**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

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

**Opening Prayer** was given by President Gilbert Ortiz, and he prayed as follows: “Christ our Lord, the 45th Wild Game Dinner is but a memory in our minds. As we reflect on our long hours of work, dedications and implementation of our master plan that brought all our committee’s into a harmonious well-oiled machine, notwithstanding the weather, long hours of laborious work, individual personalities that clashed at times but persevered to attain the committee’s goal and toiled to complete their work, it is evident that Members came together for the good of our mission and take pride and joy in the fruits of our accomplishment. We ask, Christ our Lord, to help our Club achieve one elusive important goal, that being to derive the highest dividends from our planned social gathering to provide sustenance to church ministries and outside charities to aid them in disseminating to the less fortunate and attaining their objective. We know, Christ our Lord, and deeply believe that You hold the SLMC close to Your Heart as witnessed by the unbridled affection for our dedicated men that make up this organization who work in fulfillment of your teachings to help others. Thank, Christ our Lord, for the blessings You have bestowed upon us. OUR FATHER…”

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Todd Shannon.

**Welcome New Members/Guests**: Jeff Pepper, Russell Phillips’ guest, was introduced to the Members, welcomed and invited to join the Club.

**Birthdays for the Month:** Per Membership Chairman, Rene Soliz, there were 17 Birthdays for March. However, only five celebrants came forward to be recognized. Rene Soliz, at age 33, was the youngest member of the group. John Martinez was the oldest at 72 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez introduced Mike Lutz in charge of this month’s meal for the General Meeting. He introduced his cooking team, namely: Ben Olenick, Dr. Homer Fetzer, John “Ike” Eisenmenger, David Keller, Benny de los Santos, Elizandro de los Santos, and Peter Binkley. The meal was “Wild Game Dinner Sausage, Coleslaw, Beans, Bread & a Surprise Dessert”.Special thanks extended to Shauna Groff, Joey Groff’s wife, for her delicious bundt cake dessert surprise.

**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 received and dispersed the newest Club’s correspondence/mail, namely: 2 invoices (Larry Ridder), and a general mailing donation request (Ralf Meneses).

**Treasurer’s Report:**  Joey Groff – No report.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder – No report.
* Chaplain: Gilbert Ortiz spoke for Club Chaplain Larry Fuentes that the SLMC will recite the Stations of the Cross on April 12th at 6:30 pm. He encourages the Club’s faithful participation.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips – No report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports the Club has 286 Members with 108 Members still on “unpaid” status, and 48 Lifetime Members.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to keep the Members informed on Club matters, and remains the conduit for any Members needing to reach out to all Members on matter of mutual concern.
* Webmaster: John Hardin emailed in his updates to the website, i.e., General Meeting announcement for March; February's general meeting minutes; removing some out dated information; updating the Deceased Members list provided by David Keller; and, the Menu for this month: “Wild Game Dinner Sausage, Coleslaw, Beans, Bread & a Surprise Dessert”. John Hardin also reported having a new phone number. His new number is (210) 882-0008. Please make your contact changes accordingly.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields keeps the Members informed on the health and wellness conditions of Members, their families and/or their Christian Service needs. Wallie also reported that there are two Mass Intentions for the following deceased Members: David Cantu on Sunday, May 26th at the 11:30 am Mass, and for Robert “Bob” Drumm on Sunday, June 2nd at the 11:30 Mass. Wallie is our Spiritual link for prayers said and raised.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
* Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnick emailed his report noting the event is at 24 participants. He may be able to take one more. He will send in his completed information later.
* Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: David Keller- OOC.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC. - Steve Kelly advised the Members of the upcoming SAAAF “Commanders” football game against the “Memphis” Express on April 7th. He polled the Members on their interest in attending this game, and needed to know ASAP, in order to receive discounted tickets. He would be available for those interested, noting that they needed to act quickly.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz/Rick Hite - OOC.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Gilbert asked Mike Raign to look into the caterers provided through Texas Personnel for their consideration for this year’s event, namely: Black Tie Affair - Whitney Schrader (210) 226-9881 noe@blacktieaffairs.com; Don Strange Catering – Whitney Schrader (210) 434-2331 whitney.schrader@donstrange.com; and, Eastside Kitchenette – Chef Jeff White [chef.1228@yahoo.com](mailto:chef.1228@yahoo.com). Gilbert also advised Mike that James Benavides will provide him with the names of some of the caterers they use at the Institute of Texan Culture events, as well as following up on names of caterers used before by “Knights”, i.e., “LongHorn Steakhouse” and “Texas Roadhouse”. Mike Raign said he will contact them for bidding for this year’s event. Gilbert asked him to report his findings to the E-Board by May 9th. Mike added that the Church Hall is reserved anew for this 2019 event, and “Tobias” will again provide the music.
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides reported that he will be placing a Bulletin Announcement in the Sunday Church Bulletin regarding the SLMC Sharing of Gifts campaign pursuant to our WGD fund raiser. The announcement will be in the Sunday Bulletin for six weeks from April 1st through May 15th, and that the SLMC will be accepting applications from parish organizations and community non-profit organizations needing financial assistance to accomplish their missions. Interested applicants are directed to the SLMC website. The deadline to apply is May 15th.
* Benevolence: R. C. Contreras spoke on behalf of Ralf Meneses that the Committee received a $300.00 OOC funding request from Assumption Seminary. Fr. Jaime Robledo, PSS is preparing a special 30 day retreat and spiritual exercise based on the Jesuit model of an “Ignatius” 30 day Retreat. It will reflect on the life and ministry of Blessed Stanley Rother, beatified in 2018 in Oklahoma City, and is the first American born priest martyred for his Catholic faith in protecting the persecuted people he served in Guatemala. The $300.00 is for the printing of the “Ignatius” daily spiritual exercises for 70 seminarians. R.C. said the Committee approved the funding request and forwarded it to the Executive Board for their consideration. The Executive Board likewise has approved it.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips thanked the Club for their support in making this years and the previous years, he served as WGD Chairman, a success. He turns it over to Mike Lutz, the incoming Chair. Mike Lutz, the new Chairman, says that he is working on “new” ideas with his team of Co-Chairs, namely: Larry Fuentes, Rene Soliz, Joey Groff and Dominic Griego. Their “new” ideas will be disclosed later this year.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – no report.
* 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 sizes. See James Benavides for information.
  + **Fiesta Medal**: Monarch Trophies has the SLMC order for 150 Fiesta Medals. They will not be available for at least 30-45 days since production is outsourced to China. A 50% ($254.25) down payment has been made for this purchase by Gilbert Ortiz.

**Unfinished Business**: None.

**New Business**: None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club**: None.

**Raffle**: There were 13 winners for an assortment of raffles prizes. The winners were Larry Ridder (2), Loren Brown, Jeff Pepper, Marvin Berg, Mario Leija, David Keller, Dr. Carlos Mora, Matt Chavez, Russell Phillips, Bill Arriaga, Rene Soliz, and R. C. Contreras.

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:05 pm.

**Closing Prayer** was by Gilbert Ortiz praying for the healing of those in pain, and for the Lord’s acceptance into His Kingdom the souls of the dearly departed. These intentions were said for David Keller’s wife, Diane; Larry Ridder’s wife, Pamela; Terry Sparrow’s wife, Adele; Todd Shannon’s daughter, Isobel; Wallie Fields; Ernesto Lopez; Robert Contreras; for Ralf Meneses’ sister-in-law, Eva Sepulveda; for the daughter of Sam Haynes, Amy Smith; for a dear friend of John Hardin, Bishop Gerald R. Barnes of San Bernardino who recently lost two of his brothers in one week; for the Brett Ingram family who continue to mourn the loss of their love one, Kristi Kepley; and, for Carmelo Rivas and Dolores Ortiz, the sister-in-law of Gilbert Oritz, both who recently passed away.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary