

Minutes from the meeting in the First Section of October 6, 2009 are as follows:

The meeting presided by the Grand Knight (Don Turgeon) was called to order at 8:00 pm. All proper protocols to begin the meeting were followed including the roll call of officers.

(Below list, do not read as part of the minutes)

Grand Knight Dan Turgeon, present
Chaplain Father Ephrem, present
Deputy Grand Knight Don Wilkinson, present
Chancellor Pete Marzluff, present
Recorder Dave Lopez, present
Treasurer Jim Cella, present
Financial Secretary Phil Torey, present
Warden Dave Sharp, excused
Advocate Fidel Rodriguez, excused
Inside Guard Paul Armstrong, present
Outside Guard Gerry Rutkowski, present
Outside Guard Loui Leitao, present
3 Year Trustee Paul Maltagliati, present
2 Year Trustee Johnny Restivo, excused
1 Year Trustee Tony Vanderbeek, excused
Lecturer Tom McFarlane, present

The minutes from the September 15 meeting were read to the council members present and approved without any changes.

The WGK began the meeting by thanking everyone for the October recruiting blitz. Applications from 12 new members were received.

A special medallion was presented to Father Ephrem. Family of the month awards were presented; For the month of August to David Maurer family for their work with the Sera Club; for the month of October to the Peter Marzluff Family for coordinating the recruiting blitz. Knight of the month awards were presented to Bud Johnson and Ray Connolly. A second degree exemplification certificate was presented to Dean Mularoni. The honoree for the 1st degree exemplification was PGK Paul Maltagliati and his certificated was presented.

Father Ephrem presented a chaplain's report. He spoke on the value of human life and the institution of marriage.

The Financial Secretary (Phil Torrey) reported that in September the council generated \$3,307 from various council activities.

The Treasurer (Jim Cella) reported that the balance on the council's checking was at \$4,849.65, the money market balance was at \$40,484.83 and the CD balance was at \$40,691.16

The Chancellor thanked all who participated in the latest recruitment drive. He reported 8 new applications including 2 reactivations, and 1 transfer. He also reported that since Labor Day we have received 24 applications. He urged everyone to continue to gently pressure potential new candidates to join the council and advised everyone that he has new recruitment handouts.

The Community Director (Dave Evans) reported that last months 123 road clean up went very well. He also announced that Brother Mike Mannion will coordinate our participation in the Celebrate Fairfax event next year. Brother Mark Haaland will continue to coordinate the food basket drives during the holidays, but he needs a back up assistant.

The Council Director (Bill Baker) turned over the floor to Kurt Meinsen who reported on how the council will respond in the future to families reporting the death of a brother and also visits to brothers who are recuperating from an illness or injury. The new project is called "Company of Visitors". Please see Kurt Meinsen if you want to help with this project. Paul Armstrong reported that the council received an anonymous donation of a projector. Frank Romano requested that all articles for the Mariner be submitted to by middle of October. Lastly, Brother Bill Baker reported on several maintenance projects for the Hall. He requested volunteers to assist in this initiative.

The Family Director (Steve Morales) reported that the month of October is the month to get fat. He reported on the spaghetti dinner, the pancake breakfast, the Family Day at Kings Dominion, the Italian Dinner and the Crowder Farm Picnic scheduled for Oct. 24. He also reported receiving a letter from Devine Mercy Care requesting a donation from the council.

The Youth Director (Joe Osborne) reported that Holy Spirit would be holding a Catholic College awareness program for high school students on Thursday, Oct. 8. He also reported that he has 4

Knights who will assist him during the soccer challenge scheduled for Oct.17 but requested additional volunteers to help with the event.

The Church Director (Tom Silva) reported that the most recent first Friday adoration in Oct. was very successful. He also reported on several spiritual events and the Paul Stefan Foundation Gala Event. He encouraged everyone to attend. (Oct. 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary; Oct. 9, healing mass at St. Mary of Sorrows; A special mass at the diocese; and the weekend retreat for men at the Dominican retreat house on Oct. 16-18).

PGK Eric Barone reported on Marian Homes Inc. He reported the board of Marian Homes recently completed a County application for securing funding for a second home. He asked everyone to take a second look at the pledging letter that everyone received recently.

There was no unfinished business to report. Two communications came in. One was an invitation to the council to attend the Divine Mercy Care Gala scheduled for Nov. 14, 2009 at the Dulles Hilton. The second communication was a thank you from Janice Gawne for a scholarship she received from the council.

Regarding new business:

1. Brother Dick Lee requested the release of \$1,500 a budgeted amount for the Mountain View School to support the mentoring program called Project Opportunity. The proposal was seconded and passed the vote to release the funds.
2. Brother Tom Silva reported a need to support a Dominican retreat for people facing serious illness. This matter was tabled for the next meeting at which time Brother Silva will provide greater detail about the need.
3. Brother Joe Osborne requested the release of up to \$100 to support Soccer challenge expenses. The proposal was seconded and passed the vote unanimously.

4. The GK nominated PGK Al Obuchowski for the District Nominator position. Approved unanimously.

There was not field agent report.

Brother, PGK Dick Lee reported on the logistics for supporting the Columbus Day parade at Union Station, Washington DC and also the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He also reported that the next Assembly meeting for 4th degree members would be held on Oct. 21. at St. Leo.

For the Good of the Order, Brother Hovan reported on the 1st Annual St. Mary of Sorrows golf tournament scheduled for Oct. 30. The proceeds from this tournament will be donated to Marian Homes Inc. Brother Obuchowski reminded everyone on the proper way to recite the pledge of allegiance. The lecturer reminded everyone that many many years ago he stumbled into the Columbus Day paraded in Washington DC and remembered how impressed he was to see so many Catholics gather together during a National Holiday. He encouraged everyone to attend the Parade. He added some jokes to his presentation and once again brought smiles and laughter to everyone. Special prayers for the sick and recently departed in the council were said. Recognition of Past Grand Knights was made before the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9:15 pm.

Minutes prepared by Dave Lopez

Recorder.