

The December 4, 2019 Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:09 pm .

Attendance... was taken with 25 members present and last month's minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Report.... Father mentioned that they recently held a retreat with Father Tom a Jesuit Priest. The spiritual event included some brother knights, parish council and office staff to brainstorm ideas about actions that could advance the church and the parish as a whole. Joe Nelly added that it was a full 6 hour meeting that was worthwhile.

Grand Knight Report.... Deputy GK Tufano reminded the brothers of the tree lighting, asked for help and reminded everyone to wear their red shirts for the event. Deputy Grand Knight welcomed Albert Koerner, our newest member to the meeting. Also welcomed Brother Ed Dill who was back visiting and joined us for the evening.

Treasurer's Report.... Chris presented his detailed report for the month which is available upon request. Net cash flow for the month was -\$327.54. As always Chris's report is available for review if you wish.

Reading of Bills and Communication:

Bills Paid to: Mike Tufano & Joe Myers for postage..... Please see the Treasurer for specific dollar amounts.

Communications...

Guilford Community Fund.... Request for donation.

Financial Secretary Report... Presented by Chris.....

Receipts reviewed; those are available for individual review.

Emails and snail mail have been sent to all members for annual dues.

Currently have 8 members outstanding for two years and none outstanding longer than that.

Standing Committee Reports...

Church Director... Vinny reminded everyone that ALL activities and requests between the council and the church needs to go through the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and the Church Director. Maintaining this communication chain will allow for all parties to be on the same page with activities, requests and commitments on behalf of the Knights. Some instances have taken place where commitments have been made without the full knowledge or approval of the GK and DGK.

APPRECIATION EVENT – Reminder that the church is holding an appreciation event on Friday Dec 13th. Since the Council is so involved with church events we are certainly welcomed to attend and receive appreciation for a years' worth of hard work.

Coffee Hour... COFFEE HOUR HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER. Next scheduled Coffee hour will take place on Jan 26th. The November Coffee Hour donation was \$76

Fish Fry... Dan reviewed the growth of the annual event as we are about to embark on our 10th year!!

Fish Fry's are slated for: Feb 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and April 3rd

Benefit organizations for each event have been finalized. Once again two charities will be sponsoring each event.

Carnival: Contract is signed and in place. Event will be held August 4th-8th.

Unfinished Business:

****Carnival Shirts** – Vinny said the new Carnival Shirts for next year are in. They are summer style shirts and will be better served to be distributed in the spring when it was more practical.

**** Christmas Party** – Party slated for Dec 14th after the 4:30 mass. Busy night planned with the winners of the Poster Contest and the Essay Contest that evening. Joe Nelly has been able to assemble some good judges for each event. Joe is looking for assistance with SANTA, Cooking Help, and it was again reminded everyone to wear their red shirts.

****Membership Drive** - Steve Heinz followed up on his proposal. He's looking for thoughts, ideas, suggestions to give to Father/Child within our parish for achieving each of the life milestones leading up to ultimately approaching the child for membership once min age has been reached.

Please give some thought and report back at future meetings.

Steve also looking for a response from Father on this topic.

Under New Business:

****Diane Birdsall** – Request for us to put on a breakfast for the Lenten Program that she is holding on the last Sunday in February after the 10:00 mass. This will be a mandatory event for the children and parents of the second-grade program. Estimates on attendance are about 100 people. Motion made and approved to hold this event. This will be separate from the normal monthly coffee hour.

****New Year's Party** – Reminder made that there will not be a New Years Eve party this year.

****Fourth Degree...** Next Exemplification will take place in June. Already about a dozen applications for this event. Honoree for the June event will be Father John Paul Walker. This event is slated to be held at the birthplace of the Knights Of Columbus – St Mary's in New Haven. Construction has fallen behind due to some additional damage that was found. Church was scheduled to be open in time for Christmas and now that has been pushed back until March. Allyn is still hopeful that they are going to be able to hold the Fourth-Degree event there in June. Allyn said he will hopefully have donation information by the first of the year.

Good of the Order –

Knight of the Month was –

Family of the Month was –

Closing Prayer was offered at 9 :12pm