

The August 21, 2019 Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:03pm .

Admissions Committee: One deduction for the month. Total membership as of July 31st is 200 members, 79 with insurance, 121 Associates, 15 Inactive, 6 honorary and 64 honorary life. Happy to announce we have a new member application. Joe Myers has referred Mr. Charles Combs of Guilford for membership into our Council. Mike Tufano made the official motion to accept Charles, Motion was seconded and ultimately accepted.

Grand Knight Report....

GK Falcone thanked Mike Tufano and all of the council members who volunteered for all of their hard work on another successful carnival. Everyone was happy to help out and it looks like we will have even more volunteers next year.

Chaplain's Report....

Father mentioned that they will be holding a retreat at the Mercy Center.

With the school year set to begin they are finalizing preparations for another CCD season with more than 400 kids signed up this year.

And Father was happy to announce that the parish has performed more than 30 baptisms this month which joyfully grows our community, our parish and our faith.

Treasurer's Report:

No report for this month.....

Reading of Bills and Communication:

Bills Paid to:

Supreme Council, Mike Tufano, Rich Falcone & Ct State Council. Please see the Treasurer for specific dollar amounts.

Communications:

Joan Stepbacker – A Thank You for the fish fry donation made to the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department.

VNA Community Healthcare– A Thank You for the fish fry donation.

Peer Ministry – Thank you for the Fish Fry donation, Casino bus trip and the dinner dance.

Sister Ann Ryan – Thank You for the chairs that we donated to them.

Financial Secretary Report:

\$160 in member dues received. Currently have \$840 outstanding. 8 members owe for two years, 5 owe for last year. This year's goal is 13 New Members and 5 New Insurance Members. GK has a copy of the Outstanding Balance report and a Retention report if you would like to reference it.

Standing Committee Reports:

Church Director: No Report.

First & Second Degree: No Report

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour during August. Next event will be on Sept 8th.

Fund Raising: Steve submitted a check of \$36 from a neighbor that can be applied to the Roof Committee.

Tootsie Roll: Steve was happy to report they have two tubes of money in excess of \$850. Steve followed up with the Men's Group who have declined our advances to perform our Tootsie Roll fundraiser at the church as it conflicts with their fund raising efforts. Steve pointed out that if we were able to show up at the marquee events during spring, summer and fall that could net even more money.

Fish Fry: No Report

Halloween Dance and Costume Party: Saturday OCT 19th - Big John Saville will be there. Ticket prices staying the same as \$25 a ticket. Sales begin during the September business meeting.

Carnival:

Mike Tufano sent a thanks to Mike and Carl for their hard work as well as to every member of the council who donated their time to make it a great success. And Bill Benzi for his financial tracking for the whole event.

Bill Benzi presented the official Carnival wrap up:

Second highest year for rides but our highest year ever for having just four carnival days.

\$46,000 in rides. \$15,000 in food. \$644 from the cake booth. \$1,970 in advertising sold. The White Elephant made \$15,493 dollars! \$700 on lemon ice, Carvel brought in \$1,099 and the Cow Chip Raffle brought in \$8,076.

This year the St George Carnival brought in a Grand Total of \$89, 473 – which has beaten every year that Bill has been doing the account since 2008!! Bill credited the support from the parishioners showing up as well as the weather overall. There's still some ancillary items to be submitted so there's a chance that we could break the \$90, 000 mark for revenue.

Reminder: **Sept 21st Council 3928 will be at the **St Gianna Pregnancy Center** – several Knights will be needed for the Silent Prayer and for praying the Rosary. This event will help with the Council towards the Columbian Award.

September Business Meeting – **Heather Regan from Habitat for Humanity will visit and speak on opportunities for our council to participate.

Program Director:

Soccer Challenge for Sept 28th. – Check Supreme website for details.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest – kits need to be ordered if the council is going to participate.

Living Rosary – Oct 6th. Details on the state web site.

Unfinished Business:

***The Grand Knight** is still actively looking for a Program Directors as well as for a couple of other committees, please contact Rich for details and to sign up.

***Vinny** asked Allen Temple to fill in as Faith Director. Allen accepted the position as the new Faith Director for Council 3928.

***Joe Nelly** – **Parish Picnic** on Sept 8th at Jacobs Beach from 1-5. Joe would like some help Cooking. This will be the same day as the Pancake Breakfast so it will take a large effort to try and coordinate and pull off the two events concurrently.

Stewardship Fair – October 5-6. Knights will have a table and will need to man the table with literature to drum up support. Allen reminded the council that there's a lot of literature available for recruitment if needed.

Family Bingo – Friday October 25th. Dinner and Bingo will be provided.

Christmas Party - December 14th.

Auditory contest- Joe distributed rules and is asking for Knights to brainstorm some topics for each of the two age groups. Please submit topic ideas at the next meeting.

Scholarship – Traditionally, this was awarded on the merits of financial needs of our applicant. Joe is proposing that the council change the qualifications for this scholarship and move away from financial need but rather have scholarship applicants submit essays and have the winner of the scholarship be selected from the writing submissions. Vinny as a point of order reminded everyone that this type of

change would require written notification to all members prior to an actual vote during the regular business meeting.

Under New Business:

Habitat for Humanity Aug 24th– Banks St in Hamden. Looking for helpers. Start time: 8am.

January business meeting has been moved from January 1st to January 8th.

Report of the Fourth Degree:

Swim across the Sound event took place on Aug 4th.

Silver Rose – was handed off from NY to CT and will be handed off from CT to RI on September 8th.

Fourth Degree Exemplification – Oct 20th. Allen distributed packets and sign up applications.

Knights Golf Tournament September 11th at Traditions in Wallingford– Vinny made a motion to have our council provide a Tee Sponsorship and it was approved.

George Zocco, District Deputy -

Supreme Convention recently took place and it was conveyed down that it was disappointing that no one from the founding state of CT was awarded for having achieved their membership goals. He reviewed our roster and made a plea that we work hard this year on bringing in new members and achieving our goal during the remaining ten months. He suggested that we have a membership recruitment table at every single event we have.

Palm Crosses – He will discuss with us at a later date about this very easy and very successful fundraiser.

Good of the Order – Our Prayers are with Larry DeFrancesco, Frank Silverman's Wife, Frank Malinowski, Matt Lawlor, 4 Nuns in the infirmary at the Monastery, and Bill McCarthy .

Knight of the Month was – Mike Tufano.

Family of the Month was –The Meyers Family.

Closing Prayer was offered at 9:40pm