer's report.

Financial Secretary report – nothing to add to Treasurer's report; concurs with receipts and disbursements reported.

Chancellor's report on vocations – n/a

Auditors report – n/a

Trustee report – n/a

Committee reports –

Golf committee – no report.

Fundraising Committee: Bill Lahr, Chairman – Last month was the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Fundraising committee. We had 11 Knights volunteer to sit on this committee. This is not a closed committee. All are welcome to participate. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. We will meet again at the Acme beer and wine take-out bar.

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

We have established a preliminary budget and suggested initiatives and methods to raise funds. Bill Lahr will distribute and discuss at the monthly business meeting.

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: being finalized and printed

Flyer: distributed at monthly business meeting.

Call to action: Help sell tickets. Please do not commit to selling a ticket and bring it back unsold.

Dance Committee: Bill Lahr – Our St Patrick's dance has been an impressive success in years past. To continue this successful event, I will chair this committee and lead the team to replicate the same success with the key

partnership of Bob Farina, Wally Pattyson and Brooke Lahr. Please notify me if you are willing to assist us in the success of this major fundraising event.

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Date: March 16th

Place: St Robert Bellarmine Hall

Prizes: secured a couple new houses for auction. Continuing to search for exciting auction and raffle prizes.

Theme: We will continue with the St Patrick's theme. We will also be putting more emphasis to make the silent auction a 'lady fashions' emphasis to try a new approach.

Tickets, flyers, menu, and timing still to come.

### Unfinished business

OLMC Bagel Sale: We hosted a successful bagel sale fundraiser after Mass during our recruitment drive. Why have all Knights standing around during the recruitment drive? Let's fundraise and maximize resources. I was hoping we would at least break even. My stretch goal was \$500. We blew it away and raised \$1250 in new revenue to be split between our general fund and to make a gift back to OLMC.

The breakdown of funds:

\$ 1500 - Gross Sales (1380 in cash, 120 in credit cards)

-\$ 250 - Paid to Bagel Barrel for bagels and bags.

-\$ 0 - Rug, baskets, tablecloths donated by Brooke Lahr

\$ 1250 - Net profit to council for allocation.

Thank you to many volunteers that day including Chuck Nicholson, Jerry Monagle, Mike Dougherty, Bob Farina, Tom Hendricks, Wally Pattyson, Rich Rospond, Gary Driscoll, Earl Walton, and Tom Martino. Please excuse me if I missed your name. I was running around all morning and may have missed someone. We fulfilled the goals of GROWTH, VISIBILITY, AND RELATIONSHIPS.

Recruitment: Last month, on November 18th, we hosted a very successful recruiting drive with announcements from the altar. We had 1 new candidate sign up that day and attend the admission degree that evening (Michael Scott). We also had 2 new members sign up on the K of C website and are going to transition into our council. (Dr Kevin P Malobisky and Robert A Ricchetti) We also received 2 new form 100's that day. (Joseph Xavier Vazquez and Mike Buzzanca). We have 2 Knights who want to transition to our council. (Robert Farrell and Vincent La Russo). 7 new members.

We would like to host a similar event at St Robert Bellarmine to recruit new members and with the permission of Monsignor Beisel host a Bagel Sale. This is a great contribution to our council goals of: GROWTH AND VISIBILITY

177 Project - Father Matt: This was a successful night of adoration and music at SRB on 11/29/2018 @ 7:00PM.

Coats for Kids -Grand Knight Bill Lahr and Rob Hessler have partnered in the Coats for Kids program. 12 cases of coats were ordered for both Our Lady of Hope and FEAST. This contributes to our council goals of GROWTH

Keep Christ in Christmas Banner- Bill Gibbons: St. Robert's banner is displayed outside the entrance to the church. OLMC banner is displayed in the school. This contributes to our council goal of TRANSCENDENCE

COAL Books: Campaign done for this year with 500 books sold. Bill Gibbons estimates roughly \$1200-\$1500 profit, pending official tally. This contributed to our council goal of GROWTH.

Admission Degree: Bill Gibbons - We hosted another successful Admission Degree on Sunday Nov 18, 2018. We installed 4 new members to OLMC Council #4160. Please welcome: Bill Lahr, Sr, Frank La Russo, Mike Scott, and Mark Wisniewski. This contributed to our council goals of RELATIONSHIPS AND GROWTH.

OLMC Blue Ribbon School - The color guard of Bill Lahr and Tom Hendricks served to escort the clergy into Mass on Wednesday, Nov 21st to celebrate OLMC achieving a Blue-Ribbon School. This helped to fulfill the goal of VISIBILITY

40 Hours OLMC: Thank you to all Knights who sat with Jesus through the night during OLMC's 40 hours from Sunday Nov 11th until Tuesday Nov 13th. What a wonderful achievement of our goals of VISIBILITY AND TRANSCENDANCE. Thank you also to our color guard including Mike Dougherty, Rob Hessler, Steve Mobley, Tom Hendricks and Bill Lahr for their service during the candlelight service to close 40 hours.

Special Olympics Bowling: Tom Hendricks - Thank you to all the brothers who attended the bowling event. What a beautiful contribution to our community. This contributed to our council goals of: RELATIONSHIPS AND VISIBILITY

### **New Business**

Knights Christmas Party: Bill Lahr - Brooke Lahr has helped to plan our annual Christmas party. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at 6:00pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel's St Mary's Hall. This is a great opportunity to come out to get reacquainted with your brother Knights. If you do not have a ride or cannot drive at night we will make arrangements to get you to the party and home. Please contact brooke.lahr@icloud.com if you are planning to attend or need transportation. We would love to see EVERY knight join us in cheer, celebration and thanksgiving. We will be hosting our K of C awards at the event.

In an effort to reserve our operating budget for charitable causes we were able to get many donations. Please contemplate assisting financially by making a donation or by bringing an appetizer, dessert, wine, or bottle as outlined below.

Cost: no cost to attend. Just bring a gift

Yankee Swap: each attendee should bring a gift to share costing \$ 25.

Please bring a gift per person NOT per couple

Food: If your last name ends in A to M please bring an appetizer. If ends in N to Z please bring a dessert.

Main Course: supplied by Altomonte's Italian Market

Beverages: Please bring wine or a bottle to share. Many have already donated beer.

This is always a fun night of celebrating and camaraderie. Please join your brother Knights and their families for a delicious dinner, drink, and yankee swap Christmas gift exchange.

Christmas Mass Color Guard: Bill Lahr - Monsignor Hagan has requested the color guard for the Christmas Mass celebration. Ideally, he would like to inspire our full church during the early Christmas Eve Mass. Let's discuss how we can fulfill Monsignor's request.

Knights Retreat: Saturday, March 2nd at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal shrine. Father Matt has arranged for a priest to lead our retreat.

Holy Family Prayer Cards: Father Matt has an idea to invite parishioners to be consecrated to the Holy Family. <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html#/> Monsignor Beisel has already approved this and Fr. Matt will check with Monsignor Hagan. A motion was made and passed to order the Prayer Cards (Consecration to Holy Family Prayer Cards #10371) from Supreme. This is a required program for our council in order to achieve Star Council. More information to come... Father would like the end of the program to coincide with either the Epiphany or Jan 20.

Degree team: Bill Gibbons - We will hold a 1st degree on Sunday Jan 13, and will be putting together a 2nd degree team immediately that will be up and running by mid-2019. An email requesting volunteers is already out. Contact Bill Gibbons if interested.

Basketball Free Throw: Mike Dougherty - Jan 16 - 6 PM in OLMC gym will be the council competition. Jan 30 - 6 PM in the OLMC gym will be the district competition. Mike needs about 10 volunteers each evening. Please contact Mike to let him know you can help.

Super bowl Pool: Mike Dougherty - As a small fundraiser we will host a Super bowl block pool. Mike will be selling blocks at our January business meeting in time for the game.

Greeters at OLMC: Earl Walton reported that OLMC is looking to establish greeters to welcome people into church before Mass, and thank them for coming as they leave. This is to help OLMC be more welcoming to new / lapsed members and make them feel welcome. Earl will send more details as they come available, but they are looking to do this immediately through the Christmas season.

Fourth degree report – no activity to report at this time.

Field Agent's report – Tom reported that insurance efforts have kicked into high gear to meet some goals for the year. If anyone is interested, please reach out to him immediately.

District Deputy report – Mike Dougherty reminded all that the annual report of volunteer hours is due soon in the new year, so each of us should be compiling our hours.

Wally Pattyson was the winner of the 50/50 and donated all of his winnings back to the council.

No winner of the \$20 membership card drawing, so that rolls over to the next meeting.

Good of the order – please keep them in your prayers

Sick and/or Suffering Knights: Rich Quinn, Rich Rospond

Sick and/or suffering family members and friends: Lyla Campbell, Fr. Matt's uncle Joe, the Lahrs' family friend battling cancer, friend of Frank LaRusso Mr. Canast.

Deceased members, family, friends: Theresa Beisel (Msgr. Beisel's mother), George W Bush, Frank Drulis' mother-in-law Essie Karpowich, Bill Gibbons' brother-in-law Ed Garton.

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 ~9:30 PM after closing prayers. Meeting was followed by a social hour with refreshments from Primo hoagies, thanks to warden Gary Driscoll.