



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

December 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting December 4, 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 WGK Ed Gerard

Officers Roll Call results: With the exception of Father Felix, Ken Costigan, Darrell Butlett, David Zowan and Wes Heir who were excused, all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: District Deputy Jerry Bianco, Field Agent Louis White and 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:

SK Ken Pritchett began by providing an update on Dennis Link. Originally he was thought to be a transfer but after researching they found that he has been suspended and so he will be a re-application.

Motions were made, seconded and passed to approve the application of Dennis Link

Ed Gerard's report as follows:

- Ed expressed special thanks to a lot of people for their efforts over the past month but in the interest of time he went directly to addressing just a couple of items
- Market on the move, Saturday December 9th. (every second Saturday of the month for the cooler months beginning at 8:00, helpers please arrive earlier)
- Our annual Christmas party will be at Maryanne and Erik Bialis's house on December 16th.

Chaplain's report: No Report because Father Felix was not able to join us tonight

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: No report because there are no bills

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers reminded us about the seminarians who we support and passed around Christmas cards for each of them. He went on to say that we used to help 5 and now after one has become a priest we are down to 4. If we would like to add another please let him know.

Bob also shared a story about some nuns who are using social media to reach out to people through the internet. *(Details provided below but you don't have to read this if it is too much skip to page 3 - Brian)*

"The Kardashians are undoubtedly the most famous Snapchattng sisters in the world. But a community of sisters of a different kind are currently blowing up Snapchat in a whole other way.

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They call themselves #MediaNuns; an international ministry of social media-loving Catholic nuns who go by the official name of "The Daughters of St Paul.

The Daughters of St Paul like to do things a bit differently to other nuns—they use media and technology to preach the gospel. And, Snapchat is just one of the ways some of these nuns try to reach people.

Sister Chelsea Bethany, 26, has been a nun since she was 20 years old, and she's definitely better at Snapchat than you or I. Her snaps aren't just about God. She also uses them to shine a light on what it's actually like to live in a convent—a way of life most of us know very little about.

Tapping through Sister Chelsea Bethany's snap story (@srchelsea on Snapchat), you'll see snaps about the food she's eating—most recently, candy corn, pizza and fries—along with snaps about God.

"I want to give people a peek into the everyday life of a #MediaNun," she says. "I am a real religious sister, and because there aren't too many sisters on Snapchat, I thought it would be a cool way to give people, especially teens, a look into religious life."

Sister Chelsea Bethany wants her snap stories to be "a place of encouragement," as well. "Maybe the snap on my story about God is the only religious—or even just positive or uplifting—thing people see all day."

She says most of the time her snaps about "everyday life stuff"—be it "funny, or ridiculous, or by some miracle, profound." For her, Snapchat is all about "what's happening in the moment" but she often posts "words of encouragement" that she feels God is saying to her. Sister Chelsea Bethany thinks that Jesus' disciples would "totally" be doing what she's doing if Snapchat had existed during those times. Of course, she says, "it totally depends on personality."

"Just like not all the sisters are on Snapchat because it doesn't fit their personality or communication style, same with the disciples. I don't know that every single one of them would have actually been on the platform," she adds.

Ultimately, though, she says that "desire" to evangelize is shared by her, her 89-year-old fellow Religious Sister and the disciples. "We want to share God with people! We have encountered a love that is so incredible we can't help but want to share the good news," she says.

*Sister Theresa Aletheia, another Snapchattin' nun, is in agreement with Sister Chelsea Bethany. **"We see ourselves as doing what Saint Paul would be doing in the world if he were here today," says Sister Theresa Aletheia. She says that Saint Paul—an apostle who travelled around the Mediterranean to spread the Gospel—would "definitely be out using the most modern means available to reach the most people with the Gospel message."***

Sister Theresa Aletheia, 36, (username @pursuedbytruth) is currently studying for a Master's in Theology and Philosophy. Her recent snaps show her reluctantly studying for her midterm. "I'm supposed to be doing my midterm for metaphysics right now. I don't wanna do it," Sister Theresa Aletheia tells her followers in one recent snap.

She says when she first started using Snapchat about a year ago she found it "absolutely ridiculous." She says that before entering the convent, she was a bit of a Luddite and wasn't terribly interested in social media or tech. "God had the last laugh because now I am a member of the Daughters of St. Paul who are informally known as the 'media nuns' because we are called to spread the Gospel using modern media," says Sister Theresa Aletheia.

She says that the founder of the Daughters of St. Paul—Blessed James Alberione—always said: "Don't speak only about religion, but speak about everything in a Christian way." Which is why, she says, the sisters talk about "all kinds of things." "We share about our daily lives, life in the convent, just normal everyday stuff. Our sisters are pretty down-to-earth," she says. These everyday insights about life in the convent are interspersed with snaps about Jesus. "We do share about Jesus explicitly but we also just generally share the joy that our faith has brought us," says Sister Theresa

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Aletheia. "People are often struck by our joy." "When I see the snap with a lot of screenshots, I know it hit hearts," she says.

Though snaps about Jesus are by no means everyone's cup of tea, these nuns are using innovative means to preach the gospel. For younger generations, the snaps offer a glimpse into the lives of young nuns and life in a convent. Keep snappin', sisters!" (note: captured from the internet by Brian to share Bob's story accurately)

Report of Service Program Committees:

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month:

PGK Ken reminded us the following:

- The Degree info can be found at <http://www.azknightsforcolumbus.com/>
- Notes: Wear the emblem of the order to church and have a form 100 at all times.
- Remember that the secret to bringing in new members is to ask. Have ready off the cuff information about the knights.

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council: 3855

When: Sunday December 17, 2017

Where: Council #3855 K of C hall, Glendale, AZ

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Council: 3855

When: Sunday December 17, 2017

Where: Council #3855 K of C hall, Glendale, AZ

Next Local 4th Degree:

Tucson Exemplification, Tucson, AZ, Saturday February 17, 2018

Phoenix Exemplification on 9th or 10th of June 2018

Worthy Advocate: SK Butch Kohs shared that some of our meetings have gone a little bit long. We are reminded of proper meeting protocol. Raise your hand if you have something to share and wait to be recognized by the Grand Knight. Please try to keep your talk to 2 minutes. Please do not just speak out. Respect your brothers. If you are asked to wrap it up please get to your point and move on.

St. James Report: Ken Pritchett reported the following:

- St James' Advent mission will be tonight and tomorrow 9:00 am or 6:00 PM by musician Doug Slater
- Market on the move this Saturday as mentioned earlier
- The next Pro Life meeting will be at 6:00 pm tomorrow evening
 - Bishop Olmstead will be leading the rosary at Planned Parenthood on Christmas eve from 1:00 to 2:30 pm
- St James volunteer appreciation dinner will be on the 26th of January
- Keep Christ in Christmas coloring books are going well. A motion was made, seconded and passed to buy 200 more coloring books for \$100

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St. Thomas More Report:

- SK Rich Miller shared that Deacon Sal who is a vintage car buff and he is trying to put together a car show at STM on February 24th. He is asking for our help for some prep work and on the day of the event as well as some monetary help which will be addressed in new business

Council Directors:

Adopt-a-street: WGK Ed shared that next Adopt-a-Street is this Saturday January the 13th at 7:00 am. Rob Lee can't do it. We need help from volunteers to pick up trash from 67th Avenue to 59th avenue on this side of Beardsley, meet by Panera bread at 67th avenue and Beardsley. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month.

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 3rd and Indian School to the Hospital chapel and back. The next one will be Sunday January 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 led by Ken Pritchett in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic on 5771 W Eugie Ave just east of 59th Ave from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The next one will be Sunday January 7th.

Fund Raising: Butch shared the following:

There is a game this weekend and he has 5 helpers signed up. Having 5 makes it much easier even though only 4 are required because of the addition of margaritas. There are only 4 signed up for both the December 24th and the December 30th events and they could use one more for each. If you work the game on the 24th there will be a raffle for those working the event. He reminded us that this is our biggest fund raiser.

Pro Life Report: WGK Ed shared that Keeping Christ in Christmas drive has been doing very well

Habitat for humanity/food for the poor: Courtney shared that they are adding another (4th) pickup location. He has been working with the new location manager and corporate to get this one going

Family/Youth Director: No report

Other Old Business:

The Christmas Poster contest kits were ordered but have not arrived yet. (2 for STJ and 1 for STM)

Deacon Frank wanted to thank all for the recent donation to the deacons

New Business:

- Deacon Sal has requested a loan from council 12856 (\$500.00) for start up costs of car show February 24,2018 of which all proceeds going to STM Youth program. A motion was made seconded and passed to donate the \$500 to this effort
- Coats for Kids program. Schedule for delivery UPS Ground, December 2, tracking number 1Z469220345959185. Ed and Ken will get together and Ken will deliver them

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- A motion was made seconded and passed to Seminarians Support (4 each), total \$2000.00. Rich Miller shared that he works with one of the fathers of one of the Seminarians and he is going to visit his son in Rome. A suggestion was made to send the checks with him for Gabe Terrill and Nathaniel Glenn and this is the approach
- Brian reported that the K of C Free Throw championship preparation will begin in December 2017 targeting for a January event. He is planning to meet with the office at STJ to capture a date for the event and then get with Darrell for help with communications at STM
- Last year John Ingram Jr. supported the March for Life +Walk for Life (US-West). Please let John Jr know that we are willing to help him with this again
- Family Rosary Program, fifth Sunday in December 30, 2017, at STM Mary chapel, 10:30 AM.
- Our next business meeting will be on January 8th, at St Thomas More portable assuming that we are allowed to use it on the 8th. Waiting for reply from the office

Report of the Fourth Degree: Butch encouraged those who are 3rd degree to consider getting their 4th degree, our patriotic degree which Butch mentioned was in direct support of our country. **The District Deputy Jerry Bianco** shared that this year the number of 4th degree members doubled.

Field Agent's Report: Louis shared that he has continued to call brothers. His roll has expanded and he is working with new agents to increase coverage. We are at 40% of our quota for insurance this year. He mentioned that Ken was doing a great job with membership. He also said that we are doing a ton of things that go toward star council and to keep up the good work

He shared that this is a mission for him and he feels blessed to be able to help the brothers and the families of brothers who has passed. He is really impressed with our council for what we do representing the Knight' of Columbus.

District Deputy's Report: District Deputy Jerry Bianco shared that this year he sat down with his field agent. He said that there would be two outcomes from sitting down with him. One is that you will learn something more about the Knights and it was a great opportunity to bond with a brother. He encouraged all to consider getting with their field agent. It is not a sales pitch; he will help to make sure that you are getting all that you need from the Knights.

He went on to discuss the recent District Meeting. The biggest message has to do with membership. Each district has challenges and successes and we are one of his successes and went on to mention all the good things we are doing. Always be thinking about membership. We have an obligation to reach out to all men to invite them to join. There are some new tools for joining the Knights on-line membership belonging to a State council. When they join online the local council is notified so they can reach out to invite them to the local council meetings

He went on to share that each brother who successfully invites a new member to join will be entered in a raffle to go to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin Ireland. Ten names will be picked out of the group of brothers who have been successful getting new members.

He also mentioned the importance of retention. We should reach out to those who have fallen off the radar to try to bring them back.

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WGK Ed shared that our Field Agent Louis White has been doing a great job and that we should reach out to him to meet.

Rich Miller asked us to keep Father Mark and the people of Sudan in our prayers

For the Good of the Order:

The prayer request was updated and read.

WGK mentioned that he forgot to do the Knight of the month.

- Deacon Frank Devine was recognized as a Knight of the month in April of 2017.
- Mike McManus is our Knight of the month for November
- Jim and Jo-Lyn Sullivan is our Family of the month for November

Lecturer: Mike reminded us that as Knights we are all required to take the safe environment training every year after July 1st. Anyone who has completed the foundation course can renew on-line. Register online if needed.

District Deputy Jerry Bianco reminded us that for any youth related event such as the Free-Throw contest the Grand Knight or the Youth Director must be certified by the Knights Safe environment training in addition to the Diocesan Safe environment training and one or both must be present at the event. Supreme is driving this message home. The Knights of Columbus training is only available to the Grand Knight and the Youth protection training

Chaplain's Summation: No report

Pot of Gold: completed

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by WGK Ed Gerard

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 8:08