



MEETING: 9 Jan 2020

Council was called to order at: 6:30 pm by GK Robert Startz

Prayer was offered by: Robert Startz

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused, V-Vacant):

Chaplain: E
Grand Knight: P
Deputy Grand Knight: V
Chancellor: P
Recorder: P
Financial Secretary: P
Treasurer: P
Lecturer: P
Advocate: P
Warden: P
Inside Guard: P
Outside Guard: A
Trustee (3rd Yr.): E
Trustee (2nd Yr.): A
Trustee (1st Yr.): A

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Motion to approve last meeting's minutes passed. Minutes posted online to Council's website.

Membership Report: No new applications. Emmanuel Cunningham needs first degree.

The results of balloting were: n/a

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- We need to elect a new Deputy Grand Knight. Robert is getting pressure to fill this office from the District. A volunteer was called for but nobody accepted.
- Pork butt sale - \$1.39/lb which is an increase from last year but Robert believes we can still make money. Suggest keeping same pricing - \$12/pint, \$30 for a butt, \$5 shredding fees. We need to sell over the weeks of 1/18 and 1/25 and cook on 2/1. Dan suggested selling the whole butt for \$40 to make pints more attractive; this was approved.
- There is a conflict and we won't do a breakfast for Catholic Schools week. The school is OK with this, as the raffle makes more money for them than a breakfast.
- 2nd degree at Corpus Christi on 2/29.
- Need to pick a date for a spring workshop – Robert and Dan will work on this.
- Christmas food drive – was very successful, shelves were filled. Robert asked Rick to plan a date for a Lenten collection.
- SCCLF – 8 youth + a family (2 tables) will attend, sponsored by our council. State Knights will lead march at 11 at the Russell House to the State House. Diocese sponsors march from the State House to the Township for a rally and Mass with the Bishop.

The Treasurer reported as follows: by Robbie Wiggs

- Checking balance: \$5644.94
- Savings balance: \$7097.96

Robbie reported that a check from the checkbook went missing but was found again. A \$30 stop payment was placed – Robbie reimbursed the council. Motion was made and approved to return Robbie his money, as this was not his fault.

The following communications were read:



Thank-you card from Esther's Journey for the proceeds of the Wine and Cheese tasting.

Financial Secretary report: by Dan Wagner

- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$656.00
 - Receipts: receipts for total of \$2152.05
- Details of the rifle raffle breakdowns are attached.

The Trustees reported as follows: n/a

Report on Service: n/a

The Chancellor reported as follows: n/a

The following committees reported:

- Membership: n/a
- Fundraising: n/a
- Youth: On 2/1 and 2/2 we have the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. Middle school and high school parties that weekend. There will also be a canned good competition for the middle schoolers. 3/1, council free throw competition @2PM, followed by District competition. Knights are needed to help – kitchen plus 4 men/basket during the competition (expect 2 – 4 baskets, depending on turnout.) Tom asked if we could provide hot dogs again – this was approved. We need to find out what the district will do for awards so we can plan ours. Tom will reach out.
- Community: n/a
- Church: see attached Faith Director's Report provided by Dan Wagner
- Family and Council Committee:
- Retention: n/a

Discussion on Council Calendar: n/a

New business was taken up and disposed as follows: n/a

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows: n/a

Report of Patriotic Degree: n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows. n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows: n/a

Announcements: n/a

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the following Brothers and family members in your prayers: Lester Johnson, Damien Masse, Frank Toth, Bill Jones, Rick Gleissner, William Gatling, Bernard Corbett, Sam and Lagaré Kopack, Alberto Alvarez, Shobit Svana

Under Good of the Order: by Lecturer

- See attached. Bob Nerbun also spoke about St. Rafael's oil and offered to anoint people on request.



Chaplain's summation: n/a

Closing prayer was offered by: Robert Startz at 6:25pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder



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Deposits	Available Balance	Today's Beginning Balance	Pending Transactions
TD CONVENIENCE CHECKING x9128	\$5,644.94	\$5,644.94	\$0.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS x8694	\$7,097.96	\$7,097.96	\$0.00
Total	\$12,742.90		

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Knights of Columbus Council #12554
Financial Secretary's Report
9 January 2020

Receipts:

1) Rifle Raffle #2	\$ 475.00
2) Dues	\$ 108.00
3) Fundraiser (Keep Christ in Christmas)	\$ 25.00
4) Fundraiser (State Pin Sales)	\$ 24.00
5) State Charity Drive	\$ 20.00
6) Donations	\$ 4.00

TOTAL	\$ 656.00
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Vouchers:

1) TD Bank -- Returned Check (Wine Tasting)	\$ 95.00
2) Sam's Club (Annual Renewal)	\$ 45.00
3) TD Bank -- Stopped Check Fee	\$ 30.00
4) Troop 100 (Rifle Raffle #1)	\$1,034.44
5) Troop 100 (Rifle Raffle #2)	\$ 896.54
6) Robert Startz -- January Officer's Dinner	\$ 50.96

TOTAL	\$2,152.05
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K of C Council #12554
Raffles: 2018-2019

June 30, 2019: Rifle Raffle 1

Tickets: 100 sold @ \$20 =	\$2,000.00
Expenses: Grand Prize (Rifle):	(\$ 879.00)
Expenses (Tickets, Drum)	(\$ 86.56)

NET PROFIT	\$1,034.44

K of C Council #12554
Raffles: 2019-2020

December 24, 2019: Rifle Raffle 2

Tickets: 96 sold @ \$20 =	\$1,920.00
Expenses: Grand Prize (Rifle):	(\$ 879.00)
Expenses (Tickets, Filing)	(\$ 144.46)

NET PROFIT	\$ 896.54

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Faith Director's Report

9 January 2019

In the month of January we begin the season of Ordinary Time.

This Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas Season as we again enter into Ordinary Time.

Our liturgical calendar is somewhat subdued now as we again fall into the "Ordinary" rhythm.

Monday, January 20. We celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is fitting on this day to especially pray for the end of racial discrimination.

Wednesday, January 22 is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade: a Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Friday, January 24 is the Feast Day of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Our predecessor Parish was named in his honor and one of the bas reliefs at the entrance of our own St. Joseph Church is of St. Francis de Sales.

Saturday, January 25 begins Catholic Schools Week – I encourage you to visit the open-houses held by both our own St. Joseph School and Cardinal Newman School. Specific events for Catholic Schools Week will be published in the weekly bulletin. St. Joseph is also having a 5K on Saturday.

Sunday, February 2nd is The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) – on this day World Day for Consecrated Life is observed.

February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise – blessing of throats will be on Sunday (February 2)

The Chastity (and Perpetual Virginity) of both the Blessed Virgin Mary AND that of St. Joseph from a Popular Abridgement (of four volumes) of The Mystical City of God by Ven. Mary of Jesus of Agreda

The first pope officially to take notice of “Ciudad de Dios” was Pope Innocent XI, who, on July 32, 1686, in response to a series of virulent attacks and machinations of some members of the Sorbonne, known to be Jansenists, issued a ... (decree) permitting the publication and reading of the “Ciudad de Dios.” Similar decrees were afterward issued by Popes Alexander VIII, Clement IX and Benedict XIII. These decrees were followed by two decrees of the Congregation of Rites, approved by Benedict XI and Clement XIV, in which the authenticity of “Ciudad de Dios” as ... written by the Venerable Servant of God, Mary of Jesus, is officially established. The great Pope Benedict XIII, when he was Archbishop of Benevent, used these revelations as material for a series of sermons on the Blessed Virgin. On Sept. 26, 1713, the Bishop of Ceneda, Italy, objecting to the publication of the “City of God,” was peremptorily ordered by the Holy Office to withdraw his objections as interfering with the decree of Pope Innocent XI for the universal Church. (Page xiii.)

“The strong and the weak, the wise and the ignorant, and ... all the world will gather richest fruit from the reading of these books: for they contain what is most sublime in theology and in a style so simple and easy and perspicuous (transparent) that, in order to enter deeply into an understanding of the holy mysteries, no more is necessary than to read them with sound judgment.” ... “Combined with this simplicity are found many doctrines and valid proofs, free from contradictions and not easily found in other writings. This History explains more than a thousand difficulties in holy Scripture, in a manner equally natural and wonderful. At every step are encountered exquisite interpretations, until now unknown, and which had been hidden beneath the mere letter, ... but are laid open in these writings and brought to the light. In short, the whole work is a beautiful web of scripture passages which, though spun from its different book, are directly and specially woven into a whole for the purpose intended by ... (our) Venerable Mother (Mary).” Written by two Distinguished Professors of Theology in 1715. (Page x.)

BOOK TWO, Chapter VII, selections from pp. 134-141

“At the age of thirteen and a half years, having grown considerable for her age, our most charming Princess, most pure Mary, had another abstractive vision of the Divinity. ... In this vision, we might say, happened something similar to that which the Holy Scriptures relate of

Abraham, when God commanded him to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac, the only pledge of all his hopes. God tempted Abraham ... trying and probing the promptness of his obedience in order to reward it. We can say the same thing of our great Lady, that God tried her in this vision, by commanding her to enter the state of Matrimony. Thence we can also understand the truth of the words: 'How inscrutable are the judgements of the Lord and how exalted are His ways and thought above our own!' As distant as Heaven is from earth, were the thoughts of most holy Mary from the plans which the Most High now made known to her, by commanding her to accept a husband for her protection and company; for as far as depended upon her will she had desired and resolved during all her life not to have a husband and she had often repeated and renewed the vow of chastity, which she had taken at . . . a premature age."

"Nevertheless at this unexpected command the most prudent Virgin suspended her judgment, and preserved the calmness of her hope and belief more perfectly than Abraham. Hoping against hope, she made answer to the Lord saying: 'Eternal God and incomprehensible Majesty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and of all things contained therein, O Lord, who weighest the winds, and by thy commands settest bounds to the sea and subjestest all creation to thy Will canst dispose of me, thy worthless wormlet, according to thy pleasure, without making me fail in that which I have promised to Thee; and if it be not displeasing to Thee, my good Lord, I confirm and ratify anew my desire to remain chaste during all my life and to have Thee for my Lord and Spouse; and since my only duty as a creature is to obey Thee, see Thou to it, my Spouse, that according to thy Providence I may escape from this predicament in which thy holy love places me.' ... His Majesty answered her: 'Mary, let not thy heart be disturbed, for thy resignation is acceptable to Me and My powerful arm is not subject to laws; by my disposition that will happen, which is most proper for Thee.'

"Consoled only by this vague promise of the Lord, most holy Mary recovered from her vision and returned to her ordinary state. Left between doubt and hope by the divine command and promise, she was full of solicitude, for the Lord intended that she should multiply her tearful sentiments of love and confidence, of faith, humility, of obedience, of purest chastity and of other virtues. ... In the meanwhile, while our great Lady applied herself to vigilant prayer, and to her resigned and prudent sighs and solicitude, God spoke in sleep to the high priest, St. Simeon, and commanded him to arrange ... (for) the marriage of Mary, the daughter of Joachim and Anne of Nazareth; since He regarded her with special care and love. The holy priest answered, asking what was His Will in regard to the person, whom the maiden Mary was to marry ... The Lord instructed him to call together the other priests and learned persons and to tell them that this Maiden was left alone and an orphan and that she did not desire to be

married; but that, as it was a custom for the firstborn maidens not to leave the temple without being provided for, it was proper she should be married to whomever it seemed good to them.

(In time St. Simeon spoke to Mary about her impending marriage.) “The most prudent Virgin, with a countenance betokening virginal modesty, answered the priest with great composure and humility: ‘Sir, as far as my inclinations are concerned, I desire to preserve perpetual chastity during all my life; for I wished to dedicate myself to God in the service of this holy temple in return for the great blessings which I have received in it; I never had the intention or the desire to enter the state of matrimony, since I consider myself incapable of fulfilling the duties connected with it. This was my inclination, but thou, my master, who art to me in place of God, wilt teach me what is according to His holy Will.’ ‘My Daughter,’ answered the priest, ‘thy holy desires are acceptable to the Lord; but remember, that no maiden of Israel abstains from marriage as long as we expect the coming of the Messias conformably to the divine prophecies. Therefore all who obtain issue of children among our people, esteem themselves happy and blessed. In the matrimonial state thou canst serve God truly and in great perfection; and in order that thou mayest obtain a companion according to the heart of God and who will be conformable to thy wishes, we will pray to the Lord, as I have told thee, asking Him to single out a husband for thee, who shall be pleasing to Him and of the line of David; do thou also pray continually for the same favor, in order that the Most High may favor thee and may direct us all.’

“On the day on which . . . our Princess Mary completed the fourteenth year of her life, the men, who at that time in the city of Jerusalem were descendants of the tribe of Juda and of the race of David, gathered together in the temple. The sovereign Lady was also of that lineage. Among the number was Joseph, a native of Nazareth, and then living in Jerusalem; for he was one of the descendants of the royal race of David. He was then 33 years of age, of handsome person and pleasant continence, but also of incomparable modesty and gravity; above all he was most chaste in thought and conduct, and most saintly in all his inclinations. From his 12th year he had made and kept the vow of chastity. He was related to the Virgin Mary in the third degree, and was known for the utmost purity of his life, holy and virtuous in the eyes of God and of men.

“All these unmarried men gathered in the temple and prayed to the Lord conjointly with the priests, in order to be governed by the Holy Spirit in what they were about to do. The Most High spoke to the heart of the high priest, inspiring him to place into the hands of each one of the young men a dry stick, with the command that each ask His Majesty with a lively faith, to single out the one whom He had chosen as the spouse of Mary. And as the sweet odor of her

virtue and nobility, the fame of her beauty, her possessions and her modesty, and her position as being the firstborn in her family was known to all of them, each one coveted the happiness of meriting her as a spouse. Among them all only the humble and most upright Joseph thought himself unworthy of such a great blessing; and remembering the vow of chastity which he had made and resolving anew its perpetual observance, he resigned himself to God's will, leaving it all to His disposal and being filled at the same time with a veneration and esteem greater than that of the others for the most noble maiden Mary.

"While they were thus engaged in prayer the stick which Joseph held was seen to blossom and at the same time a dove of purest white and resplendent with admirable light, was seen to descend and rest upon the head of the Saint, while in the interior of his heart, God spoke: 'Joseph, my servant, Mary will be thy Spouse; accept her with active reverence, for she is acceptable in my eyes, just and most pure in soul and body, and thou shalt do all that she will say to thee.' At this manifestation and token from Heaven the priests declared St. Joseph as the spouse selected by God Himself for the maiden Mary. ... Calling her forth for her espousal, the Chosen one issued forth like the sun, more resplendent than the moon, and she entered into the presence of all with a countenance more beautiful than that of an angel, incomparable in the charm of her beauty, nobility and grace. The(n the) priests espoused her to the most chaste and holy of men, St. Joseph.

"The heavenly Princess, more pure than the stars of the firmament, With tearful and sorrowful countenance and as the Queen of majesty, most humble yet uniting all perfections within herself, took leave of the priests, asking their blessing, ... she (then) betook herself with her spouse Joseph to Nazareth, the native city of this most fortunate married couple. ...

"Having arrived at their home in Nazareth, where the Princess of Heaven had inherited the possessions and estates of her blessed parents, they were welcomed and visited by their friends and relatives with the joyful congratulations customary on such occasions. After they had in a most holy manner complied with the natural duties of friendship and politeness, and satisfied the worldly obligations connected with the conversation and intercourse of their fellowmen, the two most holy spouses, Joseph and Mary were left at leisure and to their own counsel in their house. Custom had introduced the practice among the Hebrews; that for the first few days of their married state the husband and wife should enter upon a sort of study or trial of each others' habits and temperament, in order that afterwards they might be able to make reciprocal allowances in their conduct one toward the other.

"During this time St. Joseph said to his Spouse Mary: 'My spouse and Lady, I give thanks to the Lord most high God for the favor of having designed me as your husband without

my merits, though I judged myself unworthy even of thy company; but His Majesty, who can raise up the lowly whenever He wishes, showed this mercy to me, and I desire and hope, relying on thy discretion and virtue, that thou help me to make a proper return in serving Him with an upright heart. Hold me, therefore, as thy servant, and by the true love which I have for thee, I beg of thee to supply my deficiencies in the fulfillment of the domestic duties and how to perform; tell me, Lady, what is thy pleasure, in order that I may fulfill it.'

"The heavenly Spouse heard these words with a humble heart, and yet also with a serene earnestness, and she answered the Saint: 'My Master, I am fortunate, that the Most High, in order to place me in this state of life, had chosen thee for my husband and that He has given me such evident manifestation of His Will, that I serve thee; but if thou givest me leave I will speak of my thoughts and intentions, which I wish to manifest to thee for this purpose.'" The Most High forestalled the sincere and upright heart of St. Joseph with His grace and inflamed it anew with divine love through the word of most holy Mary, and he answered her, saying: 'Speak, Lady, thy servant hears.' On this occasion the Mistress of the world was surrounded by the thousand angles of her guard, in visible form. She had ask them to be present in that manner, because the Lord, in order that the most pure Virgin might act with greater grace and merit, and permitted her to feel the respect and reverence, with which she was bound to speak to her husband and left her to the natural shyness and dread, which she always felt in speaking to men alone; for she had never done this, except perhaps by accident with the high priest.

"The holy angles obeyed their Queen and, visible only to her, stood in attendance. In this glorious company she spoke to her spouse St. Joseph, and said to him: 'My lord and spouse, it is just that we give praise and glory with all reverence to our God and Creator, who is infinite in goodness and incomprehensible in His judgments. To us, who are so needy, He has manifested His greatness and mercy in choosing us for His service. I acknowledge myself among all creatures as more beholden and indebted to Him than all others, and more than all of them together; for, meriting less, I have received from His liberal hand more than they. At a tender age, being compelled thereto by the force of this truth, which with the knowledge of the deceitfulness of visible things, His divine light made known to me, I consecrated myself to God by a perpetual vow of chastity in body and soul; His I am and Him I acknowledge as my Spouse and Lord, with fixed resolve to preserve for Him my chastity. I beseech thee, my master, to help me in fulfilling this vow, while in all other things I will be thy servant, willing to work for the comfort of thy life as long as mine shall last. Yield, my spouse, to this resolve and make a like resolve, in order that, offering ourselves as an acceptable sacrifice to our eternal Good, He may receive us in the odor of sweetness and bestow on us the eternal goods for which we hope.'

“The most, chaste spouse Joseph, full of interior joy at the words of his heavenly Spouse, answered her: ‘My Mistress, thou hast penetrated and dilated my heart. I have not opened my thoughts to thee before knowing thy own. I also acknowledge myself under greater obligation to the Lord of creation than other men; for very early He has called me by His true enlightenment to love Him with an upright heart; and I desire thee to know, Lady, that at the age of 12 years I also made a promise to serve the Most High in perpetual chastity. On this account, I now gladly ratify this vow in order not to impede thy own; in the presence of His Majesty I promise to aid thee, as far as in me lies, in serving Him and loving Him according to thy full desires. I will be, with the divine grace, thy most faithful servant and companion, and I pray thee accept my chaste love and hold me as thy brother, without ever entertaining any other kind of love, outside the one which thou owest to God and after God to me.’ In this conversation the Most High confirmed anew the virtue of chastity in the heart of St. Joseph, and the pure and holy love due to his most holy Spouse Mary. This love ... Saint (Joseph) already had in an eminent degree, and the Lady herself augmented it sweetly, dilating his heart by her most prudent discourse.