



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting February 6, 2017 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 in attendance was confirmed by the acting Warden Bill Bandi

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Father Felix

Officers Roll Call results: With the exception of Bob Meyers, Gerry Fjetland, Mike Swedowski, Butch Kohs, Rich Miller and Sal Elia who were excused all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Father Felix, all past grand knights and (soon to arrive) Field Agent Lewis White were all recognized

WGK Ken Pritchett introduced Chris Weller who has been a Knight for a while but hasn't been able to attend until now and he shared some of his history.

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 was one new application tonight for Christian Ortega. WGK Ken Pritchett read his application and provided some background information. There was a motion that was seconded and passed to vote him in as a prospective Knight.

WGK Ken Pritchett's report is as follows:

- Our Knight of the month for December is Ed Gerard and our Family of the Month is the Wes Heier family
- Leo DeLangis was recognized as last month's Knight of the Month. Eric and Maryanne Biallas were recognized as family of the month for December 2016. Bill Bandi was recognized for January 2016 Knight of the month.
- Annual survey submitted based on input and estimation (estimated 12,540 hours total and \$30,600 total donations to various categories)
- During the month of January I met with Fr. Jim and Fr. Ben on separate occasions. Fr. Jim shared his appreciation for everything the Knights do to help STM. Fr. Ben also shared his appreciation but would like to see a more visible presence of the Knights.
- Thank you letter for our support of E-3 Africa. An update on our student Samuel who is continuing his education toward electrical engineering.
- Recruiting incentives. We received an official Canonization portrait of St. Theresa of Calcutta which to be framed and blessed at a future date
- Dues statements have been mailed. If you didn't receive one let us know ASAP.
- Hal asked that anyone who has paid the dues and has not received their membership card

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- 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.
- 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.
- If you have not received a council name badge please let me know.
- Many thanks to all who made the initial Market on the Move event such a huge success. Many Knights showed up and everyone I talked to said it was truly an enjoyable event. The previous record for an initial event was 113 customers. The St. James event shattered that with a total of 214 customers. The next event will be on Saturday Feb. 25
- The Priest appreciation dinner will be held this Friday. Fr. Felix, Fr. Ben, Fr. Nathan and Deacon Sal will be attending along with myself, Hal, Rich Miller, Alfred, and Gerry Fjetland
- Thanks to Dick Milanese for the newsletter and calendar. He is trying to put together a review of 2016 but is waiting on input from Ken. Ken offered his apologies.

Chaplain's report: Father Felix expressed his pleasure being a Knight of Columbus. Father went on to share that men are the pillars of our families and that he is very grateful for the men of the Knights of Columbus who do volunteer work and who pray often. He went on to talk about abortion and how it is seemingly misconceiving but that is the work of the devil. We must continue to pray and to be courageous enough to speak out against it. He encouraged us to continue to pray for God's help in overcoming this terrible situation. We also must remember that we as Christians must always remain peaceful when opposing this situation. Father thanked us for our commitment to the Church.

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 provided the bills and communications.

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

Organ Donor Sunday needs someone to take over the responsibility of supporting this effort. It requires permission to communicate the efforts with both parishes

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers was absent and we were disappointed that his report was missed

Report of Service Program Committees:

WGK Ken reminded us that we still have the beautiful crosses on sale in support of the Christian Relief fund. Ken read a letter thanking us for our donations. We are all encouraged to pray for those affected by this terrible situation. There is a lot of information on Supreme web site, please check it out

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.

Everyone should once in a while click on to the web site at the following link

<http://www.azknightsforcolumbus.com/>

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Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 11675

When: February 9th

Where: St Thomas Aquinas

Also St Raphael's Monday Feb. 13

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:

Saturday Feb. 18 at Corpus Christi Church in Ahwatukee

Saturday, March 11 at St. Helen's

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

Next Local 4th Degree:

June of 2017 will be the next local ceremony

Worthy Advocate: 63 Knights took their 4th degree ceremony. Dick Milanese received his 4th Degree in January and was recognized. Dick recommended that all who have not yet taken their 4th degree seriously consider it.

St. James Report: Ken reported the following:

- Adoration at St. James (all are encouraged to make a commitment to do this)
 - Monday 6 PM until Benediction at 8:00
 - Friday 8:30 AM until Benediction 7:00 PM
- St. James rummage, set up starts his Wed. evening at 5pm and Thursday starting at 8am. Sale will be on Friday and Saturday. Tear-down at 2:00 pm Sat.
- St. James has asked if we would be responsible for a food booth at their upcoming Neighborhood Fair on April 29th. Tyson has agreed to work with us doing a BBQ booth as we did during the 3 day festivals. This event will be 1 day from 4pm to 10pm
- If anyone is interested in being our rep for the St. James Neighborhood Fair let Ken know.
- Donut duty Sunday Feb. 19, help is requested

St. Thomas More Report:

Thanks again to Leon Lang for conducting a successful blood drive on Jan 29.

They well surpassed the established goal. Thanks to all who helped out or donated.

Do we want to have a community breakfast again this year? If so we need to get it on the calendar and planned

Council Directors:

Adopt-a-street: Rob shared that our council picks up trash from 67th Avenue to 59th avenue on this side of Beardsley, meet by Panera bread. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month, the next one is this Saturday March 11th at 8:00 am.

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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 March 5th.

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 March 5th.

There is also a nationwide rally on Sunday February 12th at Planned Parenthood clinic on Eugie Ave just east of 59th Ave

Fund Raising: Going well, the next events will be the basketball games April 1 and April 3

Habitat for humanity/ food for the poor: Craig Anderson reported that Food for the poor is an opportunity to help out by picking up food 3 days a week at 23rd Ave and Dunlap and delivering food to St Vincent de Paul.

Craig also suggested that anyone who travels please bring soap and shampoos for this effort that you get when you travel.

He also shared a bit about STM helping out working on a house for Habitat for Humanity. Ken will send out the dates for the next opportunities to help with the labor in the process (Feb 18th, Mar 11th, 18th and 22nd).

Lenten Fish Fry- Rich Miller has agreed to head this up once again. There will be 6 Fridays starting March 3. There was a motion to provide \$800 startup funds to go to buying the food that was seconded and passed

Golf Tournament - Joe Kosikowski and Leo DeLangis have been working this. Joe expressed that we need to recruit players. It will be on May 6 at Falcon Dunes and will cost \$95 per person, lunch included. There are also a number of prizes; all are encouraged to help out with getting donations for the prizes. This effort has been targeted to support St Joseph's Youth Camp, a Knights of Columbus owned camp. There is a need to gather funds to address the need for a new septic system with an estimated cost of \$300,000. There will be a meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 at the PGA store

Spirituality and Pro Life: The coming nation-wide pro-life rally in an effort to defund Planned Parenthood was already mentioned

Family/Youth Director: Free throw contest is scheduled for Feb. 18th with the district competition being held the following weekend.

Charity Raffle: Ed Gerard provided ticket books tonight to all who wanted them. Tyson will oversee this effort

Other old business: A motion was made that the proceeds raised by the golf tournament go to the St Joseph's Youth Camp. Discussion followed sharing that other councils do help somewhat but that the only way this will succeed is if a grant could be obtained. The camp is non profit. The motion was seconded and passed to donate the proceeds to the camp.

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New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, Mar. 6 @ 7:00PM.
- Polish Festival at Our Lady of Czestochowa church on Feb. 25

Report of the Fourth Degree:

PSA dinner will be on Saturday April 22. A motion was made to put an ad in the program \$150 for a full page ad, it was seconded and passed

Faith and family night Saturday offered on March 18th for Coyotes versus St Louis Blues. Ken will share the information via email

Field Agent's Report: Our new field agent Lewis White shared that he is pleased to be able to attend. He went on to express that we are fortunate to have Father Felix attending our meeting.

Lewis then shared that he is trying to attend out events. He is also reaching out to members to sit down and review what is available. He can help with IRAs and that there are scholarships available for Catholic universities. He is recruiting new field agents if anyone is interested. He shared that he will not be able to make it next month because he and his wife are going on vacation.

Ken went on the share that Lewis is a great resource and encouraged all to reach out to him.

District Deputy's Report: No report

Any Other new business: February 22nd there will be a mass in honor of Elmer Ambrose.

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 and/or on-line. Our annual renewal is due.

Chaplain's Summation: Father shared about a bishop who was beaten by an individual who came into the church during mass. He went on to say that we all must be aware of any odd things that happen during mass and respond accordingly

Pot of Gold: Winner was announced at the end of the meeting

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Felix

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 8:45