

K of C Council 5300

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Monday October 10, 2022

The regular scheduled Council 5300 Business meeting was called to order by GK Mark Vampola at 7:02 pm at the St Raphael parish hall. A total of 16 brothers signed in to the attendance log book. The GK conducted the opening prayer, and Bro Castelo checked membership cards and Warden McDonad led the pledge.. All officers were present for roll call except Brothers Bonsell, Scholl, Arnoult, and DiMauro. There was no further opening protocol.

Grand knight's Report. .

The pancake breakfast on 10/9/22 was carried off in good order by the usual pancake crew with about 125 meals served. KC recruitment was active at each of the 4 masses, with pulpit presentations by Bro John Kirk and one on one talks by other brothers outside the masses and at the pancake breakfast. Several prospects were identified, including a possible transfer from Council 1684.

GK Vampola reported on attending the return at San Diego Airport of the "Honor Flight" from its grand tour in Washington DC with some eighty USN combat veterans including our own Bro PGK Jim Bradbury. Brother Jim made a brief talk on the gratification of the honored veterans with the festivities , stating this was truly an unforgettable experience. The council members gave Bro Jim a standing ovation of appreciation of his courageous service in Viet Nam.

GK Vampola introduced Sir Knight Father Remmy Kimbowa, now serving as visiting priest at St Raphael church from his home parish in Uganda. Fr Remmy had made a request for local knights to provide support for providing clean water to Uganda villages. He points out that there has been a recent uptick in the deadly Ebola infection in Uganda, spread by unclean water. He provided a spread sheet showing costs for four separate projects, with estimated costs of about \$5k, \$9k, 2.5k, and \$4k. He suggested that 'funds transfer leakage' (ie, corruption) can be avoided by direct deposit to Fr Remmy's USA bank account. The council showed positive opinions toward Fr Remy's projects and tentatively planned a donation this month before Fr Remy returns to Uganda in early November.

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

1. Thank you note received from Eleanor, widow of Bro Max Keller.
2. Three new badges and id cards for members were received.
3. Building fund balance is over \$716k, a decrease of about \$71k for the month.

The full report from the FS is on file with FS and Recorder.

Membership Chairman Report. – Bro Turney needs more recruitment cards from supreme, which the FS will try to procure.

4th degree Assembly Report . Acting FN Fuhrer reported that the election plans are proceeding in good order with the volunteer workers now receiving instructions for both in person and online classes to be taken prior to the Nov 8 election.

Old Business. Bro Bradbury reported that the grease trap in the church hall kitchen has been cleared by Marborg Co and Lewis plumbing, cost \$255. A motion was made, 2nd, passed unanimously to contract for Marborg to pump the grease trap every 6 months at \$90 per cycle. There was discussion of a proposal to bring in a professional cleaning crew to clean the kitchen from accumulated grime periodically. A motion was proposed but not finalized to do that because the task is undefined. Rather, several brothers are going to seek estimates of the scope of this job and the estimated cost.

Bro DeCaro as chair of scholarship committee provided a discussion of plans for the next Columbian year He read out the precise wording on existing donation scheme, with added words to repeat the routine for the coming year. It was moved, 2nd, passed unanimously to send this contract to St Raphael school management. Full text of contract is on file with the committee and with the Financial Secretary.

The Fish Fry project for 10/21/22 is proceeding on schedule led by Bro Dan Feeney. Bro Bradbury is seeking records on purchase of provisions and crew working this job but no big problem is expected.

Chancellor report. There was none.

Chapter report. Bro John Bravo repeated that future in person chapter meetings will be held at St. Raphael parish on 4th Tuesdays starting 10/25/22 with officer meetings by ZOOM on alternate months.

Trustees Report- The bills from the FS are reported to be all in order.

Good of the Order. Pray for Katherine DiMauro who remains gravely ill. Pray for PGK Paul Coyne who is recovering at home after hospitalization, and for GK Vampola who is recovering from spinal surgery.

Pray for (and offer congratulations to) Bro SK Ed Page who will celebrate his 100th birthday on November 19.

The council offers special thanks to Bro Bill Fuhrer and Bro Mike McDonald for their yeomen efforts in setting up the meeting hall 3 times each month.

GK Vampola closed the meeting after a prayer by Father Remmy at 7:50pm. GK announced a post meeting snack of pizza and cold drinks.