



# Knights of Columbus

## St. John Fisher Council #12856

### August 7, 2017 Draft Meeting Minutes

**Business meeting** August 7, 2017 held at St. Thomas More

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

**Warden:** That Membership cards are held by all in attendance was confirmed by the acting Warden

**Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Father Nathan White

**Officers Roll Call results:** With the exception of Mike McManus and Wes Heir who were excused, all other officers were present.

**Opening Ode:** Sung

**Introduction of Dignitaries:** Our District Deputy Jerry Bianco, Past Chaplain Father Nathan and all past grand knights were recognized

Dave Berry, a new member, shared a bit about himself

**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 amended correcting a misspelled name

**Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications:** none

**Ed Gerard's report as follows:**

- Thanks to Pat McCright for organizing the blood drive at STM, July 9th, there were 56 donors.
- Thanks to 4 volunteers who participated in the 5th Sunday Rosary at STM July 30th.
- Adopt-a-street program, July 8th, Robert Lee needs more volunteers.
- Special thanks to Butch Kohs for organizing the Gold Cup Soccer and Metallica concert events at Cardinals Stadium.
- A thank you to District Deputy Jerry Bianco, District Deputy Raul Chavez and for the Council 12856 members who volunteered to serve as officers. There were installed Saturday July 22, 2017.
- Thanks to 15 volunteers who participated in First Sunday Rosary at Planned Parenthood.
- Thanks to 8 volunteers who participated in Operation Wheelchair at the Veteran's home.
- Worthy Financial Secretary provided the certificates for Knight and Family of the Month to distribute. Our July Knight of the month is Pat McCright and our Family of the Month is Ken and Nina Pritchett.
- Thanks to PKG Ken Pritchett for two years service as Grand Knight, presentation of "Our Lady of Fatima" statue.
- Tyson Gentz and family were recognized for family of the month from May and Leo DeLangis was recognized for May Knight of the month

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**Chaplain's report:** Father Felix expressed his gratitude for Father Nathan being in attendance. Father went on to recognize all that the Knights are doing as it is very special for the church. He continued to praise the Knights for their dedication to our spiritual activities in addition to the physical work. He encouraged us as Catholic men to continue to show a good example to others.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rich Miller reported the beginning and final balance in the account.

**Reading of Bills and Communications:** Worthy FINSEC Hal Pawlowski read the bills that had to be introduced at this meeting.

**Report of Auditor's and Trustees:** The bills were read and they have been reviewed and have been approved by the trustees. They also completed the audit tonight.

All were in favor of paying the bills

WGK Ed shared a thank you note and blessing from Father Ben at St James

**Chancellor's Report:** Bob Myers shared a brief story about something that happened at his store. There were three young nuns in their full habit. They had just arrived to teach in the area. He was impressed seeing the young nuns in full habit.

Bob also shared the following story: "Why did the three nuns cross the road? To get to their jobs on the other side.

But a Massachusetts shrine where the nuns work wants to make it safer for them so they've proposed installing an illuminated "Nuns Crossing" sign.

The nuns work at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro but live in a house on the opposite side of a busy road.

The city earlier spurned the shrine's request for a crosswalk, saying the location didn't meet government guidelines.

The Roman Catholic shrine, which attracts hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, now proposes a sign programmed to display a "Nuns Crossing" message when triggered by a nun's phone. The shrine is also adding a light on its property and giving the sisters reflective vests."

**Report of Service Program Committees:**

**Membership Director:**

**One member, per council, per month**

Our new membership director Ken Pritchett reported that our current membership of 196, one more than last month due to our one new member. Our goal for the year is 14 new members so we need 13 more. Ken encouraged that all please reach out

**Next Local 1<sup>st</sup> Degree:**

Council: 10050

When: Thursday August 24, 2017

Where: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Phoenix, AZ

**Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:**

Council: 8077

When: Saturday August 19, 2017

Where: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Tucson, AZ

**Next Local 4th Degree:**

November in Phoenix (details will follow in the District Deputie's report and January in Tucson

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**Worthy Advocate:** No report

**St. James Report:** Ken Pritchett reported the following:

- Date is set for E3 Africa Pasta dinner and Auction October 7<sup>th</sup>. Rich Miller has volunteered to be the head chef and we will be having chili. We will need to vote on covering the cost of the food. A motion was made seconded and passed to provide up to \$900 to cover the cost of the food.
- We are on the schedule to do donuts on August 27<sup>th</sup> and recruit others ( a change from our original commitment)

**St. Thomas More Report:** Rich Miller reported the following:

- The blood drive was a success and Rich recognized Pat McCright for his work there.
- There was a concert last Tuesday night by a Christian artist
- There is a coming event on Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> there is a Faith and Family night at the Diamondbacks stadium. After the game there will be a concert by a Christian band called the News Boys. There are two choices for seats, sections 139 for \$22 or sections 134 for \$32. Tickets are available in the office after masses. Gaby asked us to help sell the tickets after all Sunday masses.
- Bob Meyers shared that a week ago Sunday there was a concert by a well known Christian artist
- Darrell Butlett shared that the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary will run for 7 weeks beginning in October. Details to follow but Darrell shared that it will include a car show.
- Pat McCright shared that there is a Blood drive scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We need to work on signups for the two weeks prior to that event

**Council Directors:**

**Adopt-a-street:** WGK Ed shared that Rob Lee needs our support when our council picks up trash from 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 59<sup>th</sup> avenue on this side of Beardsley, meet by Panera bread at 67<sup>th</sup> avenue and Beardsley. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month, the next one is Saturday September 9th 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. 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 at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Indian School to the Hospital chapel and back. The next one will be Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 59<sup>th</sup> Ave from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The next one will be Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Fund Raising:** Butch shared that we have a game this Saturday and next and he still need help for both events. So far it has gone well but there is always need for more help.

**Pro Life Report:** Ed shared that the Tootsie roll drive is coming on September 15-18, please support this effort

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**Habitat for humanity/ food for the poor:** Courtney shared that there is always room for more volunteers to help pick up donations.

SVDP is still in need of an AED defibrillator. A motion was made seconded and passed to spend up to \$1500 buy one for SVDP.

**Family/Youth Director:** Tyson shared that he is putting together a family bowling event celebrating Father McGivney's birthday at 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and Union Hills for this coming Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made, seconded and passed to spend up to \$800 for this event.

We are still trying to schedule a retreat but it will have to be next year in May.

Tyson shared that the St Josephs youth camp had a very successful season and thanked the council for all of their support. There will be a work weekend on Labor Day weekend and encouraged all to join in the festivities.

**Other Old Business:** Rich Miller suggested that providing information ahead of time for any checks needed at the meetings please provide it as early as possible.

WGK Ed commented that his goal is to have any requests for checks to be made during the officer's meeting and additionally any business proposed during the business meetings also must be proposed during the officers meeting. His goal is to make our business meeting so that it can be kept to an hour.

**New Business:**

- Our next business meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th @ 7:00PM.
- Arizona Rosary Celebration: We always support this event with a full page ad; do we want to buy an ad again this year? The cost is \$400.00. The motion was made seconded and passed.

**Report of the Fourth Degree:** Past GK Butch Kohs shared that the Assembly's 2126 officer's installation will be on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Agent's Report:** Louis White was not available tonight

**District Deputy's Report:** District Deputy Jerry Bianco shared that there has been a little reshuffling of districts and that we are now in district 23 with includes Blessed Sacrament in Scottsdale, Our Lady of Joy in Carefree, St Gabriel's in Cave Creek and St Rose in Anthem.

He went on to say that this Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> is our founder's birthday and we are encouraged to get together to celebrate it. The memorial of his death is the 14<sup>th</sup>; he passed away at the age of 38. This is a good time to recruit.

Jerry asked for a show of hands for those who are aware of and are members of the Father McGivney guild. McGivney guild was put together to try to help advance his cause for canonization. There is no charge to be a member and every Knight should be a member and if you are not it is either because you were not aware of it or because you are too lazy. He shared that he delayed becoming a member because he was too lazy. Go to Father McGivney.org and sign up.

During the recent organizational meeting held for District deputies it was decided that the Fourth Degree ceremony scheduling would undergo some changes. Instead of just having two massive major events, they will be doing one major and three minor degrees which will be more like the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonies and they will be spread around the state. The next one will be in Nogales or Rio Rico or somewhere in that area on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be another around Veteran's Day

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here in the Phoenix area, the date and specific location TBD and another will be around President's Day likely in the northern part of the state possibly the Four Corners area. Each year they will switch between Tucson and Phoenix areas hosting the major event and move around where the minor degree ceremonies will be in an effort to make it easier for guys to come into the Fourth Degree.

Another new thing that is happening is a change in the Fourth Degree uniform. During the Supreme Convention last week they sprung the fact that there will be a new uniform, pictures are available but no other information is available at this time. The change will be phasing in at some time in the near future. Much discussion followed but the bottom line is that more details will follow and we are asked to keep an open mind.

**Other New Business:** Anyone who is interested and available please attend the 8:00 am mass on August 12<sup>th</sup> in honor of Father McGivney.

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

**Lecturer:** WGK ED reminded us that as Knights we are all required to take the safe environment training every year after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone who has completed the foundation course can renew online. Register online if needed. There is a new formation class at St James on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Chaplain's Summation:** Father Felix shared with us that today is his birthday. He shared that his mom said that this year was special because it fell on a Monday the same day of the week as when he was born.

Father went on to thank Father Nathan for donating vestments to St James.

Father also shared that Father Godwin left for Uganda and has arrived safely and has thanked us for his prayers and for those who donated to his travels and for the Franciscan Friars.

The group then sang Happy Birthday to Father.

**Pot of Gold:** Won by Giovanni DeMello

**Salutation Table** was removed

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Felix

**Closing Ode:** Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 8:20