



# Knights of Columbus

## St. John Fisher Council #12856

### January 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Business meeting** January 9, 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 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 Pritchett, and Wes Heir who were excused, all other officers were present.

**Opening Ode:** Skipped by unanimous vote because the song sheets were not readily available

**Introduction of Dignitaries:** 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:**

Transfer Harry Prestanski was introduced and shared a bit about himself.

Recent new brothers father and son Michael and Christopher Gucwa were introduced and shared a bit about themselves

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

- Special thanks to Butch Kohs for organizing and all those who helped the Cardinals/Rams, Cardinals/Titans, Cardinals/Giants and Fiesta Bowl, Penn State/Washington, football game events at Cardinals Stadium.
- Thank you goes out to Jim Sullivan and 20 volunteers for setting up Market on the Move event the second Saturday of December.
- Thanks to Ken Pritchett for delivering 24 Coats for Kids to Phoenix Children's project.
- Thank you John Ingram Sr. for leadership in Keeping Christ in Christmas.
- Thanks to all Rosary prayer warriors who participated in First Sunday Rosary at Planned Parenthood Clinic on January 7th.
- Due to the flu epidemic we were requested not to hold the first Sunday Operation Wheelchair event at the Veterans home on January 7th.
- Thanks to Leo and Margaret DeLangis for all the work put in for the Annual Christmas Party on December 16th at the home of Eric and Mary Ann Biallas and thanks to them for the use of their house.
- Thanks to all who participated in the fifth Sunday December 31st K of C Family Rosary Program.
- Our Knight of the month is Rich Dray and our Family of the Month is Leo and Margaret DeLangis.
- Thanks out goes out to Dick Milanese for the January newsletter which keeps you informed.
- The next Market on the move event will be Saturday January 13, 2018.
- The next Adopt-a-street event will be held Saturday January 13, 2018

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

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

Rich reported that he learned that one of his coworkers is the father of Nathaniel Glenn and he had him bring the checks for Nathaniel and Gabe Terrill to Rome when he went to visit his son in Rome.

There are two checks that have not cleared yet

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

WGK read a letter from Deacon Sal thanking us for the \$500 for seed money for the car show along with some preliminary details about the event. He also read another letter from Deacon Sal thanking us for the donation from the council

Rich shared that the car show is coming up quick on February 24<sup>th</sup> and there will be a need to for Knights to help out. The next meeting will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rich asked for someone to step up to go to the meeting. Pat McCright volunteered to do so and Rich will send info to Pat. Rich thought that it will take about 10 brothers to help out

At this point Hal and Rich went to the front room to allow brothers the opportunity to pay their dues during the meeting

**Report of Auditor's and Trustees:** No report because there are no bills

**Chancellor's Report:** Bob Myers reminded us about the 4 seminarians who we support and passed around a birthday card for Nathaniel Glenn.

Bob also shared a story about Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ who is "Director of the Vatican Observatory and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, and a Ph. D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona; he was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard and MIT, served in the US Peace Corps (Kenya), and taught university physics at Lafayette College before entering the Jesuits in 1989.

Br. Consolmagno's research explores the connections between meteorites and asteroids, and the origin and evolution of small bodies in the solar system. In 1996, he spent six weeks collecting meteorites with an NSF-sponsored team on the blue ice of Antarctica, and in 2000 he was honored by the IAU for his contributions to the study of meteorites and asteroids with the naming of asteroid 4597 Consolmagno" (previous is a quote from an internet article) which is also known as "Little Guy".

He believes that Religion and science should work beside one another rather than competing ideologies and Bob went on to say that he is quoted as saying "Religion need science to keep it away from superstition and keep it close to reality"

He is known as the Pope's astronomer and was named director of the Vatican observatory in September 2015 by Pope Francis.

Brother Guy will be at STM tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM if you want to learn more

**Report of Service Program Committees:**

**Membership Director:**

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

WGK Ed reminded us the following:

- The Degree info can be found at <http://www.azknightsofcolumbus.com/>
- Notes: Wear the emblem of the order to church and have a form 100 at all times.

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- Remember that the secret to bringing in new members is to ask. Have ready off the cuff information about the knights.

We will try to have another membership drive in March

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

Council: 13286

When: Saturday January 13, 2018

Where: St Gabriel's Church, 32648 N Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ

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

Council: 13286

When: Saturday January 13, 2018

Where: St Gabriel's Church, 32648 N Cave Creek Rd, Cave Creek, AZ

**Next Local 4th Degree:**

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

There is another option for becoming a Knight that was made available recently. A prospective brother can now go online to the State K of C website and get their First Degree membership and pay their dues to the Knights of Columbus via the internet. Once the application has been submitted the State will notify the council in that individual's area so they can reach out to that brother to invite them to attend the council's meeting if they so desire.

Another option is to hold a local first degree using a DVD ceremony to bring an interested brother into the brotherhood.

Ken also asked Ed to remind us that STJ is having a festival in April. Tyson volunteered to cook but we will need more brothers to help out during that event. More detailed information will follow as we get closer to that event.

STM is having a blood drive coming up this Sunday and we need signups, please see Dick Milanese to sign up to donate blood

Ken spoke about the Christian Relief fund. He reminded us that still have the beautiful crosses in support of the Christian Relief. We have already paid the donation portion of the crosses cost but they are still available for people to buy

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

**Worthy Advocate:** *see Note above*

**St. James Report:** *see Note above*

**St. Thomas More Report:** *see Note above*

**Council Directors:**

**Adopt-a-street:** WGK Ed shared that next Adopt-a-Street is this Saturday January the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. We need help from volunteers to pick up trash from 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 59<sup>th</sup> avenue on this side of Beardsley, meet by Panera Bread Company at 67<sup>th</sup> avenue and Beardsley. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month.

WGK brought up that we are in need of someone to take over overseeing this event. Ken Pritchett will cover it in the interim until someone steps up.

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*(Recorder comment) This is a very low time-commitment type opportunity. The event takes about an hour and only happens once every two months (≈6 or so hours per year) so please consider helping out. Great way to get involved and to serve our community with low time impact on your schedule!*

**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.

**WGK Ed stated that we are on hold for this activity until the flu season is over.**

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 announced because it has been postponed due to the flu season being upon us.

It was mentioned that there haven't been enough help recently and that they can really use the help. The route has changed and it takes a lot longer than it has in the past and the target time is 9:00 to 9:15

**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 59<sup>th</sup> Ave from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The next one will be Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fund Raising:** Butch shared the following:

He only has two people for the motocross event and will need more help; at least 4 and 5 is better.

**Pro Life Report:** WGK Ed shared that John Ingram Sr could not be here because there is a conflict with the Pro-Life group meeting tonight.

We were encouraged from State to participate in the Pro Life march. More details will follow.

**Habitat for humanity/food for the poor:** This effort is going well but as with everything else they could use more help from volunteers. The effort involves stopping by businesses who have volunteered to donate food, picking up the donations and then delivering it to SVdP

**Family/Youth Director:** No report

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. The drawing will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Old Business:**

The car show is coming up very soon. They need 10 brother Knights to help out. More details to follow and a volunteer sheet will be available at the next business meeting. The funds will apparently go to help the youth group at STM to go to Notre Dame. Deacon Sal is heading up the Car Show and we are there to support it

**New Business:**

- Some time ago the STM Youth Ministry young adult coordinator has requested support for TUF (Teens United in Faith), the same group being supported by the car show. They have an upcoming retreat January 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> 2018. Unfortunately we have not heard back from the coordinator since her earlier request. At that time we had not donated the \$500 to the car show. We do not have enough information to be able to help them for this retreat so we will not take this any further

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- The K of C Council level Free Throw contest will be at St James basketball court on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM for both parishes.
- District Deputy asked that we host the District level Free Throw contest. We will be helping out for that effort on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Report of the Fourth Degree:**

Butch asked if we are going to be having the golf tournament. Opinion was noted that the course has us on their calendar for May but no one was present who had details

The next Fourth degree is in Tucson on February 17<sup>th</sup> with the limited shortened style of Exemplification.

The next full Exemplification will be here in Phoenix in June.

**Field Agent's Report:** No report but related commentary is covered in the District Deputy's report below

**District Deputy's Report:** WGK said the he would combine the Field agent's report and the District Deputy's report in these comments. Ed along with Jerry Bianco attended an event together. Lewis White wasn't available but their Field Agent was in attendance as well. He told Ed that the Knights of Columbus insurance is the best in the business (number one rated in the country) and encouraged all to participate in this great benefit.

Brother Alfred mentioned that the priest appreciation dinner is coming quickly (early February). He also mentioned that the volunteer appreciation dinner at St James will be on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Brother Ken Costigan mentioned that the Fish Fry will be coming up soon after the next meeting

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone who has completed the foundation course can renew on-line. Register online if needed.

**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 8:03