**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting Monday, April 15, 2019 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

**Call to Order** at 7:03 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by Deacon Jack Nichols. Special intentions were prayed for: - Larry Ridder’s wife, Pamela; - Terry Sparrow’s wife, Adele; - David Keller’s wife, Diane; - Wallie Fields’ continued recovery from surgery and other medical issues; - Mary Elstak, mother of Everett Elstak, who is very ill due to complications from diabetes; - Isobel Shannon, V. P. Todd Shannon’s daughter, who is afflicted with Lupus; - Sue Fetzer, wife of Dr. Homer Fetzer, who remains in ICU after major oral surgery for cancer; - Amy Smith, the daughter of Sam Haynes, who was recently diagnosed with cancer; - Mike Raign and his family, whose mother, Stephanie Raign, recently passed away; - Ernesto Lopez, who will undergo major sinus surgery for cancer, on April 17th in Houston, TX; - Mary Lange, wife of Hubert Lange, who is afflicted with a debilitating medical disorder.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Dominic Griego.

**Guest Speaker**: The Honorable Jefferson Moore, presiding Judge of the 186th Criminal District Court, gave an overview on the Felony Veteran’s Treatment Court, a newly designed and implemented program in his Court. This is a restorative justice program based on the successful Drug Court model. Judge Moore spoke on the many issues veterans struggle with such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Military Sexual Assault (MSA), substance use disorders, mental health and/or co-occurring disorders. His program addresses these issues through a specialized program that takes the veteran through a judicially supervised treatment protocol and case management network involving the cooperation and collaboration of treatment and supportive services**.** The goal is the restoration of the veteran's quality of life and self-sufficiency through sobriety, employment, education, and the reduction of conflicts that might lead to additional incarceration events. Participants must qualify for the program. Aside from meeting judicial mandates, Judge Moore’s desire is to help each participant become a productive citizen in the community. He said his Court will soon have its first class of graduates.

## **Welcome New Members/Guests**: Daniel Lopez was introduced to the Club as the guest of Club Member Owen Villarreal. He was extended an SLMC welcome and invited to become a member.

## **Birthdays for the Month:** Four Members came forth to be recognized for their April Birthdays. The oldest member was Joe Gonzales at 80 years of age, with Todd Shannon being the youngest member at 45 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team**: Tony Paniagua introduced his cooking team for this evening’s meal. They were Mario Lazarine, Bobby Olivares, Joe Olivares, Julian Compian, EJ Arnold, Ernest Elizondo, Steve Garza, Frank Garza, and Nick Carnevale. They prepared a delicious New York steak, bake potato, corn, salad, and dessert for this evening’s General Meeting meal.

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

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reports receiving and dispersing the Club’s correspondence/mail, namely: an OOC request (Ralf Meneses); a tax deductible receipt from Catholic Charities (Guadalupe House) for a $50.00 SLMC donation in memory of Robert Drumm (Joey Groff); and, 2 thank you cards from Deacon Mike Drumm and wife Kathy Drumm for the Club’s and Wallie Fields kind expression of sympathy for their father Robert Drumm (Gilbert Ortiz & Wallie Fields).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff texted Gilbert Ortiz that he had “nothing unusual to report”.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder says that he is in the process of reconciling the WGD finances, noting that expenses for the prize vendors are still coming in, and he urges those Members to bring them in before May 15th in an order to complete his report.
* Chaplain: Gilbert Ortiz reported that Larry Fuentes headed the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 12th. Gilbert thanked all Members who attended.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips – No report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz urged the Members, who have not paid their dues, to come forth and get current with their dues.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak remains the communications channel to all Members regarding Club information.
* Webmaster: Gilbert Ortiz received John Hardin’s email stating he uploaded the following information onto the Website: General Meeting announcement for April; the March's General Meeting Minutes; Menu for this month’s General Meeting; updating the Deceased Members list, and removing outdated information.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields emailed his report regarding the health issues, conditions, and updates of each Member and/or their families’, and exhorting the Club to keep them in prayer. Additionally, he reports that there are three Mass intentions scheduled for deceased Members:

GILBERT C. CANTU ROBERT H. “BOB” DRUMM CARMELO V. RIVAS Sunday, June 2, 2019 Sunday, June 2, 2019 Sunday, July 14, 2019

11:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass

Gilbert also asks the Club not to forget to include Wallie in their prayers.

* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnick says the event will take place May 3-5, 2019, in Rockport, TX. Lodging will be at the Pelican Bay Resort and twenty-five rooms have been reserved. Twenty-four are registered for participation. There is room available for one more. He has collected full payment from 14, and awaiting payment from the rest.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Gilbert Ortiz reports that Steve Kelly has stepped-in to take over for David Keller. Steve indicated that he is in the process of organizing the “Tailgate” party event for June 27th, when the Missions play the Round Rock Express. He anticipates the cost per Member will be $18.00, and will include food, drinks, and entry ticket. He will have more information next month.
  + Stewardship Sunday: OOC.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz informed the Club that, as of yet, no hunting venue is available for this year’s Dove Hunt. He is still searching for a place to hunt, and anticipates that it will take place late in the season. He will advise accordingly.

– On another matter, Augie apprised the Club of a “Sporting Clays Shoot” hosted by the Holmes High School FFA Alumni scheduled for May 10th at the National Shooting Complex -5931 Roft Rd – SATX. This is for individual and/or team competition, and there will be prizes given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd team placement, and for the top scoring individual. Augie has additional information for interested Members.

* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign – OOC.
* Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora -OOC.
* Public Relations: Gilbert Ortiz reports receiving an email from Dora Talamante asking all Ministry Leaders to provide her with their meeting schedules for Calendar Year July 2019 through June 2020. Gilbert advised James to submit the following schedule of the SLMC meeting dates for this period.

June 10, 2019 EB Meeting

June 17, 2019 General Meeting

July 08, 2019 EB Meeting

July 15, 2019 Sharing of Gilts Meeting

August 12, 2019 EB Meeting

August 19, 2019 General Meeting

September 09, 2019 EB Meeting

September 16, 2019 General Meeting

October 14, 2019 EB Meeting

October 21, 2019 General Meeting

November 11, 2019 EB Meeting

November 18, 2019 General Meeting

December 09, 2019 EB Meeting

December 14, 2019 Christmas Dinner Dance

December 16, 2019 General Meeting

January 13, 2020 EB Meeting

January 20, 2020 General Meeting

February 10, 2020 EB Meeting

February 24, 2020 General Meeting

March 05, 2020 Wild Game Dinner Meat Cutting

March 06, 2020 Wild Game Dinner Set-up

March 07, 2020 Wild Game Dinner

March 08, 2020 Wild Game Dinner Clean-up

March 09, EB Meeting

March 16, 2020 General Meeting

April 13, 2020 EB Meeting

April 20, 2020 General Meeting

May 11, 2020 EB Meeting

May 18, 2020 General Meeting

June 08, 2020 EB Meeting

June 15, 2020 General Meeting

* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses had no OOC requests to report.
* Wild Game Dinner: Mike Lutz welcomed Joey Groff as the 4th Co-Chair for the WGD. He reports that about $94K is the anticipated net from the WGD this year. He spoke on some ideas that he and Russell have been exploring. One such idea is “going corporate”, that is, having “high dollar” tables at the WGD. He would like to have and sell five (5) corporate tables at $10,000.00 each, and spoke to Brett Ingram who supported the idea, and said to go for six (6) tables instead. Mike proposes to “re-invest” $3000.00 from each table sale to buy each table “VIP” treatment, e.g., each table guest would receive raffle tickets, card(s) for a special 52 Card Draw, a “high dollar” firearm specially bought for these tables’ 52 Card Draw, a “goodie” bag with gifts for each guest, 2 to 3 waiters assigned per table to cater especially to them, and possibly making each a “culinary” table wherein they would get a “special” meal prepared and served. If these tables sell, they alone would net $42K. This alone is more than halfof the monies now being made on the total tables sold. This could possibly net the Club $130K for the next WGD. He said the venture would be lucrative for the Club, and claims there is outside interest in pursuing it.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Gilbert Ortiz received information from Larry Fuentes that the Scholarship Committee is now active. On Friday, April 12th, Larry received the “Essays” from the 8th graders vying for the scholarships. The Committee, composed of Chairman Larry Fuentes, Branden Lopez, Sergio Gonzalez, and Paul Biever, will meet after Fiesta Week to review the essays.

Their selection report is due back to the St. Luke School by May 10th.

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

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

* **Logo Attire**: “Vests” are still available for sale in large, medium, and small. Gilbert Ortiz is considering raffling these remaining vests in the same manner as the Big Bucks raffle tickets.
* **Fiesta Medal**: Gilbert Ortiz brought in 150 SLMC Fiesta Medals to the Meeting, and for this Meeting only, made them available for a one-time price offer of $5.00 each to the Club Members. He again thanked Todd Shannon for the Medal design.

**Old Business**: None.

**New Business**: None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:**  Gilbert Ortiz related information, received from Sara Hayes with the St. John Paul II Foundation, about an upcoming marriage enrichment conference entitled “Together in Holiness”. She invites the Club Members to this encounter scheduled for April 27, 2019, to be held at St. Mark the Evangelist Church from 8 am to 3:30 pm. A Mass by Archbishop Gustavo will follow. Interested Members can contact Ms. Hayes at [sara@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:sara@forlifeandfamily.org) for further information.

**Raffle**: Twelve prizes were available for this meeting’s raffle. The following Members won prizes: Oscar Uresti, Juan Ramirez, Augie de la Cruz, Terry Sparrow, John Martinez, Jeff Pepper (3), Carlos Mora, Tony Paniagua, Julian Compian, and Richard de la Paz.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Mike Raign, and seconded by Loren Brown.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:08 pm.

**Closing Prayer** was given by Deacon Jack Nichols. Intentions were reiterated for those listed in the opening prayer, and a special intention said over the people of Paris, France in the loss in fire of their beloved national treasure: the Notre-Dame Cathedral.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary