

Don Bosco Knights of Columbus Council #8146 – November 2, 2016 General Meeting

Worthy Grand Knight (WGK) Angelo called the October General Meeting to order at about 7:35 pm, and led opening prayers. The meeting was held at St. Basil's School in Tuscany.

Roll Call

Position	Member	P/Ab/Ex
Worthy Chaplain	Fr. Jonathan Gibson	P
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	Ex
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	Ex
Worthy Advocate	Br. Greig Hyland	P
Worthy Inside Guard	Br. Gerry Duchemin	P
Worthy Outside Guard	Br. Gary Belecki	Ex
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 – Fr. Jonathan congratulated the Council for organizing a great MNO event that was of such high quality and allowed the men to enjoy fellowship and richness of conversation. Fr. Jonathan also reminded us he will continue to lead our Formation each month focusing on virtues, and the retreat on April 1, 2017 will continue to speak to the 7 virtues (Cardinal and Theological). He also reminded us that vices are natural to us, and if we want to continue to grow in virtue, it has to be deliberate and intentional. There are 7 sacraments that allow us to receive grace from God and to overcome habitual sin. He encouraged us to read 2nd Peter.

Formation Program – please see Fr. Jonathan's discussion.

Review of October Minutes

- Following a review and no concerns, Br. David M. moved the October minutes be accepted as written; seconded by Br. Stephen C. Carried.

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Financial Secretary’s Report

- Br. Leo reported our membership is at 194, no change from last month.
- Br. Leo reported net receipts of \$8,496.68 (MNO proceeds and Pennies From Heaven), and expenses of \$3,328.71 (BowWest, MNO expenses, Chalice Program, Bishop’s Dinner - vouchers #1890 – 1902).
- Br. Leo reported our 2016 membership dues are at 80% paid and he will send out a second notice coinciding with a request for payment of 2017 dues.
- Br. Leo had received some response for the survey of men’s activities, and through a show of hands for various activities, received additional information at the meeting to complete the survey.
- Br. Leo has a copy of the ‘2015 Supreme Council Proceedings’ for anyone who is interested.
- Br. Leo moved his report be accepted as presented; seconded by Br. Vince D. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

- Br. Lu was not in attendance, but provided the Nov. 4 bank balances:

Account	Nov. 4, 2016	Oct. 4, 2016	Change
2015 MNO	\$ 87.27	\$ 587.27	-\$ 500.00
2016 MNO	\$ 31,689.42	\$ 16,632.19	\$ 15,057.23
General	\$ 62,931.60	\$ 22,164.54	\$ 40,767.06
Total	\$ 94,708.29	\$ 39,384.00	\$ 55,324.29
R.O.O.F.	\$ 22,530.74	\$ 22,530.74	\$ 0.00

- Detailed summaries will be attached to the minutes.

Payment of Bills:

Amount:	Payment Request:	Details of Expense:
MNO Account		
\$ 269.43	Br. Rick B.	Grappa & items for tent
\$ 61.74	Dwight V.K.	Friday lunch for set-up group
\$ 435.89	Br. Lorand	Staples supplies for registration
\$ 151.74	Br. Lu	Diesel for truck and print cartridge
\$ 6,034.61	Br. Greig	Booze, appetizers, prizes
\$ 14.36	Br. Theo	Ice
\$ 200.00	Br. David M.	Cash for floats (cigar tent, 50/50)
\$ 3,000.00	Terry Anderson	2015 MNO Grand Prize
\$ 110.00	Br. Peter D.	Items for cigar tent
\$ 1,155.00	Budget Printing & Supplies	MNO printing
\$ 200.00	Security & Br. Theo	Security and booze
\$ 5,000.00	SSVP	Christmas hamper donation
\$ 300.00	Annie Churka	Photography services
\$ 11,682.72	Roma Catering	MNO food
\$ 178.67	Br. Leo	MNO gifts and printer ink
\$ 208.00	Dalhousie CCA	Hall rental for thank you party
\$ 29,002.16	Total MNO	

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General Account		
\$ 171.99	Br. Greig	Wine purchase for Council
\$ 94.45	Br. Theo	Council seal
\$ 266.44	Total General	
\$ 29,268.60	Grand Total	

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

Committees

Membership Committee – no updates to report.

Communications Committee - No report.

Youth Committee - No report.

Old Business

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

- Br. Greig reported the event was very successful, with about 100 more tickets sold than last year.
- The net profit will be about \$34,000, including some revenues going directly to the R.O.O.F. fund (reduces our commitment for 2017).
- Br. Greig thanked all the volunteers for helping with special shout-outs to Br. Mario for driving the corporate sector and selling >35 tickets, and Br. Alfredo for organizing ~35 volunteers.
- Br. Greig also reported there were some problems experienced, and there will be a formal 'look back' on Nov. 9 to discuss how to improve the event.
- An MNO Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held at the Dalhousie Comm. Centre on Fri. Nov 4. in the Phoenix Room. So far about 15 of the 35 volunteers have responded to the RSVP.
- **Tickets are on sale for next year's event on October 20, 2017, same location.**

First Degree Team

- Br. Greig reported he will be taking over lead of our 'First Degree' team effort and thanked Br. Jim M. for his thoughtful mentorship and for getting the team to this stage.
- Coordination with the Ascension and Airdrie Councils continues and Br. Greig hopes to have our team 'ready and qualified' in 2017.
- WDD Bill L. will help replace some missing items from our First Degree 'kit'.

Elizabeth House

- Br. Peter D. reported the delivery of the computer equipment (2 systems) will be done on Fri. Nov 4. He will check if any available furniture (SSVP, parish office) would be of use to them.
- Br. David M. confirmed he has a few more computer pieces (monitors, keyboards, printers) to build more systems once additional computers/laptops become available.
- Br. Peter D. is meeting with the Diocesan Coordinator to determine their involvement and support.
- WDD Bill L. reported the request for Charity Appeals funds will be discussed at the Jan. Chapter meeting, and if supported, will be taken to the State Convention for voting.

State Charity Appeals Tickets

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- Br. Bruce reported that 15 of the 25 books have already been sold. Br. Vince D. requested more books and some Brother Knights offered him their books to sell.

Coats for Kids

- WDGK Theo reported 2 boxes of coats (12 coats in each box) have been ordered via Chapter and we will be billed directly. They will eventually be offered to the SSVP for distribution.

Ministry Mass (Oct. 16th, Sun. @11:30 pm)

- Br. Dan Ma. reported the October event was a success and circulated a sign-up sheet for the next Ministry Mass (Sat. Nov. 26, @5 pm).

K of C Vests/Ties

- Br. Greig reminded us that some vests have not been paid for/picked up. He will contact those who ordered a vest/tie. The Council discussed and agreed that after Nov. 13, unclaimed vests will be offered to other members.

New Business/Other Business

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

Event	Date/ Time	Comments
MNO Thank You	Fri. Nov. 4	Dalhousie Community Centre
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) food move to new room	November	WDGK Theo will confirm date/time
“Theology of the Body”	Tuesdays in Oct & Nov	Parish Formation Program
Nativity Set-up, lunch and reflection	Sat. Nov. 26 th , 10 am Lunch at noon Reflection at 1 pm Blessing of Nativity Scene after 5 pm mass	Reflection by Fr. Jonathan
Ministry Mass	Sat. Nov 26 th , 5 pm	See Br. Dan Ma.
Don Bosco Room restoration	December	WDGK Theo will confirm date/time
Men’s Social Event	January 2017	Will invite St. Peter’s men and fathers of St. Basil students
Monsignor Doyle Tree Pruning	To be determined	Coordinated with Monsignor Doyle School – need 5 - 7 Knights
“Foundational Bearings of Theology”	Wed/Thu in Jan - Mar	Parish Formation Program (\$100 fee)
CWL ‘Snowflake’ Fund-raiser	Sat. Jan. 28 th , 2017	Costs \$125 per person

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

- WDGK Theo reported the new SSVP room is close to completion and Parish hopes to get an ‘occupancy’ permit soon. The move of food back to the new SSVP room could happen on the weekend and an email request will be sent once the date is known.

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- WDGK Theo brought forward his Notice of Motion from the October meeting.
- WDGK Theo moved the Council give \$5,000 to the SSVP for their 2016 Christmas Hamper campaign; seconded by Br. Lorand S. Carried.
- WDD Bill L. suggested we submit our SSVP donation offering to Supreme as we can get \$500 rebate for our \$5,000 donation.

Nativity Scene Set-up, Council Reflection, Ministry Mass (Sat. Nov. 26th)

- WGK Angelo confirmed we are planning to assemble the Nativity Scene on the first day of Advent (Sat. Nov. 26) at 10 am – noon. A link will be sent for volunteers to sign-up.
- Following the Nativity Scene set-up there will be a lunch.
- Fr. Jonathan will then lead a Reflection for our Council at 1 – 2 pm. Reconciliation will be available after the Reflection.
- Following our Ministry Mass at 5 pm, there will be a blessing of Nativity Scene.

Don Bosco Room Restoration (December)

- WDGK Theo reported that Fr. Jerome has offered to pay for new floor tiles for the Don Bosco Room restoration, which will save our Council from incurring that expense.
- WDGK Theo will meet with Fr. Jerome this week to discuss the game plan and timing for this work. It is expected that 8 – 12 Brother Knights will be required for this demolition and re-build activity.
- As much material as possible will be reclaimed (most walls have no drywall mud so will not be damaged when we remove them).
- As there may be some electrical work required, an electrician will be needed to help in this Project.

Digital Working Group (Br. Eric C., Br. Stephen C., Br. Gerardo and Br. Lorand)

- Br Lorand reported the team wants to update the website and will bring a proposal to the Executive.
- Some possible improvements could include: access to the Bulletin and K of C documents (minutes); Volunteer registration; Facebook page (limited to members); and tools for registration at MNO.

Keep ‘Christ in Christmas’ Program

- WGK Angelo reported he received the package from Supreme regarding this school poster competition.
- Br. Eric C. has offered to lead this initiative and will contact 6 local schools to start. There are also posters for St. Peter’s so home-schooled children can participate. Since we have only 2 packages, they will make copies of the registration forms, as required.
- Br. Eric C. proposed we award prizes to the winners. Following a discussion, Br. Eric C. moved we give 3 prizes of \$50 to winners of the competition; seconded by Br. Gerry D. Carried.

Council Men’s Social Event (January 2017)

- Br. Eric C. reported he is corresponding with St. Basil’s School principal on possible dates for this event, likely in January 2017.
- The plans are to invite our members, the men of St. Peter’s and fathers of St. Basil School students.

District Deputy (DD) Report

- WDD Bill L. congratulated our Council on receiving the ‘Father McGivney’ and ‘Columbian’ awards this year and thanked everyone for their great support of the Council’s activities.

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- We did not receive the ‘Star Council’ award because we did not have enough insurance support.
- He thanked Br. Lorand for his great leadership over all our activities and Br. Leo for his great work in filling out the paperwork that documents our activities so we can receive these awards.

Bishop Henry’s 75th Birthday Celebration (Apr. 2018)

- WDGK Theo advised he is starting to organize a 75th birthday party for Bishop Henry for April 2018.
- He expects there to be about 1,000 people at the event, including priests & knights. Calgary Chapter is in support of the event, which would be led by the Don Bosco Council.
- WDGK Theo will present his proposal at the Nov. 21 Chapter meeting at St. Luke’s.

Good of the Order

- Please pray for our Br. Chris Thompson who is recovering from heart surgery.
- Please pray for our Br. Dave C. who is receiving therapy for bone cancer.
- Please pray for our Br. Ralph Bosch who is recovering from radiation therapy.
- Please pray for Br. Martin McDonald (from Calgary Chapter).
- Please pray for Br. Mark Sadowski’s brother (Henry) who has Parkinson’s disease.
- Please pray for Br. Vince Deleo’s sister (Paulette Pero) who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- 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 undergoing radiation therapy.
- Please pray for Br. Peter Dugandzic’s brother (Andrew).

Pennies from Heaven

- Br. Doug Morozowski’s name was drawn but was not in attendance.

Closing Prayers

- Before adjourning the meeting at around 9:10 pm, WGK Angelo led closing prayers.

Next Meeting – December 7 @ 7:30 pm – St. Basil’s School in Tuscany

Br. David Mildenberger, Recording Secretary