

Don Bosco Knights of Columbus Council #8146 – December 7, 2016 General Meeting

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

Mary Pringle – Chalice Program

- Mary Pringle made a presentation on the work she had done in Peru in support of the 'Chalice' Program. She thanked the Knights for our support of her work and our donation of \$500.
- Mary also had some photo albums of their work and left some copies of the Chalice Program catalogue for anyone who is interested in donating to this worthy cause.

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	Ex
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	Ex
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	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. Greig Hyland
Men's Night Out (MNO)	Br. Greig Hyland

Chaplain's Report – on behalf of Fr. Jerome and himself, Fr. Jonathan thanked our Council for all our support and our patience during the church's renovation. He specifically mentioned our great support of the Don Bosco Room restoration and our great support to the SSVP Christmas hamper program. Fr. Jonathan is looking forward to continue being our Chaplain and to provide spiritual direction to us.

Formation Program – Given the discussion with Mary Pringle on the Chalice Program before the meeting, there was no Formation Program.

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Review of November Minutes

- Two amendments will be made to the November minutes. On page 2 under payments of bills, clarity will be added that the \$5,000 payment to SSVP will be transferred to the General account and paid from there. Also, on page 5, it was confirmed the \$5,000 donation to the SSVP would be submitted to Supreme for a \$500 rebate.
- Br. David M. moved the amended November minutes be accepted; seconded by Br. Eric C. Carried.

Financial Secretary’s Report

- Br. Leo reported our membership is at 194, no change from last month.
- Br. Leo reported net receipts of \$2,006.00 (membership dues, MNO proceeds, Charity Appeal tickets and Pennies From Heaven), and expenses of \$29,268.60 (MNO expenses, MNO Volunteer Thank You, SSVP Hampers - vouchers #1903 – 1920).
- Br. Leo reported our 2016 membership dues are still at 80% paid. He sent invoices for 2017 dues.
- Br. Leo reported the annual volunteer survey was complete; he observed a reduction in reported hours and an increase in giving. Our new tracking spreadsheet will help keep track of all hours.
- Br. Leo moved his report be accepted as presented; seconded by Br. Joe H. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

- Br. Lu reported we had a very busy month, including many transactions related to the MNO event. He provided the Dec. 3 bank balances and details will be attached to the minutes:

Account	Dec. 3, 2016	Nov. 3, 2016	Change
2015 MNO	\$ 12.67	\$ 187.27	-\$ 174.60
2016 MNO	\$ 10,682.42	\$ 31,439.42	-\$ 20,757.00
General	\$ 33,007.72	\$ 27,177.11	\$ 5,830.61
Total	\$ 43,702.81	\$ 58,803.80	-\$ 15,100.99
R.O.O.F.	\$ 22,530.74	\$ 22,530.74	\$ 0.00

- Br. Lu reported we have about \$3,200 remaining in our 2016 budget, and we will likely use another \$1,200 by year-end.
- Br. Lu moved his report be accepted as presented; seconded by Br. Vince D. Carried.

Payment of Bills:

Amount:	Payment Request:	Details of Expense:
General Account		
\$ 46.19	WDGK Theo	Combination lock for shed
\$ 39.94	WDGK Theo	1 st Degree lunch meeting
\$ 82.46	WDGK Theo	Meeting snacks
\$ 25.00	Br. Leo	Nativity Scene – 5 straw bales
\$ 107.30	Br. Greig H.	Nativity Scene – lunch and coffee
\$ 19.41	WGK Angelo	Executive meeting snacks
\$ 215.27	WGK Angelo	Wine for Council meeting social
\$ 55.30	WGK Angelo	Lunch with Fr. Jerome
\$ 763.64	Br. Mark S.	Pro-Life Posters (2017 budget)
\$ 1,354.51	Total General	

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

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Committees

Membership Committee – Br. David reported that Dr. Michael Martin is planning to attend a First Degree ceremony on Dec. 10th. Also it was discussed we are planning to have a Membership Drive on Jan. 7 in the Narthex.

Communications Committee – See discussion on website development from Digital Working Group.

Youth Committee – See discussions on ‘Coats for kids’, ‘Basketball free throw’ and ‘Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition’.

Old Business

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

- Br. Greig reported the ‘look back’ discussion on Nov. 9 provided some insight into how the MNO can be improved for next year.
- Br. Greig also reported there is some interest in creating a charitable organization, similar to the ‘Ferdinand Society’ which had been in operation by the Knights for some time. The application to CRA can take a few months, and Br. Leo and Br. Lu are helping put together the application, hopefully to be submitted in January. There is some formality required (specific rules to follow including the creation of an executive) and more information will follow in January.
- **Tickets are on sale for next year’s event on October 20, 2017, same location.**

Ministry Mass (Sat. Nov. 26 @5 pm)

- Br. Dan Ma. reported the November event was a success and circulated a sign-up sheet for the next Ministry Mass (Sun. Dec. 18, @9:30 am).

First Degree Team

- Br. Greig reported their team’s first 1st Degree Ceremony was very successful. Their next 1st Degree Ceremony will be on Sat. Dec. 10 in Airdrie with St. Paul’s Council.

Elizabeth House

- Br. David M. confirmed he still has a few more computer components (3 monitors, keyboard, printer, speakers) to build more systems once additional computers/laptops become available.
- Br. David M. suggested there might be some opportunity to get more computer pieces to build more systems if businesses such as Best Buy, Staples or some used computer sellers on Kijiji are asked if they are willing to participate. Br. David will reach out to Staples as a start.

State Charity Appeals Tickets

- Br. Bruce reported that 24 of the 25 books have been sold. State had asked if we would sell more, but following a discussion, it was decided we would not ask for more books this year. Perhaps next year when the church is back in full capacity (bigger Narthex for setting up tables to sell).
- Br. Bruce also reported our Council has about \$275 to be directed to our charity of choice.

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

- Br. Eric C. reported a Facebook page has been set up, and will continue to evolve as the team continues to work on it. He forwarded the link to Br. David who will send to the members.

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Coats for Kids

- WDGK Theo reported 2 boxes of coats (12 coats in each box) have been forwarded to the SSEV for distribution (12 boy's and 12 girl's winter coats).
- The program was very successful this year and it was recommended we purchase 4 boxes next year.

Keep 'Christ in Christmas' Poster Program

- Br. Eric C. reported he has contacted 6 Catholic schools in our area and 5 are interested in participating, so he has delivered kits to the 5 schools.
- Br. Eric C. asked for help in judging the posters as St. Basil School alone will have about 500 participants. He will send a note to Br. David to request help for judging the posters.
- Br. Eric C. will pick up the posters from the schools in the next week and plans for a mid-January decision on the winners. Since there are only 3 prizes, he plans to have 'honourable mention' so every school will get some kind of acknowledgement of participation.

Meetings in January – March

- Since some Knights are participating in the "Foundational Bearings of Theology" sessions on Wed./Thur. between January and March, we will need to hold our meetings on another day. Also, the Confirmation mass will be on April 5.
- We plan to hold our meetings on Tuesdays during these months; the January meeting will be on Tues. Jan. 10 in the Don Bosco Room.

New Business/Other Business

- WGK Angelo and WDGK Theo gave a quick overview of up-coming events over the next few months:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date/ Time</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Move of St. Peter's office furniture	Fri. Dec. 9 th , 9 am start	Br. Greig H. organizing
Don Bosco Room restoration	Sat. Dec. 10 th , 9 am start Sun Dec. 11 th (if needed)	WDGK Theo organizing CWL providing lunch Sat. at noon
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) food hampers storage	Mon. Dec 12 th start	Using Don Bosco Room - restoration must be complete by Sun. Dec 11
SSVP food hamper delivery	Sat. Dec 17 th , 10 am start	Using Don Bosco Room
Ministry Mass	Sun. Dec. 18 th , 9:30 am	Br. Dan Matchett organizing
"Foundational Bearings of Theology"	Wed/Thu in Jan - Mar	Parish Formation Program (\$100 fee)
Men's Social Event	Tues. Jan. 24, 2017	Will invite St. Peter's men and fathers of St. Basil students
CWL 'Snowflake' Fund-raiser	Sat. Jan. 28 th , 2017	Costs \$125 per person
Spaghetti Dinner	Sat. Feb. 25 th , 2017	Only if church hall & kitchen available
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast	Tues. Feb. 28 th , 2017 (morning)	St Basil requested some volunteers to help. BBQ's not needed
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	Tues. Feb. 28 th , 2017 (evening)	Only if church hall & kitchen available

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Gifts for our Priests

- W GK Angelo moved we give a gift of \$150 to each of our priests, including: Fr. Jerome, Fr. Jonathan, Deacon Tom; and Fr. Ephrem. Seconded by Br. Lothar. Carried

Don Bosco Room Restoration (Fri. Dec. 9th, Sat. Dec. 10th, Sun. Dec 11th)

- WDGK Theo confirmed the emptying of the temporary office space must be done on Fri. Dec.9th (starting at 9 am).
- Br. Greig H. is coordinating the move of the office furniture and asked for more help. Also, anyone interested in having a desk or shelf should let Br. Greig know. Any extra furniture will be moved to to the Monsignor Doyle School for their use.
- WDGK Theo confirmed the teardown of the temporary offices in the Don Bosco Room will begin on Sat. Dec 10th at 9 am, and a sign-up sheet has been emailed and was circulated at the meeting. The CWL will provide lunch for the workers.
- If required, restoration of the Don Bosco Room will continue on Sun. Dec. 11th (starting at 1 pm) as the room must be clear by Mon. Dec. 12th so the SSVP hamper items can be stored there.
- The plans are to save as much wood and drywall as possible and to re-use some drywall sheets to replace the carpet that is presently glued to the walls. Extra material will be offered on a first-come first-served basis.
- There will be a coffee station (sink, cupboards) added to the Don Bosco Room to be consistent with the layout of the new meeting rooms in the renovated section of the church.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

- WDGK Theo confirmed the delivery of the Christmas hampers would take place on Sat. Dec. 17th, starting at 10 am. A sign-up sheet has been emailed.

Council Men's Social Event (Tues. Jan. 24th)

- Br. Eric C. confirmed the event will take place at St. Basil's School on Jan. 24th, and Br. James S. is helping coordinate the event.
- A notice has been sent to the school (to invite fathers of students) and to St. Peter's for the Bulletin (to invite men of the Parish).
- Br. Eric C. moved the Council support the cost of the event up to \$400; seconded by Br. Joe H. Carried.

Spaghetti Dinner (Sat. Feb 25th, St. Peter's Parish Hall, Don Bosco Room)

- Br. Gerry D. has offered to chair this event, which is tentatively scheduled for Sat. Feb 25th. This is contingent on the church basement hall and kitchen being available, so may need to be postponed.
- Br. Gerry D. also thanked all the members who helped in the kitchen at the MNO event.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast and Dinner (Tues. Feb 28th)

- Br. Eric C. confirmed that St. Basil's School asked for help (manpower only, no BBQs) at their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast on Tues. Feb 28th.
- Br Gerry D. reported there would be a pancake dinner at St. Peter's if the basement hall and kitchen are available. To be determined.

Basketball Free Throw. (Jan./Feb.)

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- There was some discussion if we should host a Basketball Free-Throw event next year.
- Br. Eric C. offered to work with Br. Stephen L. and Br. Jim M. to put some plans together for January and February. There is a \$75 cost to register with State.
- Br. Eric C. moved the Council support a Basketball Free-Throw event with up to \$300 for prizes and snacks; seconded by Br. Lothar. Carried.

2017 Budget

- Br. Lu developed a DRAFT 2017 budget, which Br. David had forwarded to the members for their review prior to the meeting.
- While many line items are the same as in the 2016 budget, Br. Lu discussed some of the specific items, including some proposed changes from last year's budget. Some of these included: \$8,050 for administration costs; \$10,000 for SSVP; \$2,500 for Elizabeth House; a total of \$43,700 operating budget; and no contingency factored into the budget.
- Br. Lu made a Notice of Motion that his 2017 budget as presented be accepted and voted on at the January 10 meeting. The details will be attached to the December minutes.

District Deputy (DD) Report

- WDD Bill L. will be hosting a meeting next week with Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights and will provide more detail at a later date.
- WDD Bill L. mentioned he has some pictures from last year's 4th Degree ceremony (WDGK Theo, Br. Alfredo, Br. Eric C.). He reminded all there will be a 4th Degree ceremony on Jan. 28th.

Good of the Order

- Please pray for our Br. Chris Thompson who continues to have health challenges.
- Please pray for Br. Rick Bujnowicz's brother (Ed) who has cancer.
- Please pray for Br. Greig Hyland's brother (Garth) who is suffering from leukemia.
- Please pray for Br. Vince Deleo's sister (Paulette Pero) who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Please pray for Br. Peter Dugandzic's brother (Andrew).
- Please pray for our Br. Dave C. who is receiving therapy for bone cancer.
- Please pray for Br. Mark Sadowski's brother (Henry) who has Parkinson's disease.
- Please pray for Br. David Mildenberger's wife (Corrie) who had radiation therapy.
- Please pray for our Br. Ralph Bosch who is recovering from radiation therapy.
- Please pray for our Br. Jack Tarnowsky who recently underwent emergency back surgery.
- Please pray for a family member of our Fraternal Benefits Advisor, Br. Greg Miskiman.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ezzy Al Ogadi, a 17-year old who helped at our events and was murdered last weekend.

Pennies from Heaven

- Br. Leo Piedimonte's name was drawn and he was in attendance. Congratulations!

Closing Prayers

- Before adjourning the meeting at around 9:41 pm, WGK Angelo led closing prayers.

Next Meeting – January 10th @7:30 pm – Don Bosco Room
Br. David Mildenberger, Recording Secretary