

## **Minutes of Dec. 9, 2019 Meeting of Fr. James Barrett St. Mary's Council 5999 Knights of Columbus**

The meeting was called to order by substitute Jim Dyer. Meeting began with St. Michael Archangel opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:

**Roll Call** – Roll Call found the following officers present: Recorder, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Advocate, Outside Guard, 3 yr. Trustee, 2 yr. Trustee and 1 yr. Trustee.

**Minutes** – Motion to approve Oct. minutes made by L. Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Hemker. Approved. Nov meeting canceled

**Grand Knight Report** – Bills paid included Insurance \$932, Gordon Foods \$479, Sean Fitzgerald \$1000, Steve Searles food bar repair & supplies \$120. Donations distributed were: Fountain Clinic \$2500, MACS \$200, Marshall Community Foundation \$200, There's Enough store \$200, Mobile Meals \$200.

**Lecturer Reflection** – by John Mellino. Joy and sorrow can co-exist in one person. Spiritual joy is to be loved. Trust the Lord when he says, "Be not afraid."

**Treasurer's Report** – November breakfast was for Coats for Kids campaign. Julia Underhill purchased coats and distributed.

### **Unfinished Business/Program Reports**

- *Draw Down Report* – by Ted Merkel. Will put photo in Advisor. Send out Thank You cards. Start on 2020 Draw Down earlier. 2020 date is Oct. 4 at Medalist Golf with deposit already in to hold the date.
- *Christmas Dinner* – by Gus Groat. Decorations to go up Dec. 22. Same great meal. Volunteers are filling up nicely but donations for next year are low, especially from parish. All systems go.

### **New Business –**

- *Breakfast Dec. 15* – All hands-on Deck! Start at 8:15 but really need cleanup crew after last mass. Proceeds go to Holy Catholic Radio station.
- *Father Craig IRA donation* – Tabled until a later date.
- *Jan. Breakfast Proceeds* – Motion presented by B. Budesky to donate \$1000 minimum from breakfast income to Blue Knights Boys Club and Little Girls Flower Club program. 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Mellino. Approved.
- ***VIRTUS Training – Mon. Jan. 13 @ 6:00 PM in St. James room for all Knights.*** Tim Fitzgerald will run a VIRTUS program so that all Knights can get this important certification. This is before January Knights meeting at 7:00 PM. Highly recommended!!
- *Christmas Gift for Staff* – Motion by B. Budesky for money for Christmas gifts for Father Craig \$100, Stacy \$50, Gary \$50, Benedict \$50. 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Groat. Approved.
- *Marriage Retreat* – Larry Cook continues to investigate this with ideas for having it take place in 2020.

**Kalamazoo Regional Director Report** – by Jeff Cypher. His job is to support District Deputies. Our job as Knights is to make men become better Catholics. Improve form submittals and get numbers to Supreme.

**Fourth Degree Report** – by Matt Hemker. Dec. 18 Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting 7 PM St. Phil. Christmas Party Sat. Jan. 11 @ Grand River Brew in Marshall 6:30 RSVP. All members of any degree and spouses. Look for 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification in April.

**District Deputy Report** – by Tom Hickey; 365 and 185 forms not in yet. MUST DO NOW! Holy Cross Services appreciated donations. Jan. 15 Diocesan meeting, Jan. 18 DD meeting at St. Phil, Holy Cross Calendars available \$25. New exemplification ceremonies coming after Jan. 1. All encompassing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees at the same time.

**For the Good of the Order** –Repose of the soul of Denny Sheridan, Beatitude of Fulton Sheen, Lynn Gruber, All Priests in our Diocese, overseas military personnel, David Mellino and Brody Fitzgerald military boot camp, Pensacola, FL naval air station victims and survivors and families.