



Knights of Columbus St. John Fisher Council #12856 December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting December 5, 2016 held at St. Thomas More

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

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

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Deacon Sal

Officers Roll Call results: With the exception of Hal Pawlowski, Patrick McKnight, Father Felix and Brian Ferber who were excused all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Deacon Sal, District Deputy Joe Danko, all past grand knights and past District Master Gerry Fjetland were all recognized

WGK Ken Pritchett introduced Harold Haley who shared some of his history.

Ken went on to give congrats to our 3 members who went through the Formation/Knighthood degrees at Fray Garces Council yesterday. They are Craig Anderson, Matthew Iannarella, and Rob Lee.

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 tonight. There are some prospective members from the St James membership drive but WGK has not been able to get them to return his phone calls

WGK Ken Pritchett's report is as follows:

- Our Knight of the month for November is Jim Sullivan and our Family of the Month is Robert E. Lee II family
- John Ingram Sr. was recognized as Knight of the month for a previous month
- 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. Please step up and we will give you any help you may need
- Don't forget to RSVP for the annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 11 Flyers for those who need them were passed out. We will have turkey and ham; people will be bringing side dishes to share.
- Many Thanks to all who worked the games at the stadium. These funds allow us to do so many charitable things. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.
- Rich Miller, Alfred and I attended the Mid-year meeting in Chandler this past Saturday. It is designed for the DDs but is a great experience if you ever get a chance to go. It was held at Fr. Robert's Parish St. Anthony the Apostle in Chandler.
- The 24 coats were delivered to Phoenix Children's project. Mary was extremely pleased with the quality. I will follow up with her to see if this is a program she wants to continue next year.

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- Keep Christ in Christmas coloring books were purchased and dropped off at St. Thomas More and for the children's program that Jim Sullivan is involved in. Keep Christ in Christmas cards have been delivered.
- If you have not received a council name badge please let me know.
- The 10th annual Catholic Men's Conference is coming up on Feb. 4th. If you go on-line to buy tickets you will see that they are \$56 unless you buy 10 or more. Then they are only \$46 and they waive the service charge. If you are interested in getting a discounted ticket let me know and I will get you one.
- There is also a young Men's conference on Friday, Dec. 30. It is geared toward HS and college age men. Younger boys need to be accompanied by an adult. www.phoenixpriest.org will take you to information about the conference
- Thanks to Dick Milanese for the newsletter. If you didn't get one Ken provided hard copies at the meeting.

Chaplain's report: Deacon Sal thanked the Knights for ordering the barbecue for St Thomas More. Deacon Sal encouraged all to spend time with our spiritual sides. He also encouraged all to reach out and help neighbors in need.

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 was not available as he is busy with the Advent Mission. He provided the bills and communications that were read by Butch.

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: The bills have been reviewed and it has been approved. All were in favor of paying the bills

Chancellor's Report: Bob shared a story about the Nuns of the Benedictine's of Mary Queen of Apostles in Kansas City. They have become famous internationally because of their music. They are growing and out growing their facilities. They are funding additional facilities to accommodate their growth by selling their music. This year they are singing songs in different languages. If you want the information Bob can provide it.

Bob Myers shared that we sponsor 5 seminarians and asked all to sign the cards we will be sending to them for Christmas.

Bob also shared about another group of nuns who raise cows and had tried to make cheese. One of the older nuns had tried to make cheese earlier and the results left something to be desired. She prayed for someone (older) who could help her learn how to make cheese. Her prayers were answered but it turned out that one of the new nuns was taught by her grandpa and they are now very successful. Remember Bethlehem cheese

Report of Service Program Committees:

WGK Ken brought up that we went ahead and donated \$500 to Christian Relief.

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month

Ken asked us to please wear the emblem of the order to church and have form 100s at all times.

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Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 7114

When: December 19th

Where: St. Raphael's

Council 3855

When: January 9th

Where: Fray Garces

Remember that the secret to bringing in new members is to ask. Have ready off the cuff information about the knights and form 100s.

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

The next Local degree will be on Saturday Feb. 18 at Corpus Christi Church on Saturday, March 11 at 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.

Next Local 4th Degree:

January 7th in Tucson

June of 2017 will be the next local ceremony

Worthy Advocate: No report

St. James Report: John reported the following:

- St. James is having a Christmas concert on Thursday December 22nd in the evening. No admission but donations to SVdP will be greatly appreciated. Coffee, hot cocoa and cookies will be available during intermission
- On December 16th there will be a volunteer appreciation dinner, any volunteer who has helped at St James is welcome
- The Youth Group of St. James plans to participate in the West Coast March for Life on Jan. 21st. Seven of the leaders have made arrangements to go on their own. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$525 (\$75 per person) to help defray the cost of this visit.
- St James Pro Life group has been working on Keeping Christ in Christmas and have made some money. That money is to be given to Maggie's place, a place to help new mothers who have decided to keep their babies. John suggested that we supplement that donation. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$400 to add to the money already received
- Adoration at St. James
 - Monday 6 PM until Benediction at 8:00
 - Friday 8:30 AM until Benediction 7:00 PM
- Advent Mission scheduled for Dec. 6 Deacon Patrick O'Toole and Dr. Gregory Thompson

St. Thomas More Report:

- There will be a Cantata of Mary this Sunday at 5:00 pm.

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- Saturday there will be a number of goods that will be available from a native American group that STM has supported over the years

Council Directors:

Adopt-a-street: Rob shared that 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 this Saturday January 14th at 8:00 am.

Bob recognized Robert E. Lee III for taking this on and encouraged all to get involved.

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 January 1st.

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 January 1st.

The bishop will be leading a rosary on Christmas Eve at 11:00 AM at this facility.

Fund Raising: Butch said that we are good for the next two planned events but they will need help for the games which they do not already have times for. Ken recommended that brothers consider getting trained for the future.

Spirituality and Pro Life: Looking for a Pro Life director, Rich Miller volunteered to do so.

Family/Youth Director: No report

Other old business:

PGK Rich Miller made a motion and it was seconded and passed that we submit a full page ad for the exemplification program in Tucson at a cost of \$150.

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 2nd @ 7:00PM.

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- Still looking for someone for the 4th degree team
- Butch encouraged 3rd degree brothers to take the 4th degree

Field Agent's Report: No report

District Deputy's Report: Shared that he enjoys reading the report of our council and thanked us all for what we do.

He is the state basketball and youth director and he recommends that the Council free throw be in January, District in February and State will be in March. He said that we should order our kit.

There will be a Christmas parade this coming Saturday and that all were welcome.

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He went on to say that we should make sure that the first degree members do not have to wait until the next scheduled event.

He challenged us to consider checking for rosaries and maybe use the salutation table to encourage all to carry their rosaries.

Joe presented our council with the Columbian Award for all that we do.

Any Other new business: Officer's meeting will be on December 20th at 6:30 and is open to all. That is the meeting where we prepare for this meeting. Ken encouraged that anyone who wants to have input please join us

Today we are in the 6th week of a novena for our nation

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.

Chaplain's Summation: Deacon Sal shared that Wednesday December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day and asked us to all pray for those who were killed on that day and for all members of the military

Pot of Gold: there will be two next month

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by WGK

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 8:20