

St. Maron Council# 12640 Meeting 4 June 2017

Present: Grand Knight (GK) Bill Hoadley, Deputy Grand Knight (DGK) John Handley, Chaplain Father Sam Najjar, Treasurer Ron Foster, Financial Secretary Chris Cooper, Jesus Vega, and Jim Davis. Guest: Kevin Caliva.

The meeting was called to order by GK Bill Hoadley at 12:14 PM. Treasurer Ron Foster led the Council in the opening prayer. GK Bill Hoadley led the Council in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Meeting Minutes: DGK John Handley moved to accept the meeting minutes from the previous Council meeting. Brother Jesus Vega made a second on the motion. APPROVED.

Chaplain's Report: Father Sam briefed:

- The new entrance doors for the Church were paid for by an anonymous donor.
- 19 July 2017 is the Parish Night at the Swap Dog Baseball Park. \$18.00 per person. The price includes an admission ticket and all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, etc.
- 26 June 2017 is the Priest Retreat in Greenville, SC.
- 26 June 2017 – 2 July 2017 is the annual National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) Convention in Greenville, SC.
- Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is sponsored by the K of C and all Knights should make every attempt to attend.

Membership Report: FS Chris Cooper brief the Council has 41 members (38 active and 3 inactive). There is on application for membership, Kevin Caliva. FS Chris Cooper moved to accept the Form 100 for Kevin Caliva. DGK John Handley made a second on the motion. APPROVED.

Grand Knight Report: GK Bill briefed:

- The Council received a Thank You Letter from the K of C Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund for the \$100.00 donation. (See Attachment 1)
- Room at the Inn requested a donation to help support their ongoing mission to assist unwed mothers. (See Attachment 2) DGK John Handley moved to donate \$100.00. Brother Jesus Vega made a second on the motion. APPROVED.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Ron Foster reported the current bank account balance is \$2,613.00.

Bills and Communications: None.

FS Report: FS Chris Cooper reported the Council ledger matches the treasurer's report of \$2,613.00

Trustees Report: None

Chancellor Report: None

DGK Report: DGK John Handley briefed it is time to start the Columbian Award Application for 2017-2018.

Unfinished Business:

- Pine Car Derby: FS Chris Cooper talked with Father Sam. Due to the permanent change of station (PCS) for the military the number families in the Parish is uncertain. Father Sam wants to wait and have the Pine Car Derby in the fall of 2017. (IN PROGRESS)
- Check on past Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. (IN PROGRESS)

New Business:

- Election of Council Officer for 2017-2018:

Slate of Candidates Fraternal Year 2017 - 2018		
<u>Grand Knight</u> Bill Hoadley	<u>Deputy Grand Knight</u> Dr. John Handley	<u>Chaplain</u> Father Sam Najjar
<u>Chancellor</u> C.J. Guerrero	<u>Recorder</u> Tom Piner	<u>Financial Secretary*</u> Chris Cooper
<u>Treasurer</u> Subdeacon Ron Foster	<u>Lecturer</u> Vacant	<u>Advocate</u> Subdeacon Chuck VanHeusen
<u>Warden</u> Rick Criste	<u>Inside Guard</u> Vacant	<u>Outside Guard</u> Vacant
<u>1st Year Trustee</u> Tom Piner	<u>2nd Year Trustee</u> Subdeacon Chuck VanHeusen	<u>3rd Year Trustee</u> Rick Criste

* Appointment by Supreme with the recommendation of the Grand Knight and Trustees.

Upon hearing no other nominations for any of the offices Father Sam moved to accept the Slate of Candidates by acclamation. FS Chris made a second on the motion. APPROVED.

- Due to the Independence Day weekend Brother Jesus Vega move to cancel the 2 July 2017 Council meeting. Treasurer Ron Foster made a second on the motion. APPROVED.
- Next Council Meeting: 6 June 2017 @ 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

Insurance Agent Report: None.

District Deputy Report: None.

Knight of the Month: None.

Family of the Month: None.

Good of the Order: Sue Richards (GK Bill's sister), Jesus Vega's uncle, Tom, MJ Hahn's cousin, Grace, and Father Sam's housekeeper, Lucy.

Treasurer Ron Foster led the closing prayer and GK Bill Hoadley closed the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Attachment 1



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March 13, 2017

KofC Council #12640
3572 Gables Dr
Fayetteville, NC 28311

Dear KofC Council #12640,

Thank you for your donation of ~~\$ 100.00~~ on 3/10/2017 to the Knights of Columbus Charities Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship fund; I am grateful for your response.

Through your generosity and commitment, you have helped make the Knights of Columbus become known worldwide as an international force for charitable and responsible giving with a special emphasis on Catholic values.

We have a long history of providing humanitarian relief, including efforts following the 9/11 terrorist attacks; the 2013 typhoons in the Philippines; hurricanes Katrina and Sandy; and tsunamis in Indonesia and Japan. Our current Christians at Risk program is aiding persecuted religious communities in the Middle East.

Voted three years in a row as one of Ethisphere's World's Most Ethical Companies, the Knights of Columbus represents the highest standard of security and soundness, meaning that your donation will be treated with the utmost of integrity.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald F. Schwarz'.

Ronald F. Schwarz
Treasurer

Please save this as a record of your donation. This letter certifies that you received no goods or services in return for this gift. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Attachment 2

Room At The Inn



5/23/2017

Dear Brothers in Christ,

April showers may bring May flowers, but they certainly bring lots of babies! The maternity home is full with 6 pregnant women and three previous children. Our supported living services program (Amy's House and the Backyard Ministry in Kernersville) houses mothers who are in college, waiting for admission into the maternity home, working to complete their GED's and a mom whose son was born 13 weeks early. Ellis is doing great and growing healthy and strong. He should be leaving the hospital soon. All together, we have 12 mothers, 8 unborn children, 5 newborns and 8 previous children. Did I tell you we are busy around here?

The moms are staying focused and working hard as well. Between those who are enrolled in college, GED programs and training programs (2 are studying to become CNAs) and 5 of the pregnant women due in the next 8 weeks, our schedules and "to do" lists are full and it can seem we can hardly catch our breath.

Thank you for all you do for our mothers and children who don't have that many people in their corner. Last week, I met with the moms in a group setting for a pep talk. I went around the room and asked them 2 questions. First, how many people each had in their lives that they could count on. One mother said 3, most said 1 or 2 but 4 said no one but us. Secondly, I asked them if anyone has suggested to them to have an abortion. Every single one raised their hands.

Consider these two pieces of information. I often tell people that our moms are my heroes. I could never be a single parent. It inspires me to look at these young women, homeless and feeling alone, trying to learn to become good moms and to trust in God that their lives will work out. The problems of the world are so big. Bombs flying, terrorist attacks, attacks on churches, families and those that are different are shown on the news day in and day out. Many times, it can seem there isn't much we can do.



Pictured here are 8 of the 12 moms currently in our programs

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But you can a difference. You can make Room At The Inn possible for our mothers and children. Year after year, the faithful support of our donors allows us to keep our doors open and food on our table.

This spring and summer, we will have to spend some money to paint the buildings, replace some of the appliances and carpet throughout the facilities to prepare for our re-accreditation site visit next spring. Marianne is coordinating youth groups and some adult volunteers to help with some of the indoor painting later this summer. We will need to hire professional painters to paint the exterior of the maternity home and Amy's House because of their size and height. We are working to streamline these costs and get as much paint and supplies donated as we can but there will be some significant costs to this project. If you are able to help with these efforts financially or our regular ongoing costs, this would be an especially great time to help.

Whether or not you are able to contribute, we do ask for your prayers. Money can buy paint and supplies, pay staff, buy food, pay for rent and utilities and put gas in the vehicles but it can't fill our mothers' hearts with hope. Their hope and new lives come from His Mercy and Love. Your prayers for everyone here, mothers, children, volunteers and staff keep us in His sight and never outside His embrace.

Thanks for making Him present to our mothers and children.

Vivat Jesus!



O. Albert Hodges, M.A.
President

P.S. Don't forget that for every \$100 you donate, we will give your council a raffle ticket next spring for our \$5,000 cash prize drawing!!