

To be read at council meeting on December 15, 2009

Minutes from the meeting in the First Section of **December 1, 2009** are as follows:

The meeting presided by the Grand Knight (Dan 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 excused
Deputy Grand Knight Don Wilkinson, excused
Chancellor Pete Marzluff, present
Recorder Dave Lopez, present
Treasurer Jim Cella, present
Financial Secretary Phil Torey, present
Warden Dave Sharp, present
Advocate Fidel Rodriguez, present
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, present
Lecturer Tom McFarlane, present

The minutes from the meeting of November 17 were read to the council members present and approved without any corrections.

The admissions committee reported receiving 1 application to admission to the council.

The Grand Knight reported briefly on the Christmas Tree sales program and the Thanksgiving food basket program. For the Family of the Month, the GK announced the Mark Haaland family for their work organizing the Food Basket drives during Thanksgiving and Christmas. For the Knight of the Month, Dave Lopez for his work as the Christmas Trees sales scheduler and fundraising for Marian Homes. The GK concluded his report by mentioning that our council is very active, more so than many other councils in our area, and that Farther Barkett recognizes and appreciates our contributions to the parish community

There was no Chaplains report (Father Ephrem is sick with flu like symptoms).

No Treasurer's report

Bill and Communications: One thank you letter from Edward Tucker, Treasure of the Greenville Kairos (prison ministry), dated Nov. 2. 2009; thanking the council for our gift of \$1700 used to purchase of round folding tables that are used at retreat events.

Financial Secretary reported a total of receipts of \$1,661.62.

No report from the Trustees

No report on Vocations

Report on Service Programs:

The Community Director reported that the Christmas Food Basket Drive will take place on Dec. 19. Brother Mark Haaland will be coordinating the event and he spoke briefly on the program and on the process to collect the baskets. He also thanked the council for the participation in the Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Another community activity on Dec. 19 is the 123 Highway clean up effort and that event will be coordinated by Brother Kevin O'Brien.

Brother Obuchowski commented on Marian Homes pledge drive. About 50 members have signed on to pledge. The total amount pledged to date is \$67,100. He also commented on the recent dedication of a new addition to our Marian House. The blessing of the new room was celebrated by Father Stephan. The new addition was dedicated to PGK Dick LaFrance who was one of the key founders of Marian Homes Inc.

The Council Director reported briefly on the Christmas Tree sales program. Special recognitions was given to the Boy Scouts and Squires for helping unload the Christmas Trees on the day after thanksgiving. Brother Baker reported that the first Sunday sale on Nov. 29 was \$4,280.

The GK reported that our Hall was recently inspected by certified engineers from the Diocese and that the Hall was determined to be structurally sound, but it does need minor repairs.

The Family Director reminded the council on the upcoming Spaghetti Dinners and Pancake Breakfast.

The Church Director commented that we have several events that support the Advent preparation period, including the First Friday adoration, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 12/8, the Healing Mass on 12/12, the Feast of the Virgin Guadalupe Mass on Friday, 12/11 and the Advent Penance Celebration on 12/14. Special recognition was given to Brother Peter Tompkin who at last month's First Friday adoration was present with the Eucharist from 9pm to 9am.

The Youth Director reported that our Boy Scouts also helped to off load Christmas Trees at Holy Savior Church.

Unfinished Business:

At the council meeting of Nov. 17, Brother Rodriguez proposed that our council to support Norma Pfeifter, a Franciscan lay missionary, in the amount of \$1000. This proposal was tabled because it was not a budgeted item. At our Dec. 1 this proposal was made again, and approved by the council members present.

No new Business:

Brother Lee reported on 4th Degree events, including color corps support for the Mass at the Parish center on Friday evening 12/11 in honor of the Feast of the Virgin Guadalupe and also at St. Leo's on Saturday, 12/12.

No field agent report

No Deputy District Report

Before the Good of the Order special prayers for the sick and recently departed were made.

For the Good of the Order comments were made about the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund and the four officers from the Lakewood, Washington Police department who were killed in the line of duty on Sunday, Nov. 29.

The Worthy Lecturer reminded council members on this Year of the Priest to “affirm” our priests. Tell them you like what they are doing, that you appreciate their service. He also asked to support our “seminarians”. We cannot assume that a seminarian will complete their program. Pray for them. He also briefly described that there is a shortage of Chaplains in the military service. For example at Fort Hood, with a population of 50,000 plus soldiers there are only 2 Catholic priests.

Before the meeting was closed a Prayer for our Priests was said. The closing ode was sung and the meeting was closed at 8:55 pm.

Minutes prepared by R. David Lopez

Recorder