Knights of Saint Columba Accrington Council 188

Synopsis of Minutes of the meeting held on Friday October 19th 2018

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

In attendance – Paul Cain (DGK) Brian Heap (BHe) Bernard Holden (GK) Kevin Nancarrow

John McManus (JMc) Paul Moxham (PM) David Richards (DR) Pau Toman (PT)

Correspondence - None

Minutes of last meeting -Approved as a true and correct record

Matters arising - Re, 100th.anniversary of end of WW1

1. BHe to purchase wreath.
2. All brothers requested to attend Oak Hill Park at 10.45 November 11th.
3. Many other events planned in Hyndburn to commemorate end of WW1
4. JMc sent his apologies as he would be at Mass in St. Marys Oswaldtwistle

Reports

Action Jed Gregory Include report on action plan development

No report

Treasurer Brian Heap Include report on action plan development

1. Ongoing concern relating to numbers in Council - PM stated that two brothers have been lapsed well before March 31st yet Supreme have added them to our membership and charged us for them.
2. GK has been in contact with both Supreme and Province in an attempt to sort this out
3. BHe to contact Supreme and Province to try to sort this out.
4. This council congratulated Mount Carmel on raising £2000 for the Kenya Project.
5. It was decided to order 400 Christmas poster. 50 each for the 8 churches in Hyndburn
6. BHe agreed to contact Eric Mullen to establish the number of posters he requires.

Deputy GK Paul Cain Include report on action plan development

1. PC reported on possible developments in restructuring councils within Province as many KSC councils in the East Lancashire province are losing members.
2. Possible amalgamation of councils may have to take place in the future

Chancellor Paul Toman Include report on action plan development

Mass cards sent to- Annette Dowler and Mrs Muriel Conway.

Secretary John McManus Include report on action plan development JMc indicated he would write to the Provincial Officer Peter Jackson thanking him for the donation to our charities.

Technology Officer David Richard Include report on action plan development

DR indicated that the council web site had been changed to show changes in Council officers

Grand Knight Bernard Holden Include report on action plan development

GK informed council that the Provincial Mass for deceased brothers will take place on November 25th at 9.45 at St. Mary’s Church, Yorkshire Street, Burnley

GK expressed concern at the move to hold this Mass in the morning changing the tradition time of an afternoon Mass which would be much better for our widows.

He informed council that he had received three cheques with a total value of £1000 to be presented to our three parish charities. Two will be presented by BHe in St. Joseph’s church and one by JG in St. Anne’s church. This opportunity to promote the KSC council should not be missed.

Debate

What action should this council take regarding the anti-Christian legislation now going through Parliament?

The following points were raised:-

1. Parliament is proposing to change two elements of the 50 odd year abortion Bill. It will no longer be required for a medical doctor to consent to an abortion and the 24 week is removed.
2. Two pills will be readily available (internet or chemist shop). One to kill the foetus and the other to remove it from the mother’s womb.(with no medical support)
3. Often it is the men who convince women to have an abortion and the right to stand outside abortion clinic to try to change the woman’s mind should not be made illegal.
4. Children of 3 or 4 years can easily access pornography on the internet.
5. What the Church and society at large have long considered abnormal has become acceptable and is seen as normal
6. Those who support the moral way of life are now considered reactionary and blocking progress.
7. Members were again urged to write letters to our MP Graham Jones urging him not to vote changes which go against the Catholic ethos and way of life.
8. There is a shortage of 18 to 30 age groups attending Mass in our churches. This must be addressed as these are the future of our church.

**Conclusion**

* + - We must continue writing, not email, our MP and expect a written reply.
    - The proposed meeting/talk with the University Chaplain must take place and every effort must be made to get the older children from Mount Carmel High School to attend.
    - No practical solution to the 18 – 30 year group was made.

AOB None

Date of next meeting

**November 16th at 7.30 in the Hall at St. Joseph’s Church on Belgarth Road Accrington**

Closing of meeting. The meeting closed at 8.35 with prayers for our deceased brothers.