

The January 8, 2020 Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:05pm .

Attendance... was taken with 24 members present and last month's minutes were approved.

Admissions Committee... Happy to announce new members joining our Council.

Hersh Hernandez, Jude Iovanna, John Tarudis and a transfer have all applied for acceptance.

Motion was made and approved to admit them to the Council. We welcome them!

Grand Knight Report... Thank you for the continuing support of this council. We have great members and continue to grow. Please keep up the great work!

Chaplain Report.... Preparations beginning for Lent with Ash Wednesday coming up soon.

Treasurer's Report.... Dues collected \$1,698.75. Paid out to Mike Tufano, Received monies from Guilford Savings from prepayment fees for Financial Advisor. This money has been reinvested.

Total Cash Flow for the Month was \$1,654.02

Reading of Bills and Communication:

Bills Paid to: Chris Dill, Dan Walker, George Asmus, Mike Tufano, Joe Myers.

Please see the Treasurer for specific dollar amounts.

Communications...

- Eva Maisano – Thank you for Essay Club
- Richard Castiglione – Thank you for help with Wife's birthday.
- Brother Frank Silverman has been moved to the Pittsburgh area to an assisted living to be closer to family. He misses the Council dearly. Any calls or cards would be appreciated.

Financial Secretary Report... Receipts of \$1,660 today. Within that is an end of the year donation from a brother Knight, Andrew Law, in the name of his wife's charity to be used for the charity of our choice. Current member outstanding dues currently sits at: \$1,400. Joe will be working with the retention committee to try and capture outstanding dues and retain members.

Standing Committee Reports...

Church Director... St Margaret's will be having a new Pastor. They have a new priest coming in from Washington Depot. Father added that he is a good 60-year-old man who has been ordained for approximately 5-6 years now. Vinny mentioned that Father Steve is coming up on his fifth year and he is hopeful that he will be reassigned to our parish.

First Second Third Degrees... Allyn announced that if you want to know more about the revamped Degree process please review your January issue of Columbia. Allyn said he will be performing the new degree process after the meeting for anyone who wanted to stay to see and/or participate.

Coffee Hour... Mike presented \$59 donation from the Jan coffee hour. Please be aware of the upcoming coffee hours: Feb 9 (8&10mass) March 8 (8&10mass) and March 22 (10am only). Help is always needed and appreciated.

Place Mats.... Chris reported that 1,500 place mats have been delivered for use as we see fit.

Fish Fry... Signs are in and the order forms are both completed. The Menu signs are also printed and ready to go. Dan looking for the Fish Fry to be installed the week prior to the first event, that sign will be located in front of the church. Fish Fry's are slated for: Feb 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and April 3rd

Carnival: Thanks to Chris and Vinny for agreeing to be involved with the raffle again this year. It was greatly successful last year. Carnival will be held August 4th-8th.

Unfinished Business:

****Abrahams Tent** – Joe thanked all the members who assisted with this worthwhile event.

****Basketball Shooting** – Basketball shooting contest will be taking place this Saturday Feb 8th at the East Shoreline Catholic Academy. One of our new members, Al Koerner, is the event organizer.

****Food Service Management Certification-** Mike is beginning the process of becoming Food Management / Safety Certified and updated us on the process and his progress. One day class will be held June 8th.

**** Deceased Plaques** - Tyco has completed the plaques after several attempts. Chris oversaw the program to make sure it was completed to our liking. Still waiting on the check from last year's Tootsie Roll Donation. Update to come next month.

Under New Business:

****Joe Nelly-** Received a request from Carol Correl for a pancake **DINNER** on Tuesday Feb 25th, 5pm-7pm, he is not expecting a lot of people for this first-time event. Motion Made and approved.

**** Joe Nelly-** April 5th looking to do an Easter Egg hunt for the kids in the 8am mass. We will already be conducting the regular Coffee Hour and we would only be required to assist in setting up the Easter Egg Hunt. Motion made and approved.

**** Scholarship Application** – Joe looking to alter the application for the annual scholarship to remove Financial need and not require applicants and families to provide personal financial information. Joe is requesting we make a change away from financial information and move towards asking for an: Academic achievement, a 500 Word essay on “Faith in Action”, also list and detail their service performed during time in High School. Motion made and approved.

**** Oratory Contest....** Joe asked that we change the date of the Oratory Contest from April 24th to May 1st which would work better for the person who's been asked to be the Master of Ceremony for the night. Motion made and approved.

****Allyn** – Asked that we buy an Advertisement in the upcoming Fourth Degree book. Motion made and approved.

****Joe Meyers** – Joe asked that we sponsor an ad for the Saint Gianna's publication for their upcoming benefit dinner “Babies in Bloom”. Motion Made and approved.

****Father McGivney Day of Reflection...** Joe informed the Council that another event is coming up soon (May 30) and he's looking for members to participate.

****SARAH....** July 12th they are looking to have their annual bike ride and have asked to partner with us for manpower and to host the event out of East Creek Landing. Parking, Cooking, ETC..... It was wildly successful in the past and they are expecting it to be even larger this year. Motion Made and approved.

**** Mike Tufano...** Columbia magazine will be publishing a photo from the carnival last year and a check presentation in their May edition. Keep an eye out for it!!

**** Habitat for Humanity** - On Feb 17th they will be Breaking ground in New Haven on a new house Habitat for Humanity. On April 22 the Madison Council will be working there and Joe Meyers is looking for anyone willing to come and help at the fun and worthwhile event.

Report of the Fourth Degree...

Pro Life mass in Harford.

Three Events in Stamford. One was for Monsignor Malanowski, which was an elaborate and fitting tribute. Allyn continues to promote his three major requests: Prayers, Ads and Candidates with a goal of bringing in 200 candidates to make the next promotion in June the largest the state has seen.

Field Agent Report – Rich Wethly came and talked to the group about the open territories (even on the shoreline) to anyone who is interested in becoming a field agent for the Knights of Columbus. He also detailed a new plan that is a Permanent/Term hybrid. Left his contact information for anyone who is interested.

Good of the Order – Steve Wilhime GK in Branford, Don Misaki in Old Saybrook, Brother Knight Frank Silverman, Frank Sherwood, Mrs. Giblin, Thomas Barry, Mike Tufano's brother who's prayers have been received and is doing better, Jill Berkowitz, Dan Dailey for the loss of his wife, And also for Mr. and Mrs. Dill.....

Knight of the Month was – Joe Meyers

Family of the Month was – Al Koerner Family.

Closing Prayer was offered at 9:21pm