



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

August 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting August 1, 2016 held at St. Thomas More

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Worthy GK Ken Pritchett

Warden: That Membership cards held by all was confirmed by the worthy Warden Mike Swedowski

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Father Nathan

Officers Roll Call results: All officers were present. (Father Nathan acting Chaplain)

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Father Nathan, Deacon Sal, all past grand knights and former district master Gerry Fjetland were recognized

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

Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications: There were no new applications to read

WGK Ken Pritchett's report is as follows:

- Our Knight of the month for July is Leon Lang and our Family of the Month is the Eric Bialis family. Bob Meyers was also recognized as Knight of the month for April
- As we start a new year, Ken wanted 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.
 - Ken shared a story concerning the Phoenix Children's project. We did sponsor a youth this year. When Ken was dropping off the articles we donated along with this sponsorship he had an interesting experience. There were two young men sitting at the table, the older of the two thanked Ken for the Knights having sponsored him in the past for summer camp and enthusiastically shared that he was almost at the age where he could be a counselor next year.
- The installation of Officers ceremony will be held at St. James on Sunday August 28th following the 11:00am mass. A luncheon at Deer Valley Airport will follow.
- The Fish-fry check of \$4400 was presented to Fr. Ben at the Officer's meeting
- The Charity Raffle check for \$600 was presented to St. Vincent De Paul of St. James at their regular meeting on Monday, July 25
- The mobility scooter that we approved for Salvatore Elia was purchased and taken to his home on July 20
- Thanks to all who participated in the Apostles of Jesus Mass. Bishop Olmsted shared his appreciation with Deacon Roy.
- There is a district meeting at St. Jerome's Parish this Saturday, Aug. 6 at 10AM. Everyone is welcome. Officers are encouraged to attend

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- There is a Knights night out at the ballpark on September 17th. If anyone is interested in chairing or coordinating this please let Ken know

Chaplain's report: Father Nathan had no report.

Treasurer's Report: Worthy treasurer Patrick McCright reported the beginning and final balance in the account.

Reading of Bills and Communications: Worthy FINSEC Hal Pawlowski is now official. He shared the bills and communications.

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: They have reviewed the bills and have approved them

All were in favor of paying the bills

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers shared a story that one of our Deacons Tim Seavey was on the mass that was forecast on TV and that he has a birthday coming up.

Bob went on to share a story. He asked us to envision 119 acres divided by a grid roped off and then add 1.5 to 2 million young people, the grid separating the different places/parishes these young people came from. This vision is from World Youth Day which finished up in Poland yesterday. The students came from 187 countries and represent parishes from around the world. The enthusiasm was amazing and these young people will be bringing this enthusiasm back to their parishes. Bob is hopeful that this will result in more calls to the priesthood and religious orders

Report of Service Program Committees:

WGK Ken reminded us that the crosses being sold in support of the Christian Relief Fund are still available, please see WDGK Ed Gerard if you would like to donate to the cause and buy one. The crosses will be available during our various events this year and we are hoping to be able to send a decent donation to the Christian Relief Fund

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month

- Ken went on to share a letter from the District Deputy encouraging us to reach out to bring in more men to be Knights of Columbus. There are a number of incentives to help all to reach out and recruit.

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 7114 -

When: Registration 6:30 pm Monday, Aug 8

Where: St Raphael's

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Council 11738 -

When: Registration 9:00 am Saturday, Sept. 17

Where: St. Helen's

If you are still a first degree Knight please save this date and plan to go through the Formation and Knighthood exemplifications.

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Next Local 4th Degree:

January in Tucson

Worthy Advocate: Gerry reported that it is a lot cooler in Norway this time of year (He just returned from vacation)

St. James Report: Ed reported the following:

- Rummage sale this weekend in the Hall. Set up begins Wed. evening about 5pm and will be completed on Thursday. Help is greatly needed in the teardown at 2:00pm on Saturday. This is an important ministry for St. James and they are in dire need of a chairperson to head the ministry as Sharon Lahera is resigning after this event due to health concerns.
 - Tyson suggested that our council consider supporting this effort
- Adoration at St. James
 - Monday 6 PM to Benediction at 8:30
 - Friday following the 8:00 Mass beginning at 8:30 AM to Benediction 7:00 PM
- The Apostles of Jesus held their 21st USA Regional Assembly at St. James and was a big success. There were 84 priests whose dinners were complimentary. A motion was made seconded and passed to cover the cost of 10 of those dinners at a cost of \$300.
- Rich Miller is working with First Way Pregnancy Center to hopefully get a sign funded. He has been contacting the Phoenix councils asking for donations to help acquire the sign and has been in touch with the State Council as well. We discussed donating \$500 toward the sign at the officers' meeting. A motion was made seconded and passed to donate the \$500 toward the sign for First Way Pregnancy Center. Rich shared that State would like this effort to come through them please. Rich will be going out of the country for three weeks soon and is looking for someone to step in to take his place for the short term

St. Thomas More Report: None

Council Director:

Adopt-a-street: Our council picks up trash from 67th Avenue to 59th avenue on this side of Beardsley. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month, the next one is Saturday September 10th at 7:00 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. We wheel them to mass from 9:15 to 10:15 am. After mass they need a ride back to the Vet's home.

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.

The next one will be Sunday August 7th.

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Pray the Rosary at Planned Parenthood (Abortion) Clinic: Ken 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 August 7th.

Fund Raising: There are 4 stadium events between now and our next meeting. Butch is in need of help as some regulars will be out of town.

There is still plenty of time for training, please faithfully consider helping out. Butch went on to encourage others to help. It is our biggest fundraiser and much help is needed. The funds gathered from this effort provide most of the resources that give us the ability to support the many charities we provide aid to each year.

Spirituality and Pro Life: Addressed below

Family/Youth Director: There will be a family bowling event on Sunday August 19th. Please let Tyson know if you will be able to come. It is also a good opportunity to invite potential new members.

Labor Day weekend camp shutdown is more of a fun event with horseshoes and BBQ. We will be closing up the cabins for the winter.

A question came up concerning a possible retreat for our council at St Joseph's youth camp. Tyson mentioned that there is a weekend available in 16, 17 and 18 September. Consensus opinion was that that weekend would not be viable for a number of reasons. A suggestion was made to target May of next year. Tyson will reach out to Joe Danko to see if State would have any interest in getting involved. Help will be needed to coordinate this event.

PWID Drive: John shared that the Persons With Intellectual Disabilities or tootsie roll drive is a 3 day event at three Fry's stores (83rd and Deer valley, 67th and Happy Valley, and 59th Ave and the 101). We have 10 time slots at each store and that they are 2 hour time slots. The drive will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 23rd, 24th and 25th. Fridays are always the most challenging. We will be adding a second table at the store on 59th Ave and 101 because it has two entrances. We will also have tables at both parishes in the future.

John went on to share an idea to keep members involved and active on our council. He suggested that we start a new member committee with two members from each parish who will reach out to new members. John shared a sheet with the details of his suggestion. It would include brief details of the various events and activities we are involved with and the contact individual(s) involved with that effort. He asked that anyone interested please let him know.

Tyson mentioned that there are a number of other benefits of being a Knight (i.e. insurance) and that information should be a part of this effort. There was strong support for this and even extended it to include not only the new members but also those who are on the lists but not currently involved.

Another suggestion was made to have a monthly or quarterly newsletter.

Tyson also suggested an application/computer program (Constant Contact) that could be used to keep track of the members communications, create newsletters, fliers etc. be considered for use by the council.

Arizona Rosary Celebration: Sunday, October 23 at 2:00pm.

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 6th @ 7:00PM.

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- October 1st is the E3 Africa dinner. We will need help for this effort

Report of the Fourth Degree: Butch recognized Sal and David who just became 4th degree. The next one will be in Tucson in January. He encouraged all to become 4th degree.

Field Agent's Report: WGK Ken recommended that the Knight of Columbus has many worthwhile opportunities for insurance and annuities of which that we should take advantage

District Deputy's Report: No report

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

Lecturer: Mike reminded us that we all are required to attend the seminar for "Call to Protect" Safe Environment training. Our annual renewal is due. If you haven't completed the first training session please contact your parish coordinator or check the diocesan web site for opportunities in the area.

Everyone who has completed the foundation can renew on-line.
Register online if needed.

Chaplain's Summation: none

Pot of Gold: held

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Nathan

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 8:35