**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

**Call to Order** at 7:00 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special prayer intentions offered for the healthful recovery of Diane Keller, wife of David Keller, who continues her medical battle with cancer; Pamela Ridder, wife of Larry Ridder, who improves but remains under chemotherapy; Adele Sparrow, wife of Terry Sparrow, also undergoing radiation and chemotherapy; Wallie Fields who continues to recover from his knee surgery, but continues to suffer other medical conditions; and, for Isobel Shannon, daughter of Todd Shannon, who is afflicted with Lupus. Prayers were also included for the repose of the soul of Father Jim Barlow, who recently passed away.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by James Benavides.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:**  Joe Gloria, a guest of Steve Garza, was introduced and welcomed at this meeting. He works for Bolners Meat Market and was instrumental in today’s meal.

**Birthdays for the Month:** Three (3) Members having Birthdays this month came forward, i.e., Rick Hite, Richard Buitron, and Luis Garza, Jr. Of the three, Richard Buitron is the oldest at 88 years of age; and, Luis Garza, Jr. the youngest at age 56.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez said this evening’s meal was prepared by Steve Garza and his Central Catholic Alumni crew of cooks, namely: E. A. Arnold, Tony Paniagua, John Bustos, Carlos Mora, Mario Lazarine, “Bobby” Olivares, Joe Olivares, Mario Olivares, and Joe Gloria. The Members applauded their delicious dinner of pork steaks, baked potatoes, salad, and ice cream dessert.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**: Secretary John Martinez submitted the Minutes of the previous General Meeting. There were no corrections, additions, or deletions, and the Minutes were accepted as posted.

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reports receiving 19 letters for Rico Silvas for the Gerlach Livestock Show. They were forwarded accordingly.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joe E. Groff, Jr. says there are “no special items” of issue, and “everything remains as usual”.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder – No report.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes – No report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips had no report. However, at Gilbert Ortiz’s urging, Rudy Martinez reports that the Club played a major role in the preparation of Fr. Barlow’s post requiem mass reception. He says that the Club purchased 350 chicken quarters, and Porter Poultry donated an additional box of chicken quarters. This compassionate and generous act by the Club lessened the burden of the Bereavement Ministry to undertake the full brunt of this special reception by purchasing, preparing, and cooking the main entrée which fed approximately 500 people.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports that 128 Members remain on “unpaid” status. He urges they pay their dues to remain on the “active” membership roster.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak – No report. Gilbert Ortiz expressed his gratitude to Everett for his continued work to keep the Members informed on Club matters.
* Webmaster: Gilbert Ortiz reported for John Hardin that he had previously informed the E-Board that he was having computer issues, and continues to do so. However, he managed to make minor updates, e.g., adding tonight’s menu and deleting old information. He will advise when his computer is repaired and restored.

– In a related matter, Todd Shannon disclosed that he is working on developing a new website for the Club that should be up in a few months. He remarked that the new website will be a “massive improvement” over the current one, and will afford greater security, protection, and capabilities; and, be more complete, more efficient, and have more features. Luis Garza, Jr., an IT experienced Member, offered to help Todd with the development of the website. Todd welcomed the assistance.

* Christian Services: Gilbert Ortiz says Wallie Fields, in spite of him being under medical scrutiny, continues to work at keeping the Members informed, through his Christian Services reports, of the receipt of prayer requests from Members and/or their families. Gilbert asked that Wallie too be kept in prayer for his healthful recovery.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnick/Rick Jones – This event is scheduled for the first weekend in May in Rockport, TX. Rooms are already booked, and 25 men can be accommodated. They will have a flyer and more complete information by next month or sooner.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: David Keller- OOC
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz/Rick Hite - OOC.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign extended his gratitude to all Members who helped put on the Christmas Dinner Dance. He gave a brief financial report noting the Club netted a profit of $504.48. He said “Expenses” were $11,010.52 with food catering being the major expense; and, the “Income” was $11,515.00 with the “ticket” sales being the major income source. Raign also reported that he, Gilbert Ortiz, Ralf Meneses, and Rick Jones met to review the surveys received from Members attending the Dinner Dance regarding this event. The information was processed and will be used in preparing next year’s event.
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides – No report.
* Benevolence: Gilbert Ortiz reported that Ralf Meneses was initially contacted by Stella Saunders, Chairperson of the Church Bereavement Ministry, informing that a luncheon/reception in the Parish Hall will follow Fr. Jim's Church Requiem Mass service on Friday January 18, 2019. She was asking if the Club would help by cooking the “brisket”. On Ralf’s advice, Gilbert spoke with Ms. Saunders about cooking chicken quarters instead, since it is less labor intensive; she agreed. He informed her that the SLMC would help pay for the chicken; prepare it; and, cook it for this reception. He approved a $300.00 OOC donation, and on Tuesday January 15th, took it to Rose Rodriguez, Church Accountant, for to the Bereavement Ministry. Rudy Martinez and George Delgado stepped up to secure the cooks, and cook the chicken for this special luncheon/reception. Rudy Martinez noted that Russell Phillips ordered and picked up the chicken. On Thursday evening, January 17th, he, Gilbert Ortiz, Russell Phillips, Don O’Brien, Tony Paniagua, Bill Arreaga, and Jerry Garza met to season and prepare the chicken, for cooking the next day. On Friday morning, George Delgado, Gilbert Ortiz, Art Garcia, “Sheriff” Ortiz, Russell Phillips, Bill Arreaga, and Peter Binkley assembled to cook the chicken for Fr. Barlow’s luncheon/reception. It was gracious gesture, and valiant effort by the Club in making this meal a reality. Approximately 500 parishioners showed up for the reception.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips says that the WGD is about 40 days out, and on par. He says the Co-Chairs (Mike Lutz/Larry Fuentes/Rene Soliz) are meeting with their individual committees in preparation of their various duties and responsibilities. Mike Lutz related that Joey Groff, Jr.’s sister made and donated a painting of a Big Buck for the live auction. A print of the painting will be used as the new design cover for this year’s WGD program,

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – OOC.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow – OOC.
* Finance Review: OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:** None.

* + **Logo Attire**: A few “Vests” are available for sale, mainly large and small sizes. Contact James Benavides if interested.
  + **Fiesta Medal**: Todd Shannon has completed the design for the SLMC Fiesta Medal. He informed the Members that it will be a circular medal featuring the Club’s crest, and a shadow profile of a buck, white-wing dove, and fish. Gilbert will take it to “Monarch”, and as soon as completed, will bring it in for Members’ review and purchase orders.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** Club Member Reno Puente, also a St Luke Knight of Columbus (KC), extended an invitation to all Members to attend the KC’s “1st annual Casino Knight and Valentine Dance - Lucky at Love" on February 9th at the St Luke Catholic Church Parish Hall. It is to be an entertaining evening, with BBQ dinner, drinks, gambling tables, raffles, silent and live auction items, dart poker, along with a 50/50 drawing. It is a fundraising event, and Reno is selling tickets

- Gilbert Ortiz also wanted to Club to know that, in December, he received a request for donation of cookies from the Spanish Choir for their Christmas Posada. So, on behalf of the Club, he donated five packages of cookies for the December 20, 2018 Christmas Posada hosted by the Spanish Choir.

**Raffle**:

Six (6) Big Buck tickets were raffled with 14 winners, namely: Felipe Gonzalez; Mike Raign & Nick Carnevale; Adolfo Moncivaiz & Steve Dupnick; Larry Fuentes, Joe Perez, & Don O’Brien; Brett Ingram & Steve Dupnick (2): Sam Noriega (2) & Oscar Uresti. Also raffled were a set of tickets for four (4) to the upcoming Asian Festival at the Institute of Texan Cultures won by Bobby Tyler.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by James Benavides, and seconded by Reno Puente.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:27 pm.

**Closing Prayer** wasgiven by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special intentions said for all Club Members in need of prayers, and a prayer of Thanksgiving for Marvin Berg’s recuperation.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez SLMC Secretary