

K of C Council 5300

Business Meeting Minutes

Monday December 13, 2021

The regular scheduled Council 5300 Officers meeting was called to order by GK Bill Fuhrer at 7:02 pm at the customary St Raphael church hall main assembly room. 15 brothers signed into the attendance log , Bros. Vampola, Turney, Scholl, Fuhrer, Filippello, McDonald, Arnoult, Feeney, Bonsell, Bravo, Sanchez, Cardenas, Kirk, and Patrick and Frank Donohoe. In standard protocol the GK conducted the pledge and opening prayer. Role call of the officers by the recorder showed all present except Bros. Bradbury, Marks, DiMauro, and Meza. Minutes were read by the Recorder, and were voted accepted as read, both for business and officer meetings, 11/8/21 and 12/6/21. Bro Bravo added to the Nov 11/8 meetings his report that the Chapter was dark of any function for the month of December.

Grand knight's Report. GK Fuhrer reported that the pancake breakfast scheduled for Sunday 12/12/21 was cancelled with the Guadalupanos requesting the hall. GK also noted that after much discussion the Christmas party scheduled for 12/18 has been cancelled due to a shortage of workers.

Financial Secretary Report. FS Filippello read his monthly financial report into the record. Key points included the following:

1. Liability insurance carrier reported increased costs for covering social events where alcohol is served. (Item will be discussed under New Business).
2. Building fund balance near \$903k, a decrease of about \$12k for the month. (See 'New Business' below for further discussion on Building Fund balance).
3. Charity expenditures about \$5500.
4. Council expenditures about \$150.

Full report is on file with FS and Recorder.

Treasurer Report. Treasurer Bonsell reported Checking acct balance about \$45,000, and GK account \$570.

Pro Life Chairman Report – Bro Kirk expressed his thanks for Council support for '40 days for life' and for prayer events at PP site through the month.

Membership Report . There was none.

Deputy GK Report– There was none.

District Deputy Report – DD Arnoult discussed the proposed committee activity to make possible changes in the Building fund management. Bro Turney has arranged the church conference room as a site for this meeting at 7:00 pm on 12/20/21.

4th degree Report – FN Scholl reported that the dinner meeting scheduled for 12/20/21 has been cancelled. The next scheduled dinner meeting will be 1/17/22.

Old Business. The annual Widows' Candy is being organized by Bro Scholl, now recruiting brother knights to make the deliveries.

New Business. DD Arnoult moved and Bro Scholl seconded that Council will hold Fish Fry events on the 6 Fridays of lent in 2022 as we have normally done. Much discussion followed, centered on recorded manpower shortages detailed by Bro Feeney, involving ordering and purchasing of supplies and the various tasks involved in setup, cooking, serving and cleanup of the kitchen and the hall. Note that the Fish Fry project was shut down in 2020 and 2021 because of Covid rules, and that the shutdown could recur if a flareup is seen in the spring of 2022. Bro Scholl volunteered to lead the entire Fish Fry Project with the exception of the clean up duties where he would demand a solid promise of performance from some other person(s). This promise was not made but Bro Bravo volunteered to help. The motion passed with one NO vote from Bro McDonald, with all agreeing that much must go well for the project to succeed.

DD Arnoult moved and it was seconded 'that Council 5300 should serve alcohol at the 2022 fish fries, paying the required liability and state tax fees as required'. In extensive discussion it was concluded that costs would not be overwhelming and that many of our customers would be lost if no alcohol were served. Insurance cost of about \$1k would be near our usual bar receipt amount, with our supply costs beyond that. The motion passed unanimously.

Bro Sanchez reported an inquiry from the family of departed brother Jack Ward whether a granddaughter of his could be in line for a scholarship at Bishop HS using funds that the council donates to Bishop. In discussion it was pointed out that 5300 had made it a condition of our donation in the early years to avoid earmarking of funds, leaving that task to Bishop HS administrators, Knights being unqualified to judge levels of deservedness. It was agreed that the FS would contact Bro Ed Barrier who was deeply involved with this area in past years, possibly to review the subject with Bishop leadership.

Good of the Order, Please continue prayers for healing for Katherine DiMauro, now in the hands of God. Please pray for PGK Bob Montgomery, and for Carol McLafferty, Bro Bob Marks, and SK John Kestel, all still in chemo treatment. Please pray for SK Jim Bradbury, recovering from a 2nd bout of COVID 19. Please pray for recovery of Bro Jose Meza and for his wife Maria Meza, from her illness, and for Elaine McNamara, widow of PGK Bill who has had surgery. Pray for the souls of Bro Fred Brokaski, Bro Jim Abels, Rev Frank Colburn, PGK Bill Malloy, Nathaniel Montross, and for Julie Sanchez' sister Jenny Lopez, all having passed away, and for Julie's sister Anita Pullens who is in recovery. Please pray for Tony Cordero who has neurological issues resulting from Covid 19.

Meeting was closed with a prayer by the GK at 8:34 pm.