**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

**Call to Order** at 7 PM by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by President Gilbert Ortiz. Special intentions were presented for David Keller’s wife, Diane; Larry Ridder’s wife, Pamela; Terry Sparrow’s wife, Adele; Todd Shannon’s daughter, Isobel; Wallie Fields; and for the repose of the souls of deceased members David Cantu, Bob Drumm, and for the sister of Brett Ingram, Kristi Kepley, that the Lord heal those in pain and keep the souls of those recently departed close to Him. – Rudy Martinez offered a prayer of Thanksgiving after informing the Members of a holy moment relating his granddaughter was recently born healthy and vibrant. This was the same unborn child, for whom he entreated the Club, in October, for healing prayers because of a brain cyst that had been detected which could have render her to be born with significant physical and/or mental impairments. However, Rudy said that his son and daughter-in-law, and he and his wife raised her up in prayer, placed her in God’s hands and trusted in the Lord to carry her through. Rudy says “GOD IS GOOD!” and related that the Lord heard his prayers and those of the faithful, and HE took care of his grandchild. She is well and without issues.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Augie de la Cruz.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** Julian Cumpian and Joe Nieto were welcomed as “guests” of the Club, and invited to join.

**Birthdays for the Month:** Membership reported thirteen (13) Birthdays for February. However, only five Members came forward to be acknowledged. Marvin Berg was the oldest at age 86 years old; while the youngest member was Paul Rodriguez at 37 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez introduced Brandon Lopez and Guadalupe “Lupe” Becerra as leading the cooking team. They identified their crew, namely: Larry Fuentes, Russell Phillips, Dominic Griego, Rudy Martinez, Sergio Gonzales; and “Rey” Acevedo. Together they prepared the evening’s meal of brisket, rice, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, and dessert of ice cream & cookies. The Club’s applause resounded their approval of this delicious 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: 41 Gerlach letters (Rico Silvas); 1 USPO Box receipt (Joey Groff, Jr.); 5 SOG Thank You letters & general letters for donations, and 1 OOC Benevolence Request (Ralf Meneses).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff, Jr. had no report.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder reports that “all ‘pits’ have license tags” and “are good through January 2020”. He says money is coming in pursuant to the WGD, and is being deposited accordingly.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes notes that March 6th will be “Ash Wednesday”, and the Club will be doing the “Stations of the Cross” on a designated Friday. He will advise in advance of the event.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley thanked the team of 10 Members that helped him on Saturday, February 23rd by cleaning and making ready for use the 11 pits for the upcoming WGD.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that he is in the process of buying a “propane deep fryer” for the Club, to be used for the WGD.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports there are 281 Members in the Club, 47 are “Lifetime Members” and of the current membership 120 have not yet paid their dues. He urged the attending Members, if they are among the latter category, to come forward and pay up.

**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: John Hardin is in the process of getting a new computer, and has been struggling with computer issues. However, he managed to add the menu for tonight’s meeting and deleted some “old” information. Todd Shannon also helped him by uploading information, i.e., “general” meeting announcements for February; the January general meeting minutes; removing outdated information; adding a new page for the 2019 Minutes; and updating various WGD information.
* Christian Services: Wally Fields continues to report, via email, to the Club Membership the prayer petitions of the various Members and/or their families who are in failing health. Prayers go out to him as well for his complete healing.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve reports that this event is scheduled May 3-5, 2019 in Rockport, TX. Rooms are already booked, and 25 men can be accommodated. 122 men have signed up, and 3 slots are still available. He says others have expressed an interest to attend but will make their own accommodations, however they will have to pay for their food and drinks. He has a flyer out that gives more complete information.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: David Keller- OOC, however David announced that he is stepping down because his wife’s ailing condition requires his time. He needs another Member to take it over. He will transition with whomever wants to take it over.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC. Reno is to take an interest census regarding attending the SAAAF “Commanders” football game(s). He will revisit this at a later time.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz/Rick Hite - OOC.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign – OOC.
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* Public Relations: Gilbert Ortiz says he wants a rendition of the “National Anthem” that inspires our nationalism, and has asked James Benavides to ensure that the recording of the National Athem as sung by Country Music artist Carrie Underwood is played at the WGD.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses reports no OOC Funding Request.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips (Mike Lutz/Larry Fuentes/Rene Soliz) – Russell Phillips says the event will be this weekend, March 2nd. He notes that the various WGD “Committees” and their “Sub-Committees” still need help, e.g., selling raffle tickets, etc. Joey Groff, Jr. touted and pushed the sale of the “Big Bucks” by individual Members now and at the event, noting that their manner of purchase is no problem, i.e., cash, check, or credit card.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes says that the Scholarship Reviews will begin in May.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow – OOC.
* Finance Review: OOC.

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

* + **Logo Attire**: A few large “Vests” are still available for sale, along with a medium and two (2) small sizes. Contact him if interested.
  + **Fiesta Medal**: Todd Shannon has completed the design for the SLMC Fiesta Medal, and Gilbert Ortiz has already taken it to Monarch Trophies for production. A picture rendition of the completed Medal was shown to the Members. It was unanimously approved. It is two inches in diameter and circular. The Medal features the Club’s crest, along with the profile of a buck, doe, boar, white-wing dove, and fish. The base medal is gold colored with the ribbon in blue marlin. Gilbert has ordered 150 medals, and has made 50% ($254.25) down payment. He noted that Monarch Trophies outsources its orders to China, and the order will not be ready for at least 30-45 days.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** Gilbert Ortiz explained the short notice regarding the change in General Meeting dates from February 18th to February 25th. He says that “Patsy” emailed him in advance of the intended change, however the email went to an old email address and he nevered received. Howver. Rudy Martinez contacted him of the change, at which time the meeting date took place in time to avoid consternation. – Frank Miller, a former SLMC Member, addressed the Members about the upcoming ACTS Retreat. He is the Director and was inviting the Members to join him and his Team at the Retreat scheduled for April 4 – 7, 2019. He says that March 25th is the last day to sign up, and that men interested in attending but concerned about finances should not be deterred since there are Scholarships available to fully or partially support their attendance. - Mike Raign announced that he had found a tire chock after the last meeting left in the back parking area, and was asking if any Member might have left it behind. He’s putting out the notice that he’s got it, so whomever owns it can come and get it from him; otherwise, he’s keeping it.

**Raffle**: There were 9 Big Bucks raffle tickets, and 20 winners, namely: Richard Haase; Terry Sparrow; John Hardin, and Rudy Gonzales; Steve Dupnick and David Keller; Amadeo Ortiz and Joe Garza; Terry Sparrow, Joe Groff, Sr., and Don O’Brien; Loren Brown, Jerry Garza, and Terry Sparrow; Terry Sparrow, Erick Harris, and Rey Acevedo; and, Martin Quintana, Don O’Brien, and Larry Ridder.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Loren Brown, and seconded by John Martinez.

**Meeting adjourned** at8:30 pm.

**Closing Prayer** wasgiven by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special intentions for those mentioned in the opening prayer.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary