



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

April 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting April 3, 2017 held at St. Thomas More

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Worthy DGK Ed Gerard

Warden: That Membership cards are held by all in attendance was confirmed by Warden Mike Swedowski

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by WDGK Ed Gerard

Officers Roll Call results: With the exception of WGK Ken Pritchett, Father Felix, Patrick McCright, Ken Costigan, Butch Kohs, Rich Miller, Sal Elia and Mike McManus who were excused, all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries:, All past grand knights were recognized

Previous Minutes: All were asked if there were any corrections to the minutes that had been sent. A motion was made seconded and passed to approve minutes as written.

Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications: There no new applications tonight

WDGK Ed Gerard read WGK Ken Pritchett's report as follows:

Our Knight of the month for March is Rich Miller and our Family of the Month is Christian Ortega (sp?) family

- We are still working on this year's dues and membership cards. Thank you for your understanding. If you are a 3rd degree Knight and your card says First Degree please let us know ASAP.
- I want to continue to encourage everyone to become more involved in our council activities. We do a lot and if everyone will choose one or two activities to actively participate in our council will continue to grow and strengthen.
- Thanks again to Dick Milanese for the wonderful newsletter and calendar
- Many Thanks to all who worked the games at the stadium. Tonight is the last night for the year and just about through with this year's schedule. Butch Kohs has asked to please have someone step up and take on his position organizing the stadium events next year.

Ed asked that brothers seriously consider helping out and take on this position that Butch has attentively held for quite some time and has done an awesome job in so doing.

These funds allow us to do so many charitable things. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

- If you have not received a council name badge please let me know.
- Many thanks to all who have helped make our Friday's Fish fries a huge success. The round number estimate is around \$5,500 with expectations to go over \$6,000.

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- Notes from the officer's meeting follow:
 - We have two new members; Matthew Kent and Fred Odey. Ed asked Fred to share some of his background. Fred is a contractor by trade and is currently working on St James church. Fred plans to retire after that job is complete
 - The PWID checks: Challenger Little League has been presented; John Ingram and Ken Pritchett will be present AZTEC and Valley Life checks. After Ken and family return from their vacation they will be contacted.
 - The cost of the full page ad for the PSA dinner was due on March 31st. A check was drawn and Rich Miller took care of it
 - Father Mark's father passed away. The officers voted to write out a check for \$250 to help defray some of father's expenses for his trip home
 - A question was posed if we wanted to continue to support the Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund and the answer was a resounding yes. The officers voted to write out a check for \$250 for that fund. Ed has already received a thank you letter in the mail
 - Market on the Move was another good success. Due to the weather getting hotter the next and following gatherings will begin at 7:00 AM. There is a need for help setting up from 6:00 AM and tear down after it is complete.
 - Next Friday is the last Fish Fry of the season. Ed reminded us that any Knights helping out eat for free
 - St James Neighborhood Fair is coming up on Saturday April 29th. We have the BBQ booth and help will be needed. Tyson will get the brisket and ribs. There will be need for 4-5 guys to support this booth (*note from Brian: during the officer's meeting we learned that the church would like us to sell hot dogs and hamburgers also*)
 - St Joseph's Youth Camp, we have sent the check to support the 4 camperships for the Phoenix Children's Project. The fifth individual will be chosen from essays written from STM and STJ youth. Butch will be putting announcements in the bulletins for each church to offer the opportunity for youth to provide an essay stating why we should give them a campership.
 - The blood drive at STM was reported to have been well attended. No further details are available at this time
 - Stadium events, this last one will be pizza stand only, no alcohol will be available
 - Basketball free throw contest results: three youth from STJ went on to District and State competitions. Two of them were first place and the other was a third place winner. Tyson reported that the events went well.
 - Raffle tickets: There are still tickets available. Tyson is trying to find some times that will work for selling them at the parishes. Tyson is also working with Ken to try to put together a Knight's night out at someplace like Padre Murphy's where we could sell tickets there as well.
 - Dues: Hal mentioned that we need everybody to pay up. If anyone has sent their dues in and haven't received a card yet to please let him know.
 - We have lost two members John Apier (sp?) died in February of 2015 and Tom Myhre who was recently going to St Henry's last month.
 - We are trying to bring the contact information up to date so if anyone has info for any other brothers to please share them

Chaplain's report: Father Felix was not available this month

Treasurer's Report: Worthy treasurer Patrick McCright is not here so we will skip to Hal

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Reading of Bills and Communications: Worthy FINSEC Hal Pawlowski noted that there are no bills that have to be introduced at this meeting

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: The trustees were all busy, one was out of town and the others are working events

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers shared that we support five seminarians along with some details. Bob passed around Easter cards for all to sign.

Bob went on to share a story about some nuns who are in a rock band. The details behind the story are as follows: (thanks Bob for sharing the background information electronically. This saved me a significant amount of time trying to inadequately paraphrase your story, Brian)

The sisters in this 11-member band hail from all over the globe, but their convent is in Peru. Their convent, by the way, was damaged in the [floods that devastated the region last week](#). But these deadly floods haven't stopped them from making their US debut. The nuns traveled to the Chicago area this week for a series of concerts.

Sister Monica plays percussion and is a singer. "I'm very proud about my habit," she says. "And I'm very proud to sing rock music with a habit."

Sister Monica entered the convent when she was 25. She's always been a fan of music, including rock. And she says it's a misconception that a convent must be a quiet or silent environment. "Religious life is very lively," she says. "It's very fun. It's very musical. It's been just part of our life experience to express ourselves through music. ... We're showing the world what we live every day inside the convent."

Siervas is the real deal. Their playing is tight. Their album ["Hoy Despierto"](#) ("Today I Wake Up") is polished. They made a rock video. And the themes they convey in their lyrics are universal. Sister Monica says, "We have a message of hope. A message of faith. We have a message of loving each other."

Las Siervas say they have just one objective with their music.

SISTER CINDY

"The idea is that the music can transmit the message of the faith. That's what's important to us. And to reach a greater group of people, we use lots of diverse instruments and diverse genres of music."

SISTER MONICA

"We want to follow the call of Pope Francis and go to the peripheries where they are far from God and do not know him. Music is an excellent medium that the Church has always used."

The group has no shortage of supporters. To make the music video, they counted on volunteer help from ordinary Peruvians and prestigious music producers like Francisco Murias and Joe Martlet, who have been nominated for Grammy Awards because of their work with bands like the Foo Fighters and Nirvana.

After a large concert in Lima this past November, where they filled Exposition Park, the band toured through Chile, Ecuador, and Colombia. They're now recording their second CD.

All of the proceeds from the band's activities go toward helping out the most needy.

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"Everything we raise is for charity, to help in different places. For example, last year, with proceeds from a concert we were able to open our second community in Angola. And this year we want to help one of the poorest places in Peru, in Ayacucho. We want our funds to go there, to the mission." Given how ambitious their mission is, they don't hesitate to make music of all styles that can reach a mass audience.

Report of Service Program Committees:

DWKG Ed reminded us that we still have 4 beautiful crosses on sale in support of the Christian Relief fund for \$10 each.

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month

Ed mentioned that Alfred has been doing a good job enlisting new members and he encouraged all to follow suit

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council: 7114

When: April 10th Registration begins at 6:30 and the degree ceremony starts at 7:30

Where: St. Raphael's

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Council:

When:

Where:

Next Local 4th Degree:

June 10th will be the next local ceremony

Worthy Advocate: Gerry shared that the fourth degree team has received notification that they are the best in the Order and he is very proud of them. Gerry has passed the baton to Bryant Sayers (SP?)

St. James Report: Ken reported the following:

- Adoration at St. James (all are encouraged to make a commitment to do this)
 - Monday 6 PM until Benediction at 8:00
 - Friday 8:30 AM until Benediction 4:00 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm after the Fish Fry.
- St. James Neighborhood Fair on April 29th. We will be hosting a BBQ booth as we did during the 3 day festivals. This event will be 1 day from 4pm to 10pm. We need help manning the booth.

St. Thomas More Report:

- The blood drive was yesterday. Many thanks to Patrick McCright and Dick Milanese for stepping up to co-chair this important community service.
- Adoration is held on Wednesday, 7:00 to 10:00 PM
- During all services the Golf Tournament was in the announcements. The Knights have been getting a lot of positive recognition recently at STM

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Council Directors:

Adopt-a-street: Rob Lee was not available so Bob Meyers shared that our council picks up trash from 67th Avenue to 59th avenue on this side of Beardsley, meet by Panera bread. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month, the next one is Saturday May 13th at 8:00 am.

The Veterans' Home: The first Sunday of the month our council goes down to the Vet's home to bring the Vet's to and from mass. The timing for pushing the Veterans to mass begins at 9:15 for a 10:15 am mass and then returning them after mass. We are usually done by 11:30 or noon. There is always need for help with volunteers pushing them in their wheelchairs from the Vet's home to the Hospital chapel and back. They are really appreciative to those who do so. The next one will be Sunday May 7th.

Pray the Rosary at Planned Parenthood (Abortion) Clinic: Ed reported that the first Sunday of every month is our turn to pray the Rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic on Eugie Ave just east of 59th Ave from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The next one will be Sunday May 7th.

Habitat for humanity/ food for the poor: no report

Fund Raising: Tonight is the last event for this year. Rich Dray reminded us that there is a great need for more help for the next year. At least three to five more new people are needed for next year. Our booth has a lot of repeat customers. It is a very popular booth which makes getting more help even more important.

Lenten Fish Fry- no report

Golf Tournament - Joe Kosikowski shared that they are moving along with sponsorships raffle tickets and gifts. They are way behind on sign-ups. Please encourage all you know who play golf to sign up. The Falcon Dunes golf course at Luke AFB is a great course and it is difficult to get a chance to play it if you are not a service member or retiree. They also placed an ad on KFNX 1100 written by Tyson. Joe will send an email to let the brothers know the times the ad will be read.

Family/Youth Director: St Joe's Youth Camp continues to get sign-ups. Tyson is planning to get some brochures for the foyers of both churches

Tyson also shared a thank you letter from Ed Sanchez for the help provided to his family. They lost their wife and mother around Christmas time and several of the brothers helped out. They got Christmas gifts for the 5 kids after she passed two weeks prior to Christmas

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 1st @ 7:00PM.

Note: Our field agent Louis White was able to join us at this time. He apologized for being late but he just came from a funeral rosary that went longer than expected. Ed took the time to recognize Louis and asked him to give his report now

Field Agent's Report: Louis shared that he has been and will continue to reach out to members, associate members and insured individuals from the council.

He has met with about 12 or so members so far since January. He wanted to share that he would love the opportunity to sit down with all who are interested. He can offer what products and services

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that are available from the Knights and also to help brothers to better understand their individual situations

He also shared that if we were to provide the membership roster he could use it to help us get back in contact with any members who we haven't heard from and he would share that we would love to have them back

Louis wants to place an ad in both the golf tournament and the PSA dinner brochures

He shared that his wife Silvia makes the phone contacts so be nice to her (he said this jokingly)

Brian shared that he had a really good experience meeting with Louis and added his recommendation that all brothers consider meeting with him

Report of the Fourth Degree: No report

District Deputy's Report: No report

Any Other new business:

One of the brothers shared that he has contact with a local fire captain who is running a car show in the very near future. The captain wanted to know if we would be interested in sponsoring selling hot dogs and hamburgers or maybe just helping out a bit. The captain offered for us to share what we are about during the event. Additionally it came up that we might consider working with the captain to help us understand how to run a car show for the possibility for doing so in the future.

There is a need for 8-10 people to help parking at STM on Easter.

A brother mentioned the people who are being affected by the tornados and that Ken is in that area so we should add them all (as well as the folks in Columbia) to the Good of the Order prayer list

For the Good of the Order: The prayer request was updated and read.

Lecturer: No report

Chaplain's Summation: No report

More other business:

Alfred mentioned the PSA dinner.

Ed reminded us that they are in need of Knights in regalia for this event.

Joe also reminded all that they are in need of Knights in regalia for Divine Mercy Sunday April 23rd at both St James and St Helens so they will be a little short at both parishes

Pot of Gold: Winner was announced

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Ed

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 7:55