

**Knights of Columbus**

**Queenship of Mary**

**Council 12004**

## **Minutes of Meeting of September 12th, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight at 8:00 pm. with a prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**Officers Present:** Grand Knight Fran O'Connell, Lecturer Deacon Hugo Simao, Warden Tom Schamper, Financial Secretary Herm Derks, Treasurer John Ryan, Inside Guard Gilberto del Rio, Trustees Peter Pfister and Tony Kosar, and Recorder Frank Austin. Others excused.

**Chaplain's Report:** Deacon Hugo Simao read this week's Gospel message. Three Faith sharing questions were read and discussed: How do I share the love of the Lord with others? What is my response when others offend me or violate God's commandments? Do I persevere in love? Various brothers noted the golden rule and the need for reconciliation and prayer.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of previous business meeting of July 11th were approved as amended in regards to Financial Secretary and the date of the 4th degree exemplification.

**Admissions:** None.

**GK's Report:**

**Cranbury Day:** GK thanked all those who worked on and supported Cranbury Day. From sales of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and beverages we netted approx. \$800. Photos are being circulated on e-mail.

**GK read recent correspondence:**

- Alternatives and The ARC of Middlesex County thanked us for our donation of \$250.
- Thank you card from the family of Perry Straley in regards to the mass for his mother-in-law.

- Timothy Eck, our seminarian, thanked us for our support and prayers as he prepares to move to Rome.
- Nancy Wieck sent a reminder as to the new Bible Study- Bible Timeline- is beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 9:30 a.m.

**Several upcoming major activities were noted:**

- **Sunday, September 17th - Church Picnic 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Reminder to register with the parish office. Set up will begin at 11:00 a.m. with set up of canopies, tents, and tables outside. Cooking hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs to start at 12:00. Two roasted pigs are to arrive at 1:00 p.m. Clean-up at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up e-mail will be sent out to seek volunteers for these tasks.
- **Rosary Rally- October (date not yet set).** Further details to come from Joe Sarbello and Gilberto del Rio.
- **Fund raiser/social dinner tentatively planned for Saturday, October 14th.** General idea is for "harvest dinner" and fun night to encompass various ethnic groups within our parish. This is an continuation of our fall dinners- Chili Dinners.
- **Mass for deceased brothers- October 15th.**
- **Social meeting for Oct. 24th earmarked for potential First Degree ceremony.**
- **Habitat for Humanity activity-** tentatively planned for weekends of Nov. 4/5 and Nov. 11/12. This will be coordinated with Msgr. so as to invite parishioners to join in. The Millstone Basin Habitat for Humanity is planning to construct a duplex in Hightstown on Academy Street. GK is involved and will continue to update.

**Appointment of Activities Directors.** GK read out the appointments projects, church, vocations, community, culture of life, health, public relations, family, youth and insurance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brother John Ryan noted the current bank balance is \$5,036. and that we are in good financial condition.

**Financial Secretary Report :** In looking ahead, Brother Herm Derks noted that we have a number of donations coming in the Fall, but should be able to have \$3,000 by year-end. In regards to membership, transfer of membership for Brothers Samuel Becker and Lawrence Emere have been approved and the life time membership for Brother Joseph Giudices has also been assigned to our council. We welcomed our new council members.

**Report of Audit and Trustees.** No report

**Chancellor's Report:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Donation for the Eversight.** Brother John Ryan noted the work of this charity in the collection and processing of corneas for the Eye Bank of New Jersey. He proposed that our council make a donation of \$250 to support the "pro bono" work of this group. The motion was approved.

**Donation for Center of Great Expectations.** Brother Herm Derks commented on our previous support along with our parish St. Vincent De Paul. Recently a BBQ lunch and activity was held in which Brother Frank Persico participated. He proposed a donation of \$300 for this organization to assist mothers and children of women with addiction problems. The motion was approved.

**Donation for Disaster Relief.** PGK Tony Kosar commented on the recent hurricane disasters in Texas/Louisiana and Florida. He proposed that we consider a donation for this purpose. Proposal was made to donate \$300 to Knights of Columbus Charities "United Disaster Relief" fund to aid the victims. The motion was approved.

**Upcoming Degrees:** In addition to having a First Degree in our council on Oct. 24th, a second degree will be held in Jamesburg and a third degree in South Amboy on Sept. 22nd.

## **Report of the 4th Degree. Upcoming Events for the Assembly:**

- September- "Tank Pull" is being planned.
- "Send a Hero Home" program will continue this fall.
- December 10th- Next 4th Degree Exemplification at the Crown Plaza in Cherry Hill. If interested in 4th Degree, please contact GK Fran O'Connell or PGK Peter Pfister to complete application. Applications must be sent in advance of the Assembly's November meeting on Nov. 24th.

**For the good of the order: GK asked if anyone is in need of our prayers.**

**Noted illnesses:** Prayers for Maria del Rio (wife of Brother Gilberto Del Rio), for Tom Schamper's son who is to have surgery, for continued recuperation of Brothers Herm Derks and John Wiegartner and for those affected by the recent disasters.

**Deacon's Message:** Brother Hugo Simao commented on a meditation based on Paul's Letter to the Colossians. St. Paul commented on faith abounding in Thanksgiving. Further St. Paul noted our faith is rooted in Jesus no matter the circumstance. In respect of the problems we all face, it is good to always consider that God and his love through Jesus is always there for us. Deacon expressed his admiration of those who have severe life-ending illness who are still expressing their gratitude for the abundance of love.

**Closing. The meeting was closed with prayers.** Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Recorder: SK Frank Austin

