



Knights of Columbus  
Trinity Council 313  
General Business Meeting  
1/16/2020

**Attendees:**

Ron Moser - Grand Knight GK  
Dan Driscoll - District Deputy 61  
Mike Toohey- Second Year Trustee  
Bob Allwein  
Peter La Pointe  
Bernie Stano - Warden  
George Gauthier - Inside Guard  
Mike Martin - Outside Guard  
John Townsend  
Chuck Walakovits  
Angel Rivera -First Year Trustee  
Dennis Blaszkowski -Third Year Trustee  
Dave Long - Treasurer  
Frank Castellano - Financial Secretary

**Chaplain Report:** No Report this session

**Meeting Minutes:**

GK called meeting to order 7:30 PM initiated opening prayers and pledge of allegiance

**Grand Knight Report:**

- GK opened meeting expressing the immediate need for a recording Secretary. He asked those present if anyone was interested in assuming the role. No volunteers came forward.
- GK asked Mike Martin to explain a proposed method to capture meeting notes
- Br Mike outlined the use of a speech to text app called just press record
- Br Mike outlined a revised meeting protocol to insure success of record
- All present agreed to move forward with the new protocol and record strategy
- November meeting minutes approved
- GK Ron Moser received a donation from Janet the daughter of deceased Knight Shadwick Barry for the support received from Trinity Council 313. Also planning a mass at OLPH on May 30, 2021
- GK passed letter of thanks to Mike Martin for supporting Special Olympics
- GK secured new gaming license from Lehigh County
- GK thanked all volunteers who help construct and dismantle the new exterior manger at a Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**Treasure's Report:** Dave Long

- Checking account is \$2060.39
- Budget Operating income YTD \$18,378
- Football extravaganza \$10,395
- Membership dues \$1860
- Keep Christ n Christmas Magnets sales \$650
  
- Operating expenses \$12,541
- Football Extravaganza \$6063
- Needy families donations \$150
- Memberships expenses \$651
- OLPH nativity \$578
- Postage and mailing \$583
- Magnet sales \$557
- Lottery net profit was \$4332
- Magnet \$93 profit
  
- Total Donations \$370. \$170 of that is from the memorial donations for Br Barry

Question: Br Angel Rivera

Will Holy Infancy School be allocated funds this year for Catholic School Week ?

Response: Dave Long

in the budget we had allocated \$500 for high schools we have spent \$300 for Colby Academy and \$100 allocated for Notre Dame. There is nothing in the budget for Catholic schools week for elementary schools.

**Financial Secretary Report :** Frank Castellano

January 1 , 2020

- 107 Associate members
- 71 Insurance
- 18 Inactive
- Total 196 down from 267
- 8 Honorary Members
- 53 Honorary Life Time
  
- Frank commented that he and GK Ron will work together to remove the 14 members who have not paid dues in five years.

**Motion by Frank Castellano** to continue to pay Mr. Hogg's dues for 2020 due to hardship. Mike Martin second the motion. All present were in favor no opposed

**Trustees Report:**No report this session



### Service committees Report:

#### Lottery Committee - Chair- Charles "Chip" Walakovits

- Chip Recognized Br Len Verrastro for years of dedicated service managing the lottery
- Br Chip is replacing Lenny as committee chair
- Chip explained the lottery process and 2020 goals and objectives
- Need to sell all 500 tickets to take in \$2500
- Winner payout typically \$1500
- Net \$1000 profit
- Average ticket sales approximately 363
- Louise Tusak sells 100 tickets
- Knights sell 263 tickets
- Goal to increase Knights sell rate by a few tickets each to 425 range
- Distribute tickets earlier
- Sell tickets at Knights functions

**Football Extravaganza Committee** - Chair - Kevin Collins not present. GK comments praised Br Collins for another success program

**Rose and Rosary Committee** - Chair - Kevin Collins not present. GK Ron Moser comments:

- Brother Collins needed to purchase more roses
- Roses cost approx \$36 per doz.
- Exploring alternative supply with minimal success
- Brother Angel did research for an alternate source of supply however, very little change in price indicated

**Baby Bottle Committee** - Chair - Kevin Collins not present GK Moser Comments

- Outstanding result collection >\$13k
- High praise from Monsignor Badick
- Photos available of check presentation
- News release to AD Times
- Info sent to State Deputy and District Director Pro Life

**Notre Dame breakfast Committee** - Chair: Mark Sewell not present GK comments:

- Mark Sewell stepping down as breakfast coordinator
- Request for additional volunteers to support service and cleanup
- Encouraged Knights to attend and support also shared menu and times
- Great volunteers hours service opportunity for confirmation participants



#### **Special Olympics Committee** - Chair: Mike Martin

- December campaign celebration help at St Francis Center for Renewal
- Attendance approximately 50 athletes and Knights
- Encouraged volunteers who supported collection should attend great opportunity to interact with athletes
- Explore walk away collection strategy for Special Olympics campaign similar to the one used in baby bottle campaign
- This year will be 30 year celebration
- Explore Walmart matching collected funds
- Explore expanding collection venue to include Sam club

#### **Basketball Free Throw Committee** - Chair - Angel Rivera

- Notre Dame gym Friday, January 31
- GK Ron and Angel met with two coaches from the CYO at Notre Dame
- Holy Infancy three candidates registered
- Anel passed around volunteer signup sheet to cover basket area. Number depends on number of participants
- Info posted in parish bulletin registration forms
- Canned goods will be collected at the event
- GK Ron Moser procured first place metals and patches for runner ups as recognition awards
- Discussion about new form. Use Newest "Blue Form" for registration
- Agreed to initiate the program with more advance preparation time next year.

#### **New Business:** GK Ron Moser

- New degree formation process for discussion
- **Motion Frank Castellano:** nominate Mike Martin as Council 313 recording Secretary. Motion seconded by Angel Rivera. Motion carried with no opposed votes.

#### **4th Degree Report:** Dennis Blaszkowski

- Planning charity event discussion in early April

#### **District Deputy 61 Dan Driscoll Points of Interest.**

- COAL (chance of a lifetime ) program info handed off to Mike Tooley
- Driscoll encouraged early sales for max rebate benefits
- Electronic prospecting page for e recruiting by state using Supreme model
- Utilizes zip code to drive e prospects to appropriate council leadership
- Trustee audit due February 15th
- Blessed Mary icon prayer service defined / months of January February and March
- State convention this year is in Pittsburgh May 15 through the 17th two reps from our council invited
- Leverage your councils voting potential of reps at the state convention. insures your council voice
- March for life in Washington DC March 24 Bus out of Our lady leaving at 7:30



- St. Thomas Moore in Allentown also offering bus service to March for life in D C
- Consolidated ceremonial degree approved by Supreme
- GK Ron Moser endorses consolidated 26 min Knight Degree Process
- GK Ron Moser cites declining Catholic, Knights participation as call to action. Time to change to insure our legacy.
- GK cited interesting statistic. 1.8 million knights 900k stalled at First degree. Why are knights not progressing through to higher degrees?
- Mike Tooley suggested expand knights degree ceremony for inclusion of spouses into Knights organization
- District Deputy commented this question was raised there was no easy answer. No one raised the question with Supreme so no definitive answer was provided
- District Deputy shared CD of new Degree consolidation with G K Moser for Council review
- GK commentary 26 million Catholics leave the faith. We need to embrace it. Concerned we will be continuing to lose not just Knights of Columbus but losing Catholic parishioners too
- Frank Castellano comment : Next degree Saint Ceremony St Joseph The Worker
- District Deputy Driscoll comment : This session will employ the use of the traditional ceremony protocol until the new condensed degree ceremony is learned

#### **GK solicited prayer offering requests**

- GK comment: requested prayers for Kevin Collins recently deceased mother
- Br George Gauthier requested prayers for daughter in law who recently had a stroke and repose of his brother Paul

#### **GK offered closing prayers**

#### **Grand Knight Ron Moser meeting adjourned**

50/50 Drawing winner: Chip Walakovits elected to donate winnings back to council

Refreshments served