

Knights of Columbus Council #2704 2016-17 The Pas, Manitoba

1. A meeting of the Charlebois Council was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at the Guy Hall KC Clubroom and was called to order by the Grand Knight at 7:40 p.m.
Ten officers, three members, and one guest attended.
2. **Minutes of the June 13, 2017 Meeting:** These were adopted. The appointment of Vaughn Wadelius as Grand Knight for 2017-18 was ratified.
3. **Membership:** Names of candidates are being sought. Honourary Life memberships were presented to Bros. Don Maksymchuk, James Hemauer, and Ron Stewart. Honourary membership has been conferred on Bro. Ron Monczka. Bro. Ted Hlady was presented with his 1st Degree membership card.
4. **Grand Knight's Report:**
 - The GK was required by Supreme to complete two on-line safe environment training modules, specifically "Abuse Prevention Refresher", and "Know Your Policies" in order for authorization for any Council youth activities. This is a very well done set of modules.
 - Council meeting dates have been established for 2017-18, the second Tuesday of each month.
 - A series of decisions is required at this meeting in order to be able to proceed with the pending impact of a Guy Hall closure on the Council's operation.
 - Correspondence and various information (Food for Families; Coats for Kids) will be circulated in the binder containing reports on activities.
 - The first Trustees meeting will be held on October 4 at 3:30 pm in the Clubroom.
5. **Chaplain's Report:** Fr. Vijay spoke on the need to pursue enlightenment and encouragement, and to cultivate this within our families.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Bro. Gene Hrabarchuk provided a budget update and reported that all bills and forms had been dealt with. He recommended that the final draft of the 2017-18 budget be dealt with after the decisions about the availability of the Guy Hall are made.
7. **Bills & Communications:** All bills have been paid. Communication has been received from the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation (thank you and a receipt), Northern Health Region Authority (re flags and lighted cross), and Archbishop Chatlain (re donation/service of a meal for Study Days).
8. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Bro. Dave Mancini provided a written report. The 2017 dues have been collected from two of the five outstanding members. He noted that the Supreme 2016-17 rebate cheque for Food for Families donations and the plaque plate have been received. Reports have been submitted. The 2018 membership cards and other supplies have been ordered.
9. **Council Committee/Project Reports**
 - a) Volunteer Hours: The report forms for July-Aug and Sep were circulated. **Anyone assisting with a Council project may now have their volunteer hours counted.**
 - b) SA General Hospital: The Grand Knight has had a preliminary reply on this possible project. Flags are now flying on the hospital but no action has been taken re the lighting of the cross. It was suggested that LED lighting (solar powered) was a better option.
 - c) Cemetery Cross : Thanks to three Knights (Bros. Ken, Bill, Don) who took down the crucifix and started to strip off the old paint. More work is needed to complete this project.

- d) Installation of Officers : To be determined at a later date.
- e) Fund-Raising: The 2017-18 ICCD tickets have yet to be received. This will be our only project with the loss of the pancake breakfasts.

10. **Other Business:**

- a) Council Relocation: Bro. Vaughn provided an update on communication with Parish authorities. He noted the possible action raised in June
 - i. **Deactivating the Council**. This seems to be an extreme measure given our small but active membership.
 - ii. **Renting meeting space** elsewhere for the monthly Council meetings. Some storage for meeting materials would be needed. .
 - iii. **Relocating to the basement of the Parish Office**. This option was most conducive to the Council's operation but may not be available for up to two years. The Parish would still provide some space for the relocation of records and materials.

Considerable discussion took place, and many aspects of the issue were reviewed. In summary, the following decisions were taken:

- i. A letter from the appropriate parish and or diocesan authority was requested to document the requirement of the Council to relocate by a specific date, and to confirm the immediate use of the spare room in the Parish Office for the Council's secure storage needs.
 - ii. The packing up of Council materials will be initiated as soon as feasible. Storage containers and up to two appropriate filing cabinets (at least one locking) will be obtained to facilitate this.
 - iii. From November, interim rented meeting space will be arranged by the Grand Knight. When the basement of the Parish Office becomes available, its use by the Council will be negotiated.
 - iv. A request to purchase the Council's shuffle board has been received. The shuffle board will be offered for sale to the parishioner requesting to buy it. If the price asked is not accepted, it will be advertised.
- b) Donation Requests:
 - i. It was agreed to proceed with the Food For Families donations (\$600) as this was budgeted for.
 - ii. The Council will proceed with the Coats for Kids order, as was done in 2016-17
 - iii. Knights are asked to assist Bro Kelly with the Sep 12 diocesan dinner. The work starts Monday afternoon (preparation) and Tuesday for cooking, serving, cleanup (2-7 PM).
 - c) District Deputy's Report: DD Ken Kelly noted that no information on the Fall District meeting has been provided.

11. **Good of the Order**: Bro. Don reported on the state of an elderly inactive Council member. Some assistance will be provided.

12. **Adjournment**:: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

13. **Draw**: The twoonie 50/50 draw was won by Bro. Kevin Carlson.

14. **Date of the next meeting**: The next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 10, 2017.