Knights of Saint Columba Accrington Council 188

Synopsis of Minutes of September 2019

*Opening* - The GK opened the meeting according to the manual for small councils.

*In attendance*- Paul Cain (PC) Brian Heap ( BHe) GK Bernard Holden (BHo) John McManus (JMc) Paul Moxham (PM) Kevin Nancarrow (KN) Andrew Szlaz (AS)

Paul Toman (PT)

*Correspondence*- Email from Bro. John Kenyon , Provincial GK relating to a proposed meeting to establish means of recruiting younger members.

Minutes of last meeting – Held on August 20th were proposed by BHe seconded by KN and carried unanimously

*Matters arising* - none

**Report**s

***Action***  Jed Gregory Include report on action plan development

In the absence of Bro. Jed the action report was reviewed by BHo

1. Talk by University Chaplain. It was agreed to consult Fr. Stamp to establish a date in late October or early November. In conversation with Fr. Stamp it was also established that the Chaplain could **Not** attend on Friday to speak with Mount Carmel children.
2. Review of Mass times to be placed in Hotels. The GK contacted Fr. Stamp about the stability of current Mass times in this area.- awaiting confirmation.

***Treasurer***  Brian Heap Include report on action plan development

Brian reported on the Councils finance including the trip to Ladywell which cost the Council £18-50. Christmas Posters now cost £14 per hundred. Important we hand them out and ask people to display them in their front window. It was suggested that 70 per church was enough to order.

Payment of items which could be described as benevolent could be paid from the Benevolent Account.

***Deputy GK*** Paul Cain Include report on action plan development

Paul reported on the project to support the refuge family. Sean Kerr appears to be the contact person in the parish. A full account is to be found in the leaflet at the back of church.

**Chancellor**  Paul Toman Include report on action plan development

Paul supplied the following information:-

1. Iris Barratt appears to be in failing health
2. Muriel Conway appears to have some health problem but is coping well
3. Annette Darlow situation is complicated but is coping well

**Secretary**  John McManus Include report on action plan development

No report

**Technology Officer** David Richard Include report on action plan development

No report

**Grand Knight** Bernard Holden Include report on action plan development

The Provincial meeting was held in the Marian Room in St. Anne’s . 6 brothers attended

**Debate**

In this debate the following points were made:-

1. There are far more distractions today for families bring up children
2. The ethos of society has changed radically
3. There are anti-Christian powers in our society.
4. Comments were made of the insular nature of the KSC
5. Supreme makes little effort to nationally market the KSC
6. Bho to write to Supreme reminding them of their duty to promote the order nationally rather than working within the confines of the order. Articles in the Tablet could be possible.
7. Bho to contact Mount Carmel to establish the possibility of having the University lecturer speak to their students . See item a) in action report.

**AOB** None

**Date of next meeting**

October 15th at 7.30 in the Marian room in St. Anne’s

**Closing of meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.30 with prayers for our deceased brother and our sick widows