

Synopsis of Minutes of the meeting held on Friday November 16th 2018

Opening The GK opened the meeting according to the manual for small councils.

In attendance – Paul Cain (PC), Jed Gregory (JD) Brian heap (BHe) Bernard Holden (BHo) John McManus (JMc) Paul Moxham (PM) Eric Mullen (EM) Kevin Nancarrow (KN) Andrew Szlaz (AS) Paul Toman (PT)

Minutes of the last meeting held on October 19th were proposed as a true record by (PM), seconded by (BHe) and passed unanimously.

Matters arising. Two brothers indicated they had not received the minutes and agenda by email

Reports

Action **Jed Gregory** **Include report on action plan development**
(JD) reported that he had not consulted with Fr, Stamp about a speaker for the day of recollection at St. Joseph's. It was suggested that this event be arranged for after Easter 2019, The Remembrance Day and service held in Oak Hill Park was well attended by 500 people. The KSC wreath was laid by (BHe)

Treasurer **Brian Heap** **Include report on action plan development**
The treasurer gave a report on the Council's finances. He had paid the Council's subs by a cheque to Glasgow Head Office. Supreme has finally accepted our membership numbers and accepted our records as accurate.

In the discussions about Christmas gifts for widows it was proposed that:-

A box of biscuits, a KSC Calendar and a Mass card to be delivered to each widow by brothers living in their area.

Deputy GK **Paul Cain** **Include report on action plan development**
(PC) reported that Clitheroe council have now closed and other councils have lost several members. It was agreed to establish the email addresses of brothers from Clitheroe and try to encourage them to join us in Accrington. At our last meeting every brother was given two recruitment leaflets but it was reported that we had not had any enquiries resulting from this initiative,

Chancellor **Paul Toman** **Include report on action plan development**
(PT) reported the Provincial Mass for deceased brother will take place on Sunday November 25th at 9.45 in St. Mary's Burnley. This brought some criticism from brothers as in the past this Mass has always been in the afternoon which is much more convenient for our elderly widows. It was explained that with the shortage of priests and the additional workloads resulting from this it was suggested that the local priests are reluctant to say additional Masses in the afternoon.

In discussions about the wearing of collars it was suggested that all should wear the purple collars not the elaborate officer's collars.

Secretary **John McManus** **Include report on action plan development**
It was suggested that we establish an action plan for 2019. Whilst much will be a repeat of this year's action plan it was suggested we explore additional activities as this will be the centenary year of the order. We need to arrange something special both to celebrate the centenary and publicise the order in our community. The action plan should additionally include:-

- A day of recollection led by an experienced speaker who would relate to older children and adults.
- Another trip to Ladywell which should be opened up to other parishes in Hyndburn between May and September when an open air Mass could be celebrated.
- Money raising events – Bingo, domino Drive, etc. etc.
- Since most events take place in St. Anne's and St. Joseph's parish it was felt other parishes should be more involved

Technology Officer David Richard Include report on action plan development

It was suggested we need to update some of our publicity leaflets on the website to indicate we no longer meet in St. Anne's but in St. Joseph's Hall.

Grand Knight Bernard Holden Include report on action plan development

No comment at this stage. The debate is an important issue to our council.

Debate “do address recruitment to our council?”

The following points were raised:-

- Councils with clubs do better than those without.
- The KSC restricts itself to men only.
- The age group of 18 to 30 are conspicuous by their absence
- The burden on the Parish Priest is enormous and should perhaps be prepared to delegate to members of the KSC.
- In connection with publicity BHe, PM, BHo and PT agreed to present a script for either making a church appeal or placing it on the parish bulletins. This should be emailed to BHo as soon as possible for distribution with the minutes.
- The date and location of our meetings should appear regularly in the Parish Bulletins.
- In smaller councils there is less need for formal ritual.
- The room layout is not particularly welcoming for prospective members
- Reports should be brief giving more time for debate and discussions

AOB

JMc indicated he has written to province indicating how the £1000 has been allocated.

BHo showed the council photographs of the presentation to Rough Lee Home at their AGM

PM indicated he would not be giving Christmas cards to each Brother, instead we should all make a donation to council funds for charities of our choice.

Date of next meeting

Our next meeting will take place at 7.30 on December 21st 2018 at St. Joseph's Church Hall on Belgarth Road.

Closing of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.30 with prayers for our deceased brothers.