



# Knights of Columbus

## St. John Fisher Council #12856

### March 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Business meeting March 7, 2016 held at St. Thomas More**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Worthy GK Ken Pritchett**

**Warden:** That Membership cards held by all was confirmed by acting Warden Patrick McCright

**Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Chaplain Father Nathan White

**Officers Roll Call results:** The following officers were excused: Rich Dray, Dave Willer, Joe Feeley, Ken Costigan, Butch Kohs, Leon Lang and Brian Ferber. All other officers were present.

**Opening Ode:** Sung

**Introduction of Dignitaries:** Father Nathan White, Former District Master Gerry Fjetland and all Past Grand Knights were recognized.

Nerio J Gonzalez Sanchez is a transfer from California. He was not able to make it tonight.

**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 them as written.

**WGK Ken Pritchett's** report is as follows:

- The February Knight of the Month is Rich Miller and the Family of the Month is the Mike Swedowski family.
- A big thanks to all those who helped and continue to help at the St James Fish Fry. Rich added special thanks to Dave Willer for his extra help with the Fish Fry making the chowder and doing the shopping. Many others were recognized for their help as well. 4 down and 2 to go. Ken went on to mention many others who had helped out in many ways during the Fish Fry.
- Congratulations to Miguel Sanders. He placed 3rd for 11 year old boys at the State Free Throw competition this past Saturday. A complete list of winners is on the state web-site
- The Fatima Women's Center has received their matching fund from Supreme and they have now ordered the 4d Ultrasound machine. Once it's up and running they will schedule a blessing ceremony.
- Priest Appreciation Dinner April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - A motion was made seconded and passed to pay for up to \$350 for tickets for the Priest Appreciation Dinner
- Save the date PSA Dinner 23 April
  - A motion was made seconded and passed to pay \$150 for an ad in the PSA dinner bulletin
- The 25 wooden crosses to support the Christians refugees being persecuted in the Middle East were received and sold immediately. There was some confusion with cost when they were sent but WDGK Ed is going to address that and order another 50 crosses due to the overwhelming interest with the first 25.

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**Chaplain's report:** Father Nathan shared he saw in the intercessions that it stated that "all people are redeemed by the Blood of Christ", not just Catholics or Christians but all people.

Father had some questions about this statement so he went on line to research it. Father found that Pope Francis did make that statement but learned that there is a difference between redemption and salvation. Redemption has been given to everyone but to attain salvation you have to, as Paul said "confess on your lips and believe in your heart..." that Jesus is Lord.

**Treasurer's Report:** Worthy treasurer Dave Willer is out of town but he sent Rich Miller the report which Rich read and reported the beginning and final balance in the account.

**Reading of Bills and Communications:** Worthy FINSEC Rich Dray is also out of town.

**Report of Auditor's and Trustees:** No report

**Chancellor's Report:** Bob Myers shared information about our 4 Seminarians and what we do to support them. He passed around Easter cards for each of them and asked that we sign them and to please add a note of encouragement etc. and he will send them to them for Easter.

Bob also shared a picture of 4 nuns who are part of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation established by Mother Theresa in 1950. There are currently 4500 religious sisters. Members must adhere to four vows: Chastity, Poverty, Obedience and willingness to give wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor. The picture is of the four nuns who were murdered and were subsequently identified by the Pope as modern day martyrs.

WGK shared a lighter story about nuns. Last week Ken participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fun Nun Run. There were several associated activities making that a fun and spiritual event.

**Report of Service Program Committees:**

**Membership Director:** Ken shared the following

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

Council 3855 -

When: Registration 7:00 pm

Where: Frey Garces

Council 11738 -

When: Saturday, March 26; registration 9:00 am

Where: St. Helens

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

3855 Frey Garces Sunday 9am April 3

**Next Local 4th Degree:**

Locally on June 11

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**Worthy Advocate:** Gerry recognized the 4<sup>th</sup> degree team as an exceptional group of men doing a great job. He went on to share that one of the team moved back east and so there is an opening in the team for someone who wants to step up and work hard.

WGK reminded us that we still need to recruit 6 more new members and that there are benefits to the council and to the recruiter for recruiting.

**St. James Report:** Ken reported the following:

- Community Reconciliation tomorrow 7:00pm
- Adoration at St. James
  - Monday 6 PM Benediction at 8:30
  - Friday 8:30 AM Benediction 7:00PM
  - Please sign up and attend
- Fish Fry early this year.
- Festival this year will be a 1 day afternoon/evening event on Saturday April 9 from 4:00 till 10:00 PM. Help will be needed for teardown and during the event.

**St. Thomas More Report:**

- Help is needed for Easter parking beginning after the 7:00 mass
- The next blood drive will be in April (details below)
- The annual breakfast gives us an opportunity to recruit. It is scheduled for the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sample work schedule was shared with the following needs after the 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 masses:
    - Burgers and dogs served after Saturday and 11:00 Sunday masses
    - Breakfast served after the 7:30 and 9:00 masses on Sunday
    - The following help is needed after each of the above masses
      - Cash box
      - Knights of Columbus table with video and pamphlets
      - People to do BBQ and kitchen help
      - Serving line
      - Bussing tables
- Ed Fitzpatrick reported that the Blood Drive signups will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>&17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>&24<sup>th</sup> with the actual Blood Drive occurring on May 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM. Ed asked that St James parishioners be notified
- Rich Miller reported that there a group at STM who help with Habitat for Humanity's Builds. If anyone is interested in helping out there is a web site with more details, the link has been sent out to the council members. It usually begins at 7:00AM and is usually done by 1:00 PM. Rich encouraged all that it is a good time and great learning experience.

**Adopt-a-street:** Our council picks up trash from 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 59<sup>th</sup> avenue on this side of Beardsley. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month, the next one is this Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 is from 9:15 to 10:15.

There is always need for help with volunteers pushing them in their wheelchairs from the Vet's home to the Hospital chapel and back.

The next one will be Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Pray the Rosary @ 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 59<sup>th</sup> Ave from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The next one will be Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Fund Raising:** Reported later in the meeting

**Spirituality and Pro Life:** John Ingram Sr. encouraged all to get involved with praying the rosary at the Planned Parenthood at Eugie.

The Bishop will be leading the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood 5771 W. Eugie at 11:00am on Good Friday.

April 16<sup>th</sup> there is a comedy group called Laughs 4 Hope putting on an event on Saturday 16 April at 7:00 at St Xavier Prep. The Bishop will be there. The proceeds go to help Life Women's Choice a pregnancy crisis center like 1<sup>st</sup> Way and Maggie's Place and the Hope Mobile (Free Mobile Ultrasound).

April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Way Pregnancy representatives will be at St James to kick off a Baby Bottle Drive which will be collected three weeks later

In the fall we will be doing a diaper and baby clothing drive for Maggie's place.

The next Welcoming pancake breakfast and Youth Group car wash at St James will be Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. The welcoming breakfast is donation only and the proceeds for the car wash go for Youth Group toward Pro Life.

John mentioned that the ice chests at St James are in a sorry state. A couple of Knights mentioned that they had ice chests that they would donate.

One of the Knights shared that there were three individuals who offered to help at the Fish Fry and someone told them that they were not needed. Our apologies were offered and it is a concern that someone would deny their help. This concern will be shared with those involved with the Fish Fry that any help offered should not be denied.

Eduardo offered to repair any of the damaged ice chests.

**State Raffle:** Drawing will be at the State convention on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> in Tucson. Books of tickets were provided tonight. Tickets are \$5 each and you can get 30 for \$100. The proceeds go to the State to support all the different things that they do. They must be returned by May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be determining where the proceeds should go in the next meeting. There was discussion to give it to SVdP, decision TBD

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**Family/Youth Director:** St. Joseph's Youth Camp is in need of a new septic system. The forest service is held responsible for any fines and as we lease it we are charged with getting the system replaced ASAP.

There will be a fundraiser to support St Joseph's Youth Camp on April 2nd. The event involves hitting golf balls. The participant commits to hit 100 balls and has to commit to \$100 to hit the balls. Each participant is challenged to get sponsors (recommended 24 sponsors per participant) to give \$1 per ball the participant hits. This has been a very successful event in the past. The effort is needed to save the camp. The need is for \$300,000 to perform the repairs.

There is also a Golf Tournament that will be on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Participants and helpers are needed for this event.

**New Business:**

- The State Convention will be held in Tucson on Friday, May 20 and Sat. May 21
  - We need to select 2 delegates to represent our council - and 2 alternates. Names are due April 1st before our next business meeting.
    - Ken and Gerry volunteered to be delegates, Rich Miller and Joe Kosikowski volunteered to be alternates. A motion was made seconded and passed that the above to accept these volunteers
      - Tyson and Joe will be there for St Joe's
- Our next meeting will be on April 4 @ 7:00PM
- Rich recommended that Joe and Tyson take the magnetic K of C bumper stickers to sell and keep the proceeds for St Joes, all were in agreement
- Gaby at STM asked us to help sell tickets in the fall
- Alfred has been approved to buy and place crosses into each room in STJ hall

**Report of the Fourth Degree:** None

**Field Agent's Report:** Ken reported if you want to find out who is currently serving us as field agent please go to the State web site

**District Deputy's Report:** None

**Other new business:** None

**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" training. After attending the original 2-3 hour seminars one can just attend the yearly required training online or in person.

**Chaplain's Summation:** N/A

**Pot of Gold:** Will be done twice at our next meeting.

**Salutation Table** was removed

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Father Nathan

**Closing Ode:** Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 9:05