**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

**Call to Order** at 7:02 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by Fr. Eric Ridder.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Terry Sparrow.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:**  SLMC guests “Lupe” Becerra and Oscar Valdez were introduced and subsequently became “new” members. Other guests in attendance were Fr. Eric Ridder and Fr. Alejandro Del Bosque.

**Birthdays for the Month of October:** Seven (7) members celebrated birthdays this month. The oldest member being Dr. Homer Fezter at 86 years of age, and the youngest was Reno Puente, III at age 26.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Tony Paniagua introduced his cooking crew. They were Paul Rodriguez, Mario Lazarine, Frank Garza, Steve Garza, EJ Arnold, Ernie Elizondo, Joe Olivares, Reno Puente, and Bobby Olivares. The Membership applauded their steak and baked potato, salad, and dessert dinner.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**: Secretary John Martinez submitted the minutes of last month’s General Meeting. There were no corrections, additions, or deletions. Minutes were accepted as posted.

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reviewed and presented the correspondence/mail received for this month, and noted it was distributed out accordingly.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joe E. Groff, Jr. reported briefly that the “Treasury” is in the black. He added that the SLMC advertisement in the Church Bulletin has been purchased and the size increased from a #1 to a size #2. The change should be reflected in the forthcoming bulletin.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder had no report.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes related that he represented the Club at the Church’s Rosary celebration on October 13th for the 101st anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. He noted that the Club’s attendance was sparse, and hopes that next year’s Rosary celebration will be better represented. He also added that Fr. Ridder will celebrate a Special Mass for the Club’s Members on November 19th at 6 pm prior to the General Meeting. He asks for all to attend.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley had no report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips reports buying three (3) new round wooden tables to replace three (3) “old” and decrepit WGD tables.
* Membership: Rene Soliz had no report.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to be the link to the information dispersed to the Club.
* Webmaster: John Hardin sent in his report noting that the September General Meeting Minutes and the October General Meeting announcement had been posted. He has also added a new web page to simplify the purchase of the Christmas Dinner Dance “tickets” and/or tables, and reported that “old” data had also been purged from the system.
* Christian Services: Wally Fields sent in his Christian Services report and is attached. Gilbert also called for continued prayers for Rudy Martinez’ unborn grandchild who may be suffering a brain lesion, and for Rene Soliz’ son, Aaron Soliz, who was recently hospitalized for a bowel obstruction. Also, prayers went out for the family of Ignacio “Nacho” Lopez, age 95 (a WWII veteran and brother of Club Member Jose Lopez) who passed away September 26, 2018.
* Entertainment: (Steve Dupnick)
  + Rockport Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnick - OOC.
  + Missions Baseball: David Keller- OOC; however, he confirms receiving the “signed” Missions’ Jersey for the auction at the 2019 WGD.
  + Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora – OOC.
  + Dove Hunt: Augie de la Cruz reported that the Dove Hunt was a success netting $2736.00. He recognized Rick Hite for the help he provided, as well as, Lalo Fernandez for donating the use of his ranch to have the hunt. He said the food, drinks, and prizes were excellent, and everyone had a great time. He recognized Rudy Martinez for heading the cooking team, in turn, Rudy asked all who helped to stand up and be recognized. Additionally, Rudy recognized Russell Phillips, Terry Sparrow, and Peter Binkley for their help as well, and he also recognized Carlo Escamilla, Marketing Associate with Sysco Foods, who donated some of the food. All their hard work was greatly appreciated
  + UTSA Football Game: Reno Puente informed the Members that he still has tickets available for the UTSA vs. FIU game on November 10th. Also featured is a tailgate party in conjunction with this event. The $41.00 ticket buys admission to both. If interested, he advises everyone to act quickly, since there will be no other meeting before the game to buy tickets. Reno says he will need help cooking and setting up. He can be reached at 210/789-7366 for tickets and to help.
  + Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign and Rick Jones are in charge of this event. Rick passed out flyers reflecting the particulars of the Dinner Dance. He discussed the changes for this year’s Dinner Dance. Questions arose therein, and he explained the rationale and process. Notably, there will be no tickets per se, and in lieu a list of paid guests will be prepared and used at check-in. There will be no “will call” either, and no seats will be sold at the door. Seating is limited (only 300 seats), and seats should be purchased by November 27th. Members can purchase and reserve their seats by phone or online at www.saintlukemensclub.com/Christmas.html. Paid up SLMC Members in good standing can enter free, however they must pay for their spouses or significant other.
* Public Relations: James Benavides had no report. Gilbert thanked him for his article in the September’s Today’s Catholic publication lauding the benevolence and charitable work done by the Club. It highlighted this year’s SOG distribution Banquet and Charities benefitted, and the Club’s final contribution pledge payment to the Church’s Capital Campaign. - Gilbert also reported that he represented the Club and participated in the “Respect Life Multi-Lingual Rosary” procession on October 5, 2018, at 6 pm. The procession was led by Fr. Ridder and walked the St. Luke’s neighborhood, and upon return to the Church the Rosary was recited. It was sponsored by the Guadalupanos Society and the Knights of Columbus. - Gilbert thanked Rudy Martinez for spearheading the preparation and cooking of the Fall Festival BBQ dinner. He also thanked his cooking team for the hard work put in by all of those Club Members, who toiled tirelessly this Fall Festival weekend. Rudy asked all who helped to stand and be recognized. He also recognized Carlo Escamilla, with Sysco Foods, as being instrumental in making their work and the Fall Festival a success. All applauded their work. - Gilbert reported he and his wife attended the Mi Casa Gala as guests of Rick Jones and as representatives of the Club. He was quite impressed with the Gala and the auction prizes.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses had no report.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips says that Dominic Griego is taking over the WGD Stage Set Up from RC Contreras.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes - OOC.
* Nominations/Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow will be meeting with his committee to nominate/review/select candidates to receive the Lifetime Membership award at the Christmas Dinner Dance. The selectees will be announced later.
* Finance Review: Paul Biever - OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:** No reports.

**Unfinished Business**:

* Fiesta Medals: This item is still in the works. Todd Shannon is working on developing a medal that will define the Club. The medal is for sale to the Membership and Parishioners, and then to the general public during the Fiesta Week or sooner.
* Logo Attire: Gilbert indicated he and Todd Shannon still have a few Hunting Vests available only in large and small sizes. He will consider offering a few of them as raffle items, provided the purchase price is off-set by the raffle ticket sales.

**New Business:**  Gilbert reports receiving a call from Dora Talamantes, the acting Church Office Manager, regarding Stewardship Sunday on November 11th. All Ministries will be represented, and she’s asking about the SLMC’s coordinator for this event. Tony Paniagua will be the SLMC Coordinator, and Gilbert will refer him to her. Both noted that this is an opportunity for the Club to recruit new members. Tony says he will also cook hamburgers, and needs at least four (4) cooks from 10 am – to 1 pm. He also needs help to sell the “Burgers & Chips” and collect money. Those interested in helping him can contact him after the meeting.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** Gilbert said he recently received an unusual email allegedly from Fr. Ridder. It entailed a request of $300.00 in iTune cards from Fr. Ridder for a hospitalized friend. However, on follow-up, he learned that it was a scam. Patsy Baumann related that it had been perpetrated before using Fr. Barlow’s name. Consequently, he wanted the Membership to be aware, and to be on the alert for this scam. - Todd Shannon related he had recently attended Sunday Services at St. Matthew Catholic Church, and in perusing their bulletin noticed that the St. Matthew’s Holy Name Society Men’s Club was advertising their annual “Grill Chicken & Sausage Sale”. Their Men’s Club uses this fundraiser to financially support their scholarships and charities. Todd suggested that our Club might also consider having a similar fundraising event. He left it for the Members to ponder, and possibly for the Executive Board to discuss.

**Raffle**: Six (6) winners: Russell Phillips, Robert Contreras, Anthony Quante, Ernest Velez, Peter Rangel, and Terry Sparrow.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Rudy Martinez, and seconded by John Donnellan.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:45 pm.

**Closing Prayer** led by Chaplain Larry Fuentes.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary