



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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Worthy (acting) GK Ed Gerard

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

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Father Felix

Officers Roll Call results: The following officers were excused: Ken Pritchett, Gerry Fjetland, Ken Costigan, Alfred Albion and Brian Ferber. All other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Field Agent Thomas Pickard, all other Past Grand Knights, Father Nathan White, new Chaplain Father Felix and our new member Wes Heier were recognized

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: Applications were read for the following: William Marino (*note added by Brian, he was voted in last month*) and David Domenico (may be in a different council). Tabled until the next meeting

Acting WGK Ed Gerard's report is as follows:

- Our Knight of the month for June is Father Nathan White and our Family of the Month Bob Myers
- As we start a new year, I want 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.

Chaplain's report: (*note from Brian, I had a real hard time hearing Father but I did my best*) Father Felix shared that we are sheep without a shepherd. He encouraged us to pray for God's guidance to provide more Priests and religious.

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 shared that there were no bills to be reported.

A motion was made seconded and passed to round up the amount donated from the fish fry to \$4400. A suggestion was made to present it to Father Ben during the officer's meeting.

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: The only report had to do with the Fish Fry and it has just been addressed as noted above

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers shared that Justin Meehan, one of our seminarians, has discerned out. He sent around a birthday card for one of the other seminarians.

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Bob went on to share a story from Pope Francis was sharing about the story of Jesus changing water into wine and how it would be shameful for a bride and groom to run out of wine at a wedding. Bob went on to share that the Catholic Church apparently practices what it preaches. Vatican City has the highest wine consumption per capita in the world. One would think that it is because of all of the wine used in mass. Apparently the sacramental wine is not included in this calculation. The reason for the high consumption is apparently there are a lot of wine producers that send their wine to the Pope so they can say that the Pope consumes their wine. In actuality there is a large number of religious in Vatican City and when they have a meal the wine flows freely. Bob finished with a quote from Pope John the 23rd who apparently said that men are like wine, some turn to vinegar but the best improve with age.

WDGK Ed requested that our seminarians be added to the good of the order,

Rich received an email from father Paul sharing the addresses of our seminarians. Father Paul also hinted that Nathaniel Glenn fill in our list for the seminarians after losing one.

A motion was made seconded and passed to add Andy Miller and Nathaniel Glenn to our list of seminarians (we send each individual \$500).

Rich mentioned that Gabe and Ian are leaving for Rome very soon.

Bob passed a thank you card from Deacon Tim Seavey

Report of Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: Ed shared that Tyson is working on a retreat for us in September or October and the bowling event in August

ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH

- The Degree info can be found at <http://www.azknightsofcolumbus.com/>

Note: Wear the emblem of the order to church.

- Remember that the secret to bringing in new members is to ask. Have ready off the cuff information about the knights.
- Ed mentioned that we are a very active council but that we need more support.
- Butch shared that we have additional challenges this year with 19 events at the stadium.
 - He has just squeaked by so far and that they really need head cashiers.
 - All who are trained are really needed but there is more training available and encouraged more to get the training. Please reach out to Butch.
 - He said that those who are doing it this year are getting overwhelmed and that help is dearly needed.
 - Training is simple 1-2 hour orientation, OJT occurs at the stand.
 - Most of the time it is fun. On the 15th of August Guns and Roses will be one of the events we need to support.
 - If you are trained or if you need training please get with Butch.

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- It was noted that this is our major fundraiser and that if we don't get more help we will not be able to do it next year and many of our donations will suffer as a result.
- It was also noted that anyone who sponsors a Knight is responsible to follow up with them to see how they are involved. Another note was made that we who are involved should be reaching out to those who are not to encourage them to get involved.
- A request was made for a list of the game and event dates. Butch suggested that any who are interested please get in touch with him. He also mentioned that food handler's cards are required. Family members are also welcome to help out

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 11738 -

When: Registration 9:00 am Saturday, July 23

Where: St. Helen's

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Council 11738 -

When: Registration 9:00 am Saturday, Sept. 17

Where: 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 in Tucson

Worthy Advocate: Gerry is not available tonight for a report

Rich Miller reminded us that all who are already passed the different degrees are welcome and that it is a good thing to experience the different ceremonies again.

St. James Report: Ed reported the following:

- Adoration at St. James
 - Monday 6 PM to Benediction at 8:30
 - Friday following the 8:00 Mass beginning at 8:30 AM to Benediction 7:00 PM
- The Apostles of Jesus will hold their 21st USA Regional Assembly at St. James.
 - There will be a special Mass on Thursday, July 28 at 4:00pm. Bishop Novares will preside. A call out for a 4th degree honor guard has been made.
 - There will be a catered dinner following the mass. Tickets will be on sale after all masses on July 16 & 17. Cost is \$30 per person.

St. Thomas More Report:

- Dave shared the following:
 - This coming Sunday is the blood drive. All are encouraged to support including St James parishioners. Signup are available online or walk-ups are welcome
 - The fifth Sunday is July 31st. We will be saying the Rosary in the Mary chapel before the 11:00 mass

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Council Director: Christian Relief Fund Crosses are available for \$10. Ed just got a new shipment in. They are made from Olive wood from the Holy Land and we sell them for \$10 and \$5 of that goes to the Christian Relief Fund.

Adopt-a-street: 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 Saturday July 9th at 7:00 am

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 is from 9:15 to 10:15am.

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.

The next one will be Sunday August 7th.

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 August 7th.

Fund Raising: Ed mentioned that as we already had discussed the fund raiser that he wanted to talk about volunteer hours. He reminded us that each year we submit a summary of all hours each of us volunteer. Please keep track of anything you do in support of our church, the Knights and other volunteer hours to be able to submit them when requested which is usually in December.

Spirituality and Pro Life: No report

Arizona Rosary Celebration: Sunday, October 23 at 2:00pm. There are lots of opportunities for Knights involvement. Meeting is held on the 2nd Sat. of July, Aug., and Sept. at the Diocese. We need parish representatives are needed for each parish. Joe mentioned that Tony and John from St James have been attending

Family/Youth Director: No report

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on August 1 @ 7:00PM.
- There will be a 5th Sunday Rosary in the Mary Chapel at St. Thomas More starting at 10:30AM on Sunday, July 31st.
- We have tentatively scheduled a Family Bowling event for Sunday, August 14. More info to come.
- The installation of Officers ceremony will be held at St. James on Sunday August 28th following the 11:00am mass.
- First Way center is on Indian School and 16th Street and they are looking for help with obtaining a banner to make it more obvious from the street. A motion was made to donate \$500 toward the proposed \$2000 sign. Suggestion was made to delay the vote until we can determine what other support might be forthcoming.

Report of the Fourth Degree: Butch emphasized that 3rd degree Knights should consider becoming 4th degree. The next one in Phoenix will be next June.

Congratulations to our 2 new 4th degree members; Salvatore Elia and David Zowin

Field Agent's Report: Tom Pickard shared the following:

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- That there are only 10 field agents in Arizona so it can be a challenge to visit every council often.
- He wanted to talk about the hours and the dollars donated that have been mentioned tonight. He went on to say that \$175 million were donated by the Knights in the last fraternal year.
- It is important to record the man hours volunteer worked and complimented out council for the things that we are doing.
- If you haven't been to degree ceremonies in a while go to see one.
- He asked that if we have changed contact information recently to please bring it up to date.
- Arizona was chosen to utilize a new marketing plan, more information to follow
- He encouraged that councils pool together to help out charities such as First Way
- If you are not a fourth degree Knight please consider doing so
- He shared that there are ways to help brothers to be able to pay for the tuxedo and/or regalia over time is they can't afford to do so out of pocket sort term
- He encouraged members to utilize the Knight's insurance program

District Deputy's Report: No report

For the Good of the Order:

The prayer request was updated and read.

Lecturer: Ed reminded us that we all are required to attend the seminar for "Call to Protect" Safe Environment training. Our annual renewal is due.

There is a foundation course scheduled at St. James this Thursday, July 7 at 6:30pm
Everyone who has completed the foundation can renew on-line.
Register online if needed. Check with new Knights. Ask if people are signed up.

Chaplain's Summation: Father Felix is still getting used to the meetings and to being here in the states. He expressed his gratitude for being included and felt that the Knights are a very encouraging organization and it brings the Catholic Church to the people and that we should be proud. The Apostles of Jesus is grateful for the support provided both spiritual and material.

Pot of Gold: held

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Felix

Closing Ode: Sung

Meeting adjourned at 8:30