

Don Bosco Knights of Columbus Council #8146 – October 5, 2016 General Meeting

Worthy Grand Knight (WGK) Angelo called the October General Meeting to order at about 7:35 pm, and led opening prayers. Due to the unavailability of meeting space at St. Peter’s Church, the meeting was held at St. Basil’s School in Tuscany.

Roll Call

Position	Member	P/Ab/Ex
Worthy Chaplain	Fr. Jonathan Gibson	Ex
Worthy Grand Knight (WGK)	Br. Angelo Scarpino	P
Worthy Deputy Grand Knight (WDGK)	Br. Theo Van Besouw	P
Worthy Chancellor	Br. Lorand Szojka	P
Worthy Recorder	Br. David Mildenberger	P
Worthy Warden	Br. Alfredo Fernandes	P
Worthy Financial Secretary	Br. Leo Piedimonte (appointed)	P
Worthy Treasurer	Br. Lu Scarpino	P
Worthy Trustee 1 st Year	Br. Dan Matchett	P
Worthy Trustee 2 nd Year	Br. Stephen Cross	P
Worthy Trustee 3 rd Year	Br. Stephen Law	P
Worthy Advocate	Br. Greig Hyland	P
Worthy Inside Guard	Br. Gerry Duchemin	P
Worthy Outside Guard	Br. Gary Belecki	P
Worthy Lecturer	Br. James Szojka	Ex

Program Chairman	Member
Church	Br. Alfredo Fernandes
Community	Br. Noel Castello
Council	Br. Peter Dugandzic
Family	Br. Gerardo Odorizzi
Culture of Life	Br. Jairo Garzon
Youth	Br. Eric Collins
1 st Degree Team	Br. Jim Myhre
Men’s Night Out (MNO)	Br. Greig Hyland

Chaplain’s Report – no report.

Formation Program – The theme of the October Formation program was “Dignity of Life, from Conception until Natural Death”. WDGK Theo led the discussion and reminded us that the gospels tell us there will often be issues that pit ‘brother against brother’ and this issue is one that can definitely divide us from others. Br. Theo also referred to Pope John Paul II’s 1995 document called “The Gospel of Life” where it is written “whomever attacks human life attacks God”. The group had a good discussion on the topic.

Review of September Meeting Minutes

- Br. David moved the September minutes be accepted as written; seconded by Br. Gerry D. Carried.

Financial Secretary’s Report

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- Br. Leo P. reported our membership is at 192, two up from last month.
- Br. Leo P. reported net receipts of \$11,892.50 (Dues, MNO Sales, vests and Pennies From Heaven), and expenses of \$2,426.28 (Installation of Officers reception, MNO hall rental, MNO tent and MNO Silent Auction items - vouchers #1882 – 1889).
- Br. Leo requested the contact information for our Fraternal Benefits Adviser (Br. Greg Miskiman) be provided to our members: Bus: 403-452-1930; email: gregory.miskiman@kofc.org .
- Br. Leo P. moved his report be accepted as presented; seconded by Br. Bruce L. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Br. Lu reported that as of Oct. 4th, we have a total of \$39,244.00 in our accounts, including: \$532.27 in our 2015 MNO account; \$16,547.19 in our 2016 MNO account; \$22,164.54 in our General account, an increase of \$10,746.90 from the previous month, mostly from MNO activities.
- Br. Lu also reported that overall we have spent \$33,028.23 of our 2016 Budget (\$43,500), so have \$10,471.77 remaining. Detailed summaries will be attached to the minutes.
- Br. Lu has begun putting a DRAFT budget together for 2017; so if you have any ideas, please forward them to Br. Lu.
- Br. Lu moved his report be accepted as presented; seconded by Br. Greig. Carried.

Payment of Bills

Amount:	Payment Request:	Details of Expense:
General Account		
\$ 169.55	Theo V.B.	BowWest painting expenses
\$ 63.41	Theo V.B.	Repair of BBQ
\$ 6.28	Theo V.B.	Snacks
\$ 69.01	Theo V.B.	BBQ parts
\$ 20.68	Greig H.	BowWest painting expenses
\$ 23.92	Greig H.	Chapter meeting snacks
\$ 25.48	Angelo S.	Council meeting snacks
\$ 14.46	Angelo S.	Council meeting snacks
\$ 42.60	Jim M.	First Degree team meeting
\$ 214.35	Lu S.	Wine for golf tournament dinner
\$ 150.67	Peter D.	BBQ bins
\$ 800.41	Total General	
MNO Account		
\$ 26.25	Theo V.B.	MNO ProServe Certification
\$ 94.24	Theo V.B.	MNO Push refreshments
\$ 194.25	Theo V.B.	MNO Bar Rental
\$ 48.58	Greig H.	MNO Push donuts and coffee
\$ 46.53	Greig H.	MNO Push snacks
\$ 44.44	Greig H.	MNO advertising letters
\$ 136.84	Greig H.	Wine for MNO
\$ 180.61	Greig H.	MNO Push 11:30 mass refreshments
\$ 41.72	Rick B.	Pails & Sand for tent
\$ 270.84	Peter D.	MNO prizes
\$ 244.00	Angelo S.	MNO meeting refreshments

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\$1,328.30	Total MNO
\$2,128.71	Grand Total

- Br. Leo P. moved the expenses be paid; seconded by Br. Gerry D. Carried.

Committees

Membership Committee

- Br. David M. reported we have two new members since last month, and welcomed Br. Kevin Matte who was in attendance. We have 2 candidates for membership (Jeromy Haddad, Matthew Harris).
- Br. David also reminded the members there would be a Major Degree (2nd and 3rd) on Sat., Oct. 22 at St. Cecilia's.

Communications Committee - No report.

Youth Committee - No report.

Old Business

Paint BowWest office (Sat. Sept. 10th)

- WDGK Theo thanked everyone for their great support in repainting the office. There was a great turnout and the team was done by noon.

K of C Fun Golf Tournament (Tue. Sept. 13th)

- Br. Lu thanked everyone for their support of the fun event again this year.

Monsignor Doyle 'Back to School' BBQ (Thu. Sept. 15th)

- Br. Greig thanked everyone for their help at flipping over 500 burgers for the event.

Ministry Mass (Sept. 18 – Sun. @9:30 pm)

- Br. Dan Ma. reported the September event was a success and thanked everyone for their support.

New Business/Other Business

- WDGK Theo gave a quick overview of upcoming events over the next few months:

Event	Date/ Time	Comments
Youth Retreat	Sat. Oct 15 th	We have been asked to set up our tent at 10 am for their lunch and for funding
Ministry Mass	Sun. Oct. 16 th , 11:30 am	See Br. Dan Ma.
Bishop's Dinner	Thu. Oct 20 th	Proposing to purchase 4 tickets
Men's Night Out	Fri. Oct. 21 st	Dalhousie Community, see Br. Greig H.
Saint Vincent de Paul move back to storage 'room'	Hopefully in October	WDGK Theo will advise on date/time
"Theology of the Body"	Tuesdays in Oct & Nov	Parish Formation Program
"Foundational Bearings of Theology"	Wed/Thu in Jan - Mar	Parish Formation Program (\$100 fee)
Nativity Set-up and Council	Sat. Nov. 26 th	Council Formation by Fr. Jonathan

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Formation		
Monsignor Doyle Tree Pruning	Sometime after MNO event	To be coordinated with Monsignor Doyle School – need 5 - 7 Knights
CWL ‘Snowflake’ Fund-raiser	Sat. Jan. 28 th , 2017	Costs \$125 per person

Youth Retreat (Oct. 15th)

- The youth retreat will include two groups (13-17 yr. old and 18-25 yr. old); they requested the use of our tent for their lunch and financial support for the event.
- The Council will plan to assemble the tent at 10 am.
- Br. David moved the Council provide up to \$500 to help pay for the Youth Retreat expenses; seconded by Br. Bill L. Carried.

Bishop’s Dinner (Thu. Oct. 20th)

- Br. David brought forward Br. Theo’s Notice of Motion from last month to purchase 4 tickets (\$700) for the event; seconded by Br. Stephen C. Carried.

Council Social Event

- WGK Angelo reminded us we would like to have a men’s social evening. Br. James S. will propose something, likely in January 2017 since we don’t have a venue at St. Peter’s.
- Br. Eric will talk to Br. James to discuss what is available at St. Basil’s School, and may combine this with an invitation to fathers of St. Basil’s students, which may lead to them joining our Council.

Nativity Set-up and Council Formation (Sat. Nov. 26th)

- Fr. Jonathan has offered to put on a Reflection for our Council at the beginning of Advent (Nov. 26).
- The day will begin with assembly of the Nativity Scene (10 am – noon), followed by lunch (12-1 pm), a Reflection by Fr. Jonathan (1-2 pm), Reconciliation after 2 pm, mass at 5 pm, blessing of Nativity Scene after mass and a reception if the hall is available.

Elizabeth House

- WDGK Theo reported he submitted a letter requesting support at the Chapter meeting. Chapter are willing to provide support, which can be requested through the Charitable Foundation (proceeds from Charities Appeals tickets we sell every year).
- The Chapter thanked Br. Peter D. for volunteering to lead the initiative, and there may be further discussion at the State Convention around other support from Chapter once the needs are identified.
- WDGK Theo and Br. Peter D. also advised our Council could provide various levels of support including: computer equipment; manpower for various tasks; and improvements/repairs to the facility. There was also some discussion around possible fund-raising and requests from our members’ employers who match donations.

First Degree Team

- Br. Greig reported the joint ‘First Degree’ team effort is continuing with the Ascension and Airdrie Councils. There are plans those two Councils will each host 6 ceremonies over the next year (1 per month). St. Luke’s Council is also interested in participating.
- Practise continues for the new members; the new team will have to be approved by WDD Bill L.

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Men's Night Out (MNO) Event (Fri. Oct 21, Dalhousie Community Centre)

- Br. Greig H. reported there are about 240 commitments for tickets with a target to sell all 250 tickets. Other plans are on track (Silent Auction items, prizes, etc.).
- Br. Alfredo F. continues to organize the 30-40 volunteers for the event.

Meeting Locations

- Until our regular meeting room is available again, we will be holding our meetings at St. Basil's School (Tuscany).

Charity Committee

- Br. Lu reported that a request was received from Mary Pringle to support the Catholic 'Chalice' Sponsorship Program, which supports missions to Peru. The 'Chalice' initiative is similar to the 'World Vision' initiative, but run by a Catholic organization.
- The request aligned well with our pillars and Br. Lu moved the Council provide a donation of \$500 to their initiative; seconded by Br. Alfredo. Carried.

State Charity Appeals Tickets

- Br. Bruce L. offered to coordinate the sale of tickets this year.

Website Development

- The 'Digital Working Group' will be made up of Br. Eric C., Br. Stephen C., Br. Gerardo and Br. Lorand. There has already been some discussion on how to handle all our documents.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

- WDGK Theo reported the move of food back to the newly developed SSVP 'room' might happen around the end of October, depending on progress of the work. An email requesting help will be sent once a date is known.
- WDGK Theo also advised the food donated by Safeway for the Christmas hampers will need to be picked up this year. Br. Gerry D. will check if he can line up a cube van. WDGK Theo also made a Notice of Motion to give \$5,000 to the SSVP for their Christmas Hamper campaign.

Don Bosco Room Restoration

- WDGK Theo reported their team had developed a proposal to restore the Don Bosco room once the office is moved to the new area. Their report concluded an expense of about \$2,000 would be enough to remove the existing development (manual effort from our Council members) and restore the area with repaired walls and new carpet.
- WDGK Theo made a Notice of Motion for the Council to take on the dismantling of the existing walls and invest up to \$2,000 on the restoration of the room. This will likely take place in 2017.
- There are no plans/budget for St. Peter's development in the next 2-5 years to restore the Don Bosco Room following the move of the office to their new space, so this is a great opportunity for us.

Coats for Kids

- WDGK Theo recommended we again support the annual 'Coats for Kids' initiative and moved the Council purchase 2 boxes (24 new children's coats) to be given to the SSVP and BowWest. The cost is expected to be less than \$500. Motion seconded by Br. Kevin Matte. Carried.

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K of C Vests/Ties

- Br. Greig reminded all that about 8 vests are still to be picked up and paid for.

Old Propane Tank (40 lb.)

- A reminder was given to all members that the 3 old propane tanks are free for the taking. It would cost approx. \$65 to re-certify them.

District Deputy (DD) Report

- WDD Bill L. reported the November Chapter meeting would be hosted by St. Luke's Council on Nov. 21st. The Don Bosco Council has been asked to pay for food and refreshments for that meeting.
- There will be a Memorial Mass on Nov. 3 and any members who were deceased this last year will be remembered.
- There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Okotoks on Nov. 5, and possibly another in Jan. 2017.
- Sir Knight Mark Kotisky has entered the seminary, and asked us to consider providing support.

Activity Reports

- Br. Stephen C. advised that family members who assist us in our activities could be included in our summaries of support. A tracking template will be included with the minutes.

Good of the Order

- Please pray for Br. Chris Thompson who is recovering from heart surgery and needed a tube in his lung to drain some fluid.
- Please pray for Br. Peter Dugandzic's brother (Andrew), who lost a kidney and will need to have a leg removed.
- Please pray for the family of the woman who was killed in an accident near High River.
- Please pray for Br. Greig Hyland's brother (Garth) who is suffering from leukemia.
- Please pray for Br. David Mildenberger's wife (Corrie) who is recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- Br. Vince Deleo thanked all for their prayers for his sister (Paulette Pero), whose test confirmed she does not have cancer in her bones and is starting chemo treatments next week.
- Please pray for Br. Mark Sadowski's brother (Henry) who has Parkinson's disease, and his uncle John Sadowski.
- Please pray for Br. Bob Phillip's wife (Marie) who is fighting an autoimmune disease.
- Please pray for Derek Clark, a parishioner at St. Peter's, who was diagnosed with M.S.

Pennies from Heaven

- Br. Tom Carton's name was drawn but was not in attendance.

Closing Prayers

- Before adjourning the meeting at around 9:25 pm, WGK Angelo led closing prayers.

Next Meeting – November 2 @ 7:30 pm – St. Basil's School in Tuscany
Br. David Mildenberger, Recording Secretary