**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

**Call to Order** at 7: 13 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by Fr. Eric Ridder with special intentions offered for Eddie Cruz and Larry Ridder’s wife, both of whom are under medical treatment.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Rick Hite.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** Two new members were introduced, namely: Scott Jackson and Jesse Moya. Each was formally welcomed into the Club.

**Birthdays for the Month:** There were nine (9) November birthdays. Jack Baker was the oldest at 83 years of age, and Paul Bowen was the youngest of the group at 52 years of age. Gilbert also called forth those members who had a birthday between January and September, 2018, but missed their birth month meeting and their birthday was not observed by the Club. There were three (3) such members receiving a belated congratulations.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Mike Lutz introduced his cooking team. They are Benny de los Santos, Elizandro de los Santos, “Ike” Eisenmenger, Buddy Kondoff, David Keller, Dr. Homer Fetzer, and Peter Binkley. They were thanked for the fine meal of “Beef Stew with white rice, bread, and dessert”.

**Guest Speaker:** Joe Pina introduced Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar as the guest speaker for this meeting. Sheriff Salazar gave an informative presentation and spoke on the changes, programs, technology, and tactical procedures he has implemented at the Bexar County Detention Center and in the Patrol Division since taking office. Some of the new programs include a Citizen’s Training Academy, use of drones and robots, “Blue Shirt” Program which is an intermittent hiring program for 18 year olds joining the Department but are too young to be carry a firearm. These officers take on “soft” administrative jobs allowing a full-fledged Deputy to work other critical areas, and when aging in will be fully deputized. Other programs are a ceremonial Mounted Police division, use of Reserve Deputies to work school security, and much more. He wants the citizens of Bexar County to know that the Sheriff’s Department is not only a law enforcement and peace keeping agency but is also there to serve the community, to serve as a “safe” place to meet and exchange items, mentor the youth wanting to go into law enforcement (Explorer’s Program), as well as, intervening with youth on the borderline of the law BEFORE their behavior leads to an arrest and/or jail/prison (“Inside Look” akin to “Scared Straight”). He says his office is intended on making positive changes, serving the community, and partnering with other law enforcement agencies for the mutual protection and benefit of the people of Bexar County, and his intent is to always work towards that end.

**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 securing and dispersing the Club’s correspondence/mail accordingly. There was some late mail received and sorted, namely: 4-Gerlach Livestock mail (Rico Silvas), 2- invoices (Joey Groff, Jr.), 6 - generic letters requesting Club donations (Ralf Meneses), and 1-mailed in dues (Rene Soliz/Todd Shannon).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joe E. Groff, Jr. – no report.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder – no report.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes – no report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – no report
* Procurement: Russell Phillips - no report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz- no report.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak – no report.
* Webmaster: John Hardin emailed in his report noting that the General Meeting announcement for November and the October General Meeting Minutes were uploaded. He updated the “Annual Membership Registration Form”, and the “Deceased Members List” as provided by David Keller. Lastly, he reports removing outdated information.
* Christian Services: Wally Fields emailed in his report and is herewith attached. He asks for prayers for all those listed.
* Entertainment: (Steve Dupnick)
	+ Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnick - OOC
	+ Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: David Keller- OOC; however, reports that he has procured the “Mission’s” signed jersey. The jersey is from “Mike Getty” a Centerfield for the Missions, and it commemorates the last game of the Mission’s Double “A” (AA) rating. The jersey will be a WGD silent auction item.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente reports that only 35 of the 75 tickets for the UTSA vs. FIC game on November 10th at the Alamo Dome sold. He tried getting his money back for the remaining 40 tickets but could not. However, in lieu, UTSA will honor the holder/purchaser of any of these remaining tickets for the Thanksgiving Day game by UTSA vs. North Texas. Reno says that at $27.00 each, these unsold tickets will cost him $1008.00 unless sold, and is offering them at for sale at this General Meeting.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz - OOC.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign says Rick Jones is still taking reservations, and November 27th is the last day for them. All interested parties should act quickly. There are only 300 seats available and no at the door sale of reservations available.
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* “Stewardship” (Ministry Fair) Sunday Annual Event: Special thanks went to Tony Paniagua, the SLMC Ministry Coordinator, who organized this event. Rudy Martinez was also recognized for securing all the cooks and the BBQ pit, and procuring the hamburger meat. Rudy and Tony’s cooks and servers were recognized, namely: Rudy Martinez, Gilbert Ortiz, Tony Paniagua, Frank Garza, Todd Shannon, Joe Pina, Dominic Griego, Jerry Garza, Brandon Lopez, and Lupe Becerra. The Club was highlighted as being well prepared to make and sell “Burgers & Chips, and to their surprise Fr. Ridder offered up the SLMC booth to the parishioners after reducing the price of the “Burgers & Chips” from $3.00 to $1.00. The SLMC was swarmed with parishioners. The price change netted only $11.00, and they sold out far in advance of projections.
* Public Relations: James Benavides reports that John Donnellan was honored recently by the Gary Sinise Foundation’s Soaring Valor Program. He was one among 40 WWII honorees commemorated by this program and flown to tour the WWII Memorial Museum in New Orleans. The Club wrote him a letter congratulating him on this great honor, but more so thanking him for his service to this Country. The Club letter was one of many he received at the “Mail Call” at the end of the tour. John Donnellan spoke briefly about his “adventure”.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses- no report.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips reports that he and his Co-Chairs are meeting with the various WGD sub-committees and putting together the upcoming WGD agenda.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – OOC.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow says that he and his Committee met and have finalized their selections for Life Time Membership. There are three (3) selectees who will be notified soon, and will be inducted at the Christmas Dinner Dance on December 8th.
* Finance Review: Paul Beiver – OOC

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

* Logo Attire:
* James Benavides brought in a box with an assortment of Club attire, e.g., crests, T-shirts, shirts, aprons, hats, etc., for sale to the Membership. He will be bringing in these items for the Members to all General Meetings here-to-fore.
* Gilbert noted that only large size “Vests” are still for sale, and any requests for more vests will be handled on an individual prepaid order basis.
* Fiesta Medal: The Fiesta Medal design is incomplete but in process. Todd Shannon is working on this project, and will be making and presenting three (3) prototypes (designs and colors) for the Club’s review and vote.

**Unfinished Business:**  None

**New Business**: Joey Groff, Jr. says the Big Bucks ready for this year’s WGD, and will make them available for individual sale, or in bulk for those interested in helping sell them for the Club. However, he adds that those members taking tickets to sell will be responsible for them.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club**: Fr. Alejandro del Bosque and Deacon Jose Escamilla spoke to the Club about the “Monthly 40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration”. They were inviting the Members to join in this “Holy Hour” that will begin Thursday December 6th at 7 pm. This is a time of personal adoration and spiritual reflection with the Lord in the Eucharist. He needs adorers to sign-up for this spiritual event. – Gilbert informed the Members the Church offices hours for this coming week are Monday and Tuesday are 8 to 5, Wednesday 8 to 12 noon only, with the Office closed all day on Thursday and Friday.

**Raffle:** The Big Bucks raffle has begun. There were six (6) winners for three (3) tickets raffled, namely: Joe Gonzales; John Stanley and Joe Pina; and, Don O’Brien, Jose Lopez and John Donnellan.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Peter Binkley, and seconded by James Benavides.

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

**Closing Prayer** given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special intentions expressed for Wallie Fields, Todd Shannon’s daughter, and Marvin Berg.

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Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary