**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

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

**Opening Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special intentions offered for Frank Ardila, Terrry Sparrows’ wife Adele, Larry Ridder’s wife Pamela Ridder, and for Wallie Fields. All four have undergone surgeries or procedures and still need medical attention for other serious medical conditions. Gilbert Oritz asks the Members to implore God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit to shower their healing powers over those listed above praying for their rapid and successful recovery.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Russell Phillips.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** Sergio Gonzales was introduced as a new member, and was formally welcomed into the Club.

**Birthdays for the Month:** Membership lists 21 Member Birthdays for December, however only four (4) Birthdays came forth. Bob Doll was the oldest at 80 years of age, and Sam Noriega along with Marco Candia were the youngest of the group, each at 51 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez and his cooking team consisting of Dominic Griego, Gerry Garza, Russell Phillips, Bill Arriega, and Peter Binkley prepared the meal. The Club thanked them for the fine meal of tamales, chili, rice, beans, and dessert of chocolate and vanilla ice cream and cookies.

**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, sorting and dispersing the Club’s correspondence/mail accordingly, namely: 1-Gerlach Livestock mail (Rico Silvas), 2- invoices (Joey Groff, Jr.), 6 - generic letters requesting Club donations (Ralf Meneses), and 1-Thank You card from the family of Lou Rangel to Gilbert Ortiz, President and the Club of which he read aloud to the Members.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joe E. Groff, Jr. reports, “Nothing out of the ordinary.”

**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 reports he has purged the SLMC Roster of Members who have been “inactive” for the past three (3) years or more. Fifty-six (56) Members have identified as not paying dues since 2016 and were thus placed on the “Inactive List”. Members on this list can be reactivated by paying their dues. At present the “active” membership is at 283, and of these 135 are still “unpaid”. There are 48 Life Time members.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak – no report.
* Webmaster: John Hardin reported that his computer has been on the blink, but that he managed to upload the General Meeting announcement for December and the November General Meeting Minutes before the computer crashed. He is in the process of getting it fixed, and it should be up and running soon.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields has been submitting reports to the Members via email on SLMC “Brothers” and/or their families needing prayer. Wallie reports that he himself has undergone knee replacement surgery, and is also being monitored for other medical concerns. Gilbert Ortiz asked the Members to remember him in prayer, along with Terry Sparrow’s wife, Adele, and Larry Ridder’s wife, Pamela, both of whom continue to have serious medical issues.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – no report.
	+ Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnick - OOC
	+ Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: David Keller- OOC
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente reported that the 2nd UTSA game on Thanksgiving was also a “bust. He attributes this to the failure to PR the event better, the fact that UTSA is doing poorly this season, and the weather. He will review whether this event will continue or concentrate on another event, e.g., the “new” San Antonio Commanders football league. He will survey and advise.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz - OOC.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Rick Jones informed Gilbert Ortiz that he sent out email surveys to those Members attending the Christmas Dinner Dance. He wants feedback on the various aspects of the event. Some Members noted that they attended but did not receive the survey. Gilbert stated that Rick noted the survey was sent only to those Members with email addresses. They countered to also having email addresses. Gilbert offered to forward his inquiry to those Members wanting to respond to it.
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides is preparing the Club’s annual events for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. He reports reserving the 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month for the E-Board and General Meetings, respectively; the first Saturday in March for the WGD; reserving the Hall for the SOG Banquet on the 3rd Monday in July; and, the 1st Saturday in December for the Christmas Dinner Dance. He says these are the most important dates that the SLMC needs to schedule. He will forward this event schedule to the Church Committee meeting in May 2019 with Fr. Ritter in preparation for making the Church Calendar.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses- no report.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips reports that he and his Co-Chairs have prepared the WGD Budget. He presented it to the Club noting that overall they increased the expenses by 10% for inflation, and he is confident that the event will net $100,000.00 this year. He noted that the E-Board approved the budget for presentation, and is now presenting it to the General Membership for their review and approval. Mike Lutz moved to approve the budget, and Nick Carnevale seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the WGD Budget was approved unanimously.
* R**eports of Special Committees:**
	+ Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – OOC.
	+ Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow introduced the three (3) new Life Time Members inducted at the Christmas Dinner Dance on December 8th. They are John Hardin, Larry Fuentes, and Nick Carnevale. The Club congratulated them anew.
	+ Finance Review: Paul Beiver – OOC

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

* Logo Attire:
* Gilbert notes that there are still “Vests” for sale. Also any requests for more vests will be handled on an individual prepaid order basis.
* Fiesta Medal: Todd Shannon is pending submitting three renderings of the Fiesta Medal design. It is anticipated that it will be ready for review and vote by the next meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**  None

**New Business**: None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club**: Deacon Robert Garza spoke to the Members about the monthly “40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration”. He invited the Members to join in this month’s “Holy Hour” of adoration beginning Thursday at 7 pm and ending on Saturday. He entreats all Members on the importance of adoring especially in this Advent Season.

**Raffle:** The Big Bucks raffle rendered seventeen (17) winners for eight (8) tickets raffled, namely: Gabriel de la Rosa; Nick Carnevale; Richard Hodge and Don O’Brien; Martin Tristan and Paul Rodriguez; John Hardin and Val Ramones; Brett Ingram, Lucio Gonzales, and Rick Hite; John Hardin, Frank Garza and Russell Phillips; and, David Keller, Dominic Griego, and John Donnellan. Other Non-Big Bucks raffle ticket winners were Rene Soliz, Sergio Gonzalez, and Joe Cunningham.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by John Martinez, and seconded by Russel Phillips.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:35 pm.

**Closing Prayer was** given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special prayer intentions offered for those previous special needs listed.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary