



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

February 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting February 5, 2018 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 Warden Wes Heir

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

Officers Roll Call results: With the exception of Father Felix and Ken Costigan who were excused, all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: District Deputy Jerry Bianco 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: No report

Soon to be transferred brother Peter Rail shared a bit about himself

Ed Gerard's report as follows:

- Special thanks to Butch Kohs for organizing Super Cross event at Cardinals Stadium.
- Thank you goes out to Jim Sullivan and volunteers for setting up Market on the Move event the second Saturday of January
- Thanks to all Rosary prayer warriors (18) who participated in First Sunday Rosary at Planned Parenthood Clinic on February 4th.
- Thank to the volunteers for assistance on first Sunday Operation Wheelchair event at the Veterans home on February 4th.
- Thanks to all who participated in the adopt-a-street event on January 13th.
- January Knight of the month is Dick Milanese and our Family of the Month is Leo and Margaret DeLangis.
- Tyson Gentz was recognized as Knight of the Month for September 2017
- Rich Dray was recognized for December 2017 Knight of the Month
- Thanks out goes out to Dick Milanese for the February newsletter which keeps you informed.
 - Dick shared that he struggles with getting information for the newsletter. He asked that all who are running events please share the accurate details about the vent before and then share a bit about the results after the event
- Annual K of C Priest Appreciation Dinner will be Friday, February 9, 2016
- The next Market on the move event will be Saturday February 10, 2018.
- The St. James fish fry, conducted each Friday during lent to begin February 16th. A motion is needed to appropriate funds for this event.

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- A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve \$850 for food to start up the Fish Fry
- St. Thomas More parish car show event in support of the youth group will be February 24, 2018.

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

Treasurer's Report: Delayed until he arrives, he had to work late. His report was delayed until 7:57

Note: the recorder chose to leave this report in this location for the sake of consistency in minute's formatting

Rich Miller reported that the check we sent to the State Council for the PWID drive has not cleared yet and it has apparently been lost so the process would normally be to cancel the check and issue a new one but Jerry Bianco asked that we hold off until he confirms that it is in fact lost

Rich went on to report the beginning and final balance in the account.

Reading of Bills and Communications: Worthy FINSEC Hal Pawlowski shared that the biggest issue is having all brothers pay their membership dues ASAP. There are only 63 paid members at this point in time

District Deputy Jerry Bianco shared that 63 out of 201 members is a low percentage at this point in time. He suggested that we need to be talking to our brothers. He reminded us that the retention committee consists of the Worthy Deputy Grand Knight and the Trustees. He suggested that Hal prepare a list of brothers who are past due and provide it to the retention committee. The retention committee should then go through the list and reach out to those brothers who are past due. Jerry suggested that most of the time we will find that brothers have just forgotten to pay their dues and a brief conversation should serve as a reminder for them. The retention committee should reach out to other brothers to help make some calls to the past due brothers. Supreme requires that we make personal contact with every member. Make sure that the contacts be documented including any unsuccessful attempts at reaching out to them at their last known address. Without that documentation Supreme will not accept any attempt to suspend them for non-payment of dues. It is the last choice to suspend someone. We must make every attempt to reach out to them as a brother Knight.

Hal mentioned that we have 29 brothers who we do not have an address for at this point. Jerry said that after all of our efforts to reach out via email, mail, phone calls and personal visits to their last known address have failed there are a couple of things we can do. The first thing would be to Google them or check social media sites for their names. If that fails please send the names and last known phone numbers and contact information to Jerry. Jerry will reach out to our State Membership retention Chairman who has other options for finding missing brothers. He reiterated that we have to do everything we can to reach out to our brothers who are missing.

WGK shared two communications. The first from Deacon Ron for our donation during Christmas to help him with vestment costs. He also shared a Christmas card from E3 Africa thanking us for all we have done for them.

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: No report because there are no bills. Brother Butch Kohs reminded that the audit is due by the 15th and a date must be set to accomplish that.

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers reminded us about the 4 seminarians who we support with birthday cards, Christmas cards, cash once a year and other correspondences with them when we can. There are no cards this month but just mentioned it for the new brothers to be aware of it.

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Bob also shared a story about some cloistered nuns who were given special dispensation to see Pope Francis last month in Lima Peru. The pope joked with the nuns a bit saying "Seeing you all here an unkind thought comes to my mind, that you took advantage (of me) to get out of the convent a bit to take a stroll," he said at the Cathedral San Juan Apostol y Evangelista in Lima, drawing roars of laughter from the nuns, Reuters reported.

At a later date with another group of nuns Francis also urged the nuns to avoid gossiping in their convents, likening it to "terrorism."

"You know what a gossiping nun is?" he asked. "A terrorist."

The nuns laughed again, Reuters reported.

"Because gossip is like a bomb, One throws it, it causes destruction and you walk away tranquilly." Francis said. "No terrorist nuns! No gossip, and know that the best remedy against gossip is to bite your tongue."

Bob went on to remind us that this is true for us as well. We should not spread gossip either

Report of Service Program Committees:

WGK Ed stated that we need to work on this

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month:

Brother Ken Pritchett, our membership director, reminded us that each and every one of us can and should work on recruiting new members into the council. Let the guys you go to church with know that you are a Knight and share a bit about the activities that you participate in and see if they might be interested in any of those.

Along with membership once you become a member you can earn a shirt by attending two meetings and participating in at least one event. The reason we did it that way was that we wanted everyone to have shirts with the logo and at the same time we want you to feel part of the council. They didn't want to just give a shirt away and then never see that shirt again. Ken held up a bag of name tags that were made when brothers joined the council but never showed up to get their name tags. He has had some of the name tags for years. Ken is making personal calls to brothers whose names are on those tags. Additionally he mentioned that if anyone has earned a shirt and not received it please let him know. He has an abundance of extra large shirts, a few of the XXLG. They have ordered new shirts but they made a mistake on those shirts but they will be available next meeting.

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council: 10062

When: Saturday February 17, 2018

Where: Corpus Christi Parish, 3550 E Knox Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Council: 10062

When: Saturday February 17, 2018

Where: Corpus Christi Parish, 3550 E Knox Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Next Local 4th Degree:

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

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Worthy Advocate: WGK Ed Gerard recognized Darrel Butlett for 50 years being a Knight. Brother Darrell shared that this is a wonderful group of men to be associated with. He went on to say that brother Knights are the “guts of the Catholic Church”. He continued to share that his father-in-law recruited the six guys his daughters married and he stated that joining the Knights was the best thing he ever joined.

Ed shared that Darrell had paid the membership dues for one of the brothers he knows at church. Darrell went on to say that the brother he paid the dues for is one of those guys who is always willing to help out.

Ed also stated that we would like to do something to recognize his 50 years and asked if there was anything he would like. Darrell asked that we pay another brother’s dues in lieu of anything else

St. James Report: Ken Pritchett shared that he usually goes to the various meetings to keep in touch with all that is happening at the church.

- This coming Saturday we will need additional help around 7 am till market on the move as Jim Sullivan will be out of town.
- Adoration at St. James
 - Monday 6 PM until Benediction at 8:00
 - Friday 8:30 AM until Benediction at 7:00 PM
- John Ingram Sr is the Pro-Life director at St James. The next Pro-Life meeting has been postponed from tomorrow night until February 13th.
- St James one day festival is coming up on April 14th so please put it on your calendars. We will discuss the support of this during our next meeting
- John had planned to be here tonight but is under the weather so he asked Ken to share some things. The Pro-Life ministry provided support to a number of groups. They donated \$6,000 to \$8,000 to First Way Pregnancy center among others. John’s rummage ministry is in need of a shed. He is trying to get some funds to help offset the cost of the shed. There were a number of suggestions made for approaches to helping them out. One such idea was to adjust the amount of support we provide to the fish fry to allocate some of those funds for helping out with the cost of the shed. Discussion will follow at the officer’s meeting to come up with the best plan of attack. Anyone who has any other suggestions please send them to the Grand Knight via email or text.

St. Thomas More Report: DGK Pat shared that he has signup sheets for the first annual car show at St Thomas More which will be on Saturday February 24th. He passed on the sheets and a flier. The shifts will be from 7:30 until cleanup is done. He shared that Father Turner was concerned about there being a mess left so we need to do a really good job with clean up.

Christian Relief Fund crosses are still available. Ken shared that we bought these some time ago. Each cross is unique and made in Bethlehem out of olive wood. We already bought these and sent the entire amount to the Relief Fund so now we need to sell them to get the funds back into our coffers. There are 15 left and they will be available at the STJ Fish Fry each Friday.

Ken also shared that we have a number of the “Fast on Fridays” refrigerator magnets available in both English and Spanish. There is a quick prayer stating “Lord Jesus use my fasting on Fridays to save the lives of unborn babies, Amen” AFM (Abstain From Meat)

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Council Directors:

Adopt-a-street: WGK Ed shared that next Adopt-a-Street is this Saturday March 10th at 7:00 am. We need help from volunteers to pick up trash from 67th Avenue to 59th avenue on this side of Beardsley, meet by Panera Bread Company 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 9:15 AM at 3rd Street and Indian School. Our next scheduled day is Sunday, March 4th. The route has changed and it takes a bit longer than it has in the past. Bob said that if there is anyone interested in helping please reach out to him. He went on to say that the veterans are really appreciative.

Pray the Rosary at Planned Parenthood (Abortion) Clinic: Bob Meyers reported that there was a good turnout to say the rosary. Fortunately the clinic was closed (apparently due to the Super bowl and the Golf tournament being on)

Note added by recorder: 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 March 4th

WGK Ed mentioned that Leo DeLangis had been in touch with him asking if anyone knew if there was a way for brothers to make credit card donations on the Council 12856 web site. Brother Joe Kosikowski also shared that he had started this effort. He shared that we have been holding the golf tournament for about 18 years. Joe and Leo have been working on this effort. This year's donations will go back to the council. They need help getting donations for the raffles at the end of the tournament. Joe shared some of the details of sponsorship for \$100 and we should reach out to anyone who we have been using for years (i.e. insurance agents, plumbers A/C companies etc). The event will be on May 5th

Note: The information for the following three reports are addressed in the preceding reports

Fund Raising: *see Note above*

Pro Life Report: *see Note above*

Habitat for humanity/food for the poor: *see Note above*

Family/Youth Director: Tyson Gentz

We had the Free Throw Contest two Saturdays ago and the District Free Throw Contest will be on this coming Saturday at St James basketball court at noon, set up at 11:30

There will be a work weekend on Memorial Day weekend at St Joe's Youth Camp and all are welcome.

We have been trying to find a weekend for a retreat at St Joe's (men's or family retreat)

Tyson will send out the available dates to the council

The tickets for the Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities have arrived and anyone who is willing to do so should take some with them tonight. We will be setting up dates for sales at each church and they will be available at the fish fry (the drawing will be held on May 19th)

Other Old Business:

WGK asked Dick Milanese to share something with the group. There was some confusion during past meetings concerning donations for STM Youth Group. He has spoken with the Youth Director and has some information to share to clarify this. The car show money will help pay for leadership training at Notre Dame. The request for \$500 that was confused was to

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support the youth retreat at Lake Pleasant which was open to all of the parish teens. A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide \$500 for the cost of the retreat.

Recorder's Note: Treasurer's report occurred here during the meeting but the notes are captured where they would normally be above for the sake of consistent report format

New Business:

- Our next business meeting will be on March 5th in the normal location

Report of the Fourth Degree:

Butch reminded us that we have the Public Service Appreciation (PSA) dinner and Blue Mass on April 21st. Although this is a fourth Degree event there is no reason why any brother can't help out at this event or even go to the dinner. The cost of the tickets is \$25 each and it is held at St Helen's church

Field Agent's Report: No report WGK Ed shared that the four pillars of Insurance coverage are as follows: Insurance, Annuity, Health Care and Retirement. Ed went on to say that we would like to have Louis talk with us about these at some point in the future

District Deputy's Report: Jerry Bianco asked how many in the rooms received a copy of Knightline in the mail. He was pleased with the amount of brothers who raised their hands. He went on to say that his focus is membership. A council that is not recruiting and not growing is a council that is dying. We don't want that to happen. Our goal is 14 new members and 5 new insurance members. As of right now we have 4 new members and 1 new insurance member. The focus on this month's Knightline is all about how can we do a better job at making the council interesting enough that our recruiting efforts is rewarded with recruiting new members. In the Knightline it mentions 5 things to tackle in 2018:

1. Aim younger
2. Be more family centered
3. Develop increase awareness of who we are
4. Develop a strong relationship with the clergy
5. Make Spirituality our key focus
 - To help maintain that focus Jerry brought about 50 or so copies of "Into the Breach". Please share these with the parishioners in addition to your brothers. Let everyone know that it is being provided by the Knights of Columbus.
 - It was suggested when sharing about the Knights of Columbus that rather than just sharing the different events and things that we do we should share three things:
 - We help people
 - We change lives
 - We save lives

March is membership month. All council members should be involved with this effort. At least wear your shirts and badges. We have an obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to join the Knights. Promote everything that we do. Have form 100s with you and make efforts to actively recruit at all times.

For the Good of the Order:

The prayer request was updated and read after the Lecturer's report

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.

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For the Good of the Order:

The prayer request was updated and read

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 8:15