**SAN DIEGO DIOCESE CHAPTER KOFC MINUTES**

**October 19, 2019, St. Didacus Catholic Church**

**8:15am DD Mentor Breakaway & DM Assembly Breakaway Meeting**

**9:15am Rosary**

**9.43am CALL TO ORDER: Chapter President- Armando Mena**

* **Opening Prayer: Fr. Grace**
* **Pledge of Allegiance: District Marshall Frank Contreras**

**Minutes: Tom Davis, Vice President – We voted to accept minutes as posted**

**Roll Call: Armando Mena**

**Chapter Officers** **Present Excused Absent**

**President** Armando Mena X

**Chaplin** Open

**Co-Chaplain** *Father Grace, OSA* X

**Vice-President** Tom Davis X

**Secretary** Michael Bordwell X

**Treasurer** Luigi Zoni X

**Advocate** *Larry Campitiello* X

**Warden** *Andy Huelskamp* X

**Asst. Warden** Donald Rakestraw X

**One Year Trustee** Ken Morris  X

**Two Year Trustee** Jesse Ramirez  X

**Three Year Trustee** J. Tony Villaman X

**9:47AM: Introduction of Dignitaries: Armando Mena, President**

* Michael Brault State Online Membership & E-Council chairman/ Round Table Chairman/ DD Mentor
* State Advocate Rene Trevino
* District Marshall Frank Contreras

**9:50am: Chapter Officer’s Report:**

**Treasurer’s Report: Luigi Zoni,**

**Current Balance- $ 8312.63**

**Deposits TBA**

**4 Checks still outstanding**

**Final balance 7124.82**

**Chapter Charities balance no report**

**Secretary’s Report: Michael Bordwell: Good morning all for attending todays Chapter meeting. Thanks to all the councils for sending in the per capita checks. We are at 64% in paid councils that had paid. This week the SD Chapter donation letter went out for our annual Chapter event. Hope all councils help support them this Columbia year.**

**Spiritual Message / Guidance:** Fr. Grace talked about “In the breach” In the beginning of the letter it addresses the call and clear charge to you my sons and brothers of Christ. Do not engage in an ongoing battle waging all around us. The battle that is wounding our families, distorting our woman and men. This battle is hidden, the battle is real and spiritual and is getting the remaining Christians in our society and even in our own homes. It’s a strong statement, but it is very real and must be made aware of. Our church is under attack. Even in our government they are trying to silences this. By trying to get rid of Christopher Columbus and anything that is an object of the Knights, judging us and trying to block us, we are under attack. We have to be very aware of what’s happening. So how do we start, we start with ourselves. Who are we? We are Knights, but how do you live personally as a Knight? Through Faith, what is your prayer? I ask these questions, what is your situation in your home, your work and those you meet? Do you look into it, but don’t let this destroy your faith, your church, Christ has told us this. No matter what, the church itself must not fail. And our faith is important and look who we are as Knights- Faith in Action and must be and come from our faith and deliver to Christ as Knights. From our spiritually everything we do. Those that don’t like us, comes from us believing in our hearts of people of faith. Living and working through our faith. If we are not there who are we as knights. Being this back to your councils. The Chaplin’s attending your council meeting have them do a report. It not we miss the boat and I will pray for what you do and that is way the Knights can better this county. I would like to see more members, more DD’s and more councils present at the chapter meetings. These are just a few remarks I would like to point out and let’s face the attack.

**State Advocate** Rene Trevino: Memberships, embracing your faith, empowering to evangelize and remembering when you took that admissions degree you became a knights of Columbus. You are empowered to grow the order. If all of you recruited “1” man and they became a knight. See how much more this room would be filled with men. I encourage all DD’s and GK’s grow the order through our faith. Encourage every knight to talk to that man at church to join. Retention our state deputy badge shows the good shepherd, reach out to your fellow knight, and ask how they are doing and if you can help them. Tend to our flock. Safe Environment is very important, we are looking out for our parishes. We must hold ourselves accountable. All brothers in your councils “must” be certified. The Oakland Diocese is requiring all knights to take the Safe environment training. Our chapter president will be meeting with our diocese and bishop to try and accept the knight’s certification. One of the biggest things I see is attending an admissions degree, listen intently to the words reflect and pray. Obeying the laws, rules of the order. Look at section 162. It goes back to what Father Grace talked about, go back and pray in your own personal faith. Final request all conduct a retreat, we need to treat ourselves as Catholic men and our faith.

**Chapter President Report: no report**

**Trustees Report: (3yr: J Tony Villaman, 2yr: Jesse Ramirez, 1yr: Ken Morris; no report**

**Vice President Tom Davis – Featured Program Reports:**

**Widow and Widower Luncheon: Rene Trevino ask to save the date February 15, 2020, 11am-1:30pm, St. Gregory the great Catholic Church 11451 Blue Cypress Drive, SD. 92131. All GK’s contact all Columbus widow and widowers in your parish mail or give them a copy of the flyer handed out. Please make transportation arrangements and escort them with your wives.**

**Keep Christ in Christmas: Tom Davis asked all councils to start ordering the kits for this and the substance abuse, poster and essay contest and light for Christ contest.**

**First Responder Coordinator: Rene Trevino we are here to looking out to tending our flock. The major earthquake and fires we had. We have brother Knights living in these areas, we need to contact them. Who is on your roster? More details will come forth on this. It all stems from the Paradise fire, 69 knights lost their homes to the fire. Columbia Charities- we have the need to help our brother knights through this program.**

**Parades: Luigi Zoni: 33 annual Veterans Day parade & Star Light parade- Chula Vista December 7. Brother Chuck Wright is gracefully offering his house as the starting point. Last year we only had just 4 brothers that attended the parade. We need to let them know our faith, defend this by our presents. Our Lady of Guadalupe processional tentative date is December 7. Once we get the date it will be announced.**

**Membership Chairman Ed Pruitt: to post all degrees. I got a total of 1 request? What happen? Know there was more than 1 degree. Knighthood degree- need knighthood degrees promised in St, Marks North County, and need 1 in the south or East County.**

**Soccer Challenge-Luigi Zoni: Oct 26 – starting at 9:30am, running to 1pm. The Chapter level will be at St. Michaels, Poway. Email blast to come out this week, prior to the date. Post on the chapter web site.**

**Prolife 40 days for life- Michael Brault prayer site south bay, we are there at plan parenthood. We never know how many lives we can save. There is a 75% reduction in appointments by us being there. We are on day 24 with 16 days left. All are welcome to attend our Faith and Light meeting tomorrow at St. Pius X Church, Chula Vista.**

**Christmas of Light and Life; Tony Villafranca- all councils are asked to purchase a table to help purchase and sponsor Opus VII, mobile ultra sound initiative at the Westin Carlsbad resort 5480 Grand pacific drive, Carlsbad December 12, 2019. Social hour 5pm**

**Special Olympics: Tom Davis – still need help to support this event Oct 26, start time for help is 8am. Will accept all donations. Always move to help out. Will serve from 11am to 1; 30pm. Rancho Bernando Rec center. Just come out and support. ID drive all councils should be running your drive this month. March 30 is due dates to get forms and fund in to the state. Look for email blast on the form.**

**Safe Environment Training: CP Armando: looking for 2 sites for training. Like a big screen or use your cell phone to take this training. Next meeting more information and what councils that haven’t taken the training. Only 24 councils right now have taken the training. Will be talking to the bishop’s staff and this chapter to try and help catholic youth. By age 13 many kids decide not to be catholic any more. If the father prays and the kids see the family praying, they ae goes up to 25. We need to help the church and youth. In Jan we will have a training on this. Please bring your wives for this training. The state is also offering an award to the council with the most men having taken this training at the state convention.**

**Membership Director- Michael Brault: Chapter goal is 647 new members: its 1 new member per council. If every council tries we will come very close to 700 new members. Invite them to a faith activity. Best way to recruit. Next- training on worthy shepherds and apostles program, by contacting brother knights in person or phone that are not active and seeing how they are doing and keeping them connected to the knights. If you have a lost brother you can email the state director at sirknightjhill@gmail.com. If your council is needing help contact Michael Brault to assist. There should be no more than 1-2 drops per year. Use this script, it works. Act like brothers –charity, invite them to feel connected. What is a Round Tables- 1 person to reach our worship groups not being served by knights? Do the report. Contact the priest or committee and ask if they would like Knights of Columbus help. Round Tables lead to membership. That’s how you build your councils.**

**Old Business: no old business discussed**

**New Business: Gary Hines: the Silver Rose went off very smoothly. Had 3 services with 40-50 people, out in dessert communities with this the CP Armando said we had over 4000 people that attended the 15. If we do these events we will track the results. Tony Villafranca stood up and mention that he got with the FN and would like to work towards creating a Columbus Day for our Chapter next year. It’s our name sake and would like to work with all assemblies to host a Columbus Day celebration with your families.**

**4th Degree Report:** Frank Contreras DM- November 2, 4th degree Ontario, if you haven’t done your paperwork, they are only accepting 140 only. If not next one is February 22 2020. All happening in Ontario, get your paperwork in.

**Good of the Order: Tom Davis presented Mick Hammond as the Chapter knight of the month. He’s leads the Rosary at the council and 40 days for life and is instrumental in his work with the Knights.**

**Host Council Presentation: Presented by President Mena to DD Chris Wamsley to present to council 1339**

* **Opportunity Drawing: winning raffle and rosaries were won**
* **Top District Attending Chapter Meeting: District # 147 with 3 councils 8879, 9590, 14550 - fabulous job in attending.**

**Prayer for the Sick given by Fr. Grace**

**Next Meeting Date and Location- St Pius X Church 1120 Cuyamaca Chula Vista, Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**Closing Prayer – Fr. McGivney Prayer**

**11:40am: Meeting Adjourned:**