

**The July 3, 2019 Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:07 .**

***Grand Knight Report....***

Grand Knight urged all members to take Knight Cards and hand them out to other catholic brothers for admission. He loves seeing our faces but would like to see some new faces as well!!

From the May 31<sup>st</sup> Admission Report – Our council status is in good standing. We had 3 new additions during Fiscal '19, Deductions were 20 – Primarily from those brothers who were several years behind and removed from the roster during last year's cleanup efforts. Officially at the end of May – Council 3928 had 203 members; 80 insurance members; 123 Associate members; 14 Inactive Members, 6 Honorary members, 64 Honorary Life and two exceptions.

GK Falcone yielded some time to Steve who had a special presentation to our Council's newly elected Chaplin, Father Borja. Steve presented several different colored Vestments received from the Brotherhood in Marymount, NY.

***Chaplain's Report -***

Bible Camp has more than 100 members this year!

CCD programs are being planned to prep kids for 1<sup>st</sup> communion.

Father has unfortunately had to preform about 20 funerals this month, its been hard time for members of the parish and he's asking for us to send our prayers to those families in our community who have suffered a loss.

***Treasurer's Report:***

Chris presented several payments and monies received to and from various sources during the month. See the submitted report for details.....

**Total Inflow of \$2,835.97 for the month.**

**Total Outflow for the month was \$4,650.41**

Which left the Council's account with a **Net Total of \$1,814.44.**

Also, Leaving the Council Account with a **Month End Balance of \$9,139.49**

Chris also presented the budget results and forecast for the coming fiscal year.

The council finished Fiscal 2019 slightly ahead of budget by \$265

Fiscal 2020 Budget was presented and is in line with past year's forecasts. Chris reiterated that his annual goal is to try and be close to the projected budget which is a positive sign of good fiscal management.

Please see the submitted Budget for any specific line item reviews...

Vinny made a motion to submit the Treasure's Report as presented, Mike seconded it and it was accepted.

***Reading of Bills and Communication:***

**Bills:** Mike Tufano for business meeting dinner \$7.18, \$36.41; June Breakfast to Richard Falcone \$125.55; May breakfast to Richard Falcone \$165.35; Knights Green Council \$6.38;

**Communications:**

**Knights Golf Tournament** September 11<sup>th</sup> at Traditions in Wallingford– looking for Tee or Green sponsorship as we have done in the past. Tournament includes a luncheon reception after the round a \$25,000 hole in one prize, other gifts and prizes as well as a raffle. Consideration on sponsorship can be brought up during New Business.

**Shoreline Chamber of Commerce** – sent communication informing the council that we are no longer part of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

**Assembly 2459** – Annual Steak and Cigar Dinner – July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at St. Josephs Church, \$30pp, Cigars available for purchase, BYOB. RSVP by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Grand Knight has contact info.

**Next Annual Meeting** will take place at St. Theresa’s Church, 105 Leets Island Road in Branford, 6pm Social and food, 7pm meeting for our new Faithful Navigator- Mike Muttitt

**Upcoming Events:** Lady of Pompil carnival July 23-27; St Georges Church Carnival Aug 6-10.

**Financial Secretary Report:**

No Dues to report this month.

Joe very pleased with the efforts to clean up the rolls and get the membership to a more accurate number and therefore and more manageable number to step forward with in regards of Dues Collection. Semi Annual audit completed and will be signed. Joe also posted on the Grand Knights bulletin board the newest poster for Star Council requirements for all to track and hopefully participate in. This year’s goal is 13 New Members and 5 New Insurance Members.

**Committee Reports:**

**Church Director:** Vinny had no report as they lead up to Carnival.

**Coffee Hour:** \$46 donation from the June Breakfast. July 14<sup>th</sup> will be the next scheduled breakfast. Grand Knight asking anyone available to come down and help as some regular volunteers are on vacation.

**Fish Fry:** No Report

**Halloween Dance and Costume Party:** Saturday OCT 19<sup>th</sup> - Big John Saville will be there. Ticket prices staying the same as \$25 a ticket. Sales begin after Labor Day.

**Carnival:**

**THREE IMPORTANT DATES** – looking for help for the following times. Please contact Mike Tufano:

**July 28 1-4pm** Meet at Church Hall– assistance needed to transporting White Elephant merchandise to the church hall. People needed as well as anyone with a truck or trailer to make the job more efficient.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am** – Meet at Council Hall – to transport items from Hall to the church.

**August 11<sup>th</sup> 10am** – Meet at Church to clean up and restore the church property back to normal.

**\*Water and soda:** Mike Tufano opened accounts with to vendors which will save the membership from having to transport 90 cases of liquids. Negotiated deal still nets the council a 53% profit per can of soda and any unsold items will be able to be returned.

**\*Signs-** in 2016 we sold 8 signs. This year we already have what appears to be 26 sold for a total of \$2600. This initiative has grown greatly, and any repeat companies allow us to reuse the sign and save money.

**\*Advertising-** Mike looked into the Guilford Courier as well as the Shore Line Times. Both papers laid out a proposal for Mike to review and present to us. It was unofficially agreed that the Shore Line Time proposal was much stronger and gives the Carnival 5 times more exposure as well as some on-line advertising. Discussion was made on the two proposals as well as making sure we cover all of the neighboring towns, especially those who don’t have a carnival of their own.

**Food:** Carl continues to look for volunteers to sign up for various food cooking and serving shifts throughout the carnival. Please contact Carl or Joe Myers to get your name added to the work schedule so we can have adequate coverage.

Mike Tufano has reached out to Apicella's and Lupi bakeries to get some price on rolls.

***Unfinished Business:***

The Grand Knight is actively looking for Directors for the following committees, please contact Rich for details and to sign up:

\*Membership

\*Program

\*Faith

\*Family

Already have Directors for:

\*Community – Joe Nelly

\*Life – Joe Meyers

Grand Knight asking for this request to be sent out via email to all members to try and drum up some participation.

**Auditory contest** for parish teens proposed by Joe Nelly last month that would take place over this year and be awarded in the spring of 2020. Chris investigated some money options said there is money available to use, also we need to delineate moneys for the award and event and then roll into one-dollar amount to be voted on. Chris made a motion to increase Joe's \$500 proposal to \$600 total to include dinner as well. Carl seconded the motion and it was approved.

**Guilford Art Expo** – July 19,20,21 – The Council will once again be organizing the parking for this annual event on the green. We will, with church approval, utilize this opportunity to sell some raffle tickets for the carnival and possibly some Tootsie Rolls.

**Chris – Web site** is in the process of being updated and getting back up and running. Chris will keep us posed on its progress. **2019 Tootsie Roll** award of \$500 will be awarded to SARAH once state sends check and form. Still working on getting a usable picture from Grand Knight Falcone. Also, we will have to purchase a new frame for the current Grand Knight as the previous one is missing.

**St Gianna Pregnancy Center** – they are looking for renting a machine on the third Saturday of a month that comes with a technician and a physician. It is \$350 for four hours or \$450 for six hours. They park the unit across from Planned Parenthood and would like the Knights to be present. Joe is proposing that we give the donation of money and our time as on-site volunteers during the month of September. Madison Knights will also be asked to participate. Motion for \$350 for four hours made by Steve and seconded by Chris. Motion Approved. Joe will begin circulating a sign-up sheet.

**Steve** – 140 of the books called the "Gift of the Holy Spirit" for the kids received confirmation this year have been successfully sent out, complete with a letter from our Council. In future years the students can receive it on the actual Confirmation Day. Steve will be ordering more books in February while he's down in Florida so that they are shipped and here in time for confirmation next spring.

***Under New Business:***

**Next business meeting** has been moved to Aug 14 due to Carnival.

**Coffee Hour** is also cancelled for the month of August due to the Carnival. Mike asked Rich to make sure it is put in the bulletin, so the parishioners know it has been cancelled.

**Columbus House** – July 28<sup>th</sup> Joe Meyers and Chris will be cooking at the Columbus House. If anyone is available and would like to join them, please contact Joe.

**Raise the Roof for Habitat for Humanity** – Joe and Chris have also worked on this recently and had a fantastic time. The woman who runs Habitat is looking to come in to make a presentation to us on her organization. Joe will schedule that for September, prior to the business meeting.

**Allen Temple** – Ad for the fourth degree. \$250 for the ad. Motion by Allen. Second by Brian. Motion Approved.

**Volunteer Reward Program** – Grand Knight Falcone is looking to start a Volunteer Reward Program that takes the already recorded volunteer hours and translates those into a tiered reward program featuring Knights clothing. A way to say thank you for those putting in hours to help the cause and as an incentive for others to get more involved. More information to come.

**Installation of the new officers** was proposed for July 13<sup>th</sup> after 4:30 Mass-This has been PUT ON HOLD due to scheduling conflicts. Rescheduling information to come.

**Report on the fourth degree** – Allen – June Manchester NH 4<sup>th</sup> degree. 85 candidates. Waterbury event held on the last day for the old uniforms to be worn which went off very well, made television and was a grand event despite a short downpour.

**Good of the Order** – Our Prayers are with Bob Breckland, Jack Guerra on his Sister's Passing, Tony Festa's wife Lucille, Frank Sherwood, and Frank Silverman's wife.

**Knight of the Month** was – Jim Sellitto.

**Family of the Month** was – Rich Falcone Family.

**Closing Prayer was offered at 10:00pm**