



Knights of Columbus St. John Fisher Council #12856 March 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting March 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 Hal Pawlowski, Gerry Fjetland, Ken Costigan and Sal Elia who were excused all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Father Felix, Deacon Sal, Deacon Frank and all past grand knights were all recognized

WGK Ken Pritchett introduced Tom Smetka who transferred from Michigan and Chris Ortega each shared some of their history.

William Marino is also a new member but he drives a cab and could not make it tonight.

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: There were two new applications tonight, one for Matthew Kent and one for Fred Odey. WGK Ken Pritchett read their applications and provided some background information. There was a motion for each that were seconded and passed to vote them in as prospective Knights.

WGK Ken Pritchett's report is as follows:

- Our Knight of the month for February is Bob Meyers and our Family of the Month is the Jim Sullivan family.
- Hal Pawlowski was in a car accident and is in the hospital
- Tyson Gentz's family was recognized as Family of the month for August 2016
- We are still working on this year's dues and membership cards. We are trying to locate members who have not been attending for some time. If you know of any such members please let us know. A suggestion was made to share the list of members we are looking for and Ken said that he would do so. Concerning the membership cards, thank you for understanding. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight and your card says First Degree please let us know ASAP
- 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. Stand managers are needed
- If you have not received a council name badge please let Ken know.
- Many thanks to all, especially Rich, who helped with last Friday's Fish Fry a huge success. We sold 220 dinners. We had a lot of help early on and it is much appreciated. We could use help with cleanup from 6:30 on. We had to acquire a new French fryer. We put up the initial

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cost of \$400 but it will be reimbursed. The cost of the fryer will come out of the Fish Fry proceeds.

- A reminder that we are having a Bunco night at Leon Lang's house this Saturday March 11th, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP
- Thanks again to Dick Milanese for the newsletter and calendar.
- A letter was read from our State Director concerning the 40 days of Lent. March 1st to April 29th please take the time to pray for Right to Life

Chaplain's report: Father Felix expressed his pleasure at seeing the Deacons in attendance. Father went on to thank the Knights of Columbus for inviting family, friends and neighboring parishes to the Fish Fry to support the church. There is no way to separate the spiritual from the material works. We need to pray against abortion. The greatest spiritual participation is defending life. Without life there is no church. The Israelites defeated the Egyptians because they increased in numbers regardless of their plight. The devil is in our midst. Defending life is critical to the survival of our country. We must learn to live with each other, whether poor or rich, weak or strong, without immigration discrimination. Father thanked us for our commitment to the Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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 could not attend because of his accident.

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: The bills were read and they have been reviewed and have been approved.

All were in favor of paying the bills

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers shared that we support five seminarians along with some details. One of the seminarians, Deacon Tim Seavey will be ordained Saturday June 3rd, details to follow.

Bob went on to share that the Ringling Brother's Barnum and Bailey Circus. They have been owned by the Mattel Toy Company for some time. There are also Circus Nuns that travel with the circus and that there are also Priests who visit and perform in the circus. Sister Dorothy Fabritzi (sp?) and Sister Mary Seaver travel in their aging Coachman camper spending time amongst the various circus groups, spending time with one group and then moving on to spend time with another. The priests involved are Father Frank Kankrel (sp?), based in North Carolina, and Father Gerry Hogan, who is based in Boston and has been involved for 22 years. They give the sacraments to the Catholic performers saying mass, performing Baptism, Confirmations and First Communion. Many of the performers are from other countries. The church has been involved with the circus for many years. The circus would winter in Sarasota Florida. When the trains would leave Monsignor Elslander (sp?) would bless them. He would also perform the sacraments for the circus members. There was an old movie called the Greatest Show on Earth, during which Monsignor was seen blessing the train as it moved out. The priest would also counsel the members any time there was something devastating that happened. The nuns teach catechism on a daily basis. They pray with them and encourage members to get involved with the church. One of the jobs one of the nuns had was to open the curtains for the shows. While waiting for opening the curtain she would pray with and encourage the next act waiting to go on. One of her blessings was "make em laugh".

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The down side of the story is that the Ringling Brother's Barnum and Bailey Circus is coming to an end due to declining ticket sales etc.. Bob asked us to keep those who will be losing their jobs in our prayers.

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 for \$10 each.

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.azknightsofcolombus.com/>

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 11738

When: March 11th 7:30 am

Where: St. Helen's

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Council 11738

When: March 11th 9:00 am

Where: 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: Please keep Gerry in your prayers; he can only make some of the meetings now

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 4:00 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm after the Fish Fry.
- 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. A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide up to \$500 to cover the cost of the food for this event.
- Thanks to Mike McManus for stepping up to be our representative for the St. James Neighborhood Fair.
- The EM chalices are deteriorating and are in need of replacement. St James is in the process on acquiring replacements. A motion was made, seconded and

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passed to buy two chalices for \$640. A question was posed to ask if we should offer the same option to St. Thomas More. Deacon Sal suggested that we might want to check to see if we could buff the existing chalices, he will follow up to see if there is anything we can do for STM.

St. Thomas More Report:

- The Youth Group sent a thank you for the donation we made to support their retreat.
- Leon Lang has stepped down as blood drive coordinator. Thanks go out to Patrick McCright and Dick Milanese who will co-chair this event.
- STM also has a Fish Fry every Friday night 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:30.
- The musicians are putting on a Lenten Cantata
- Holy Smoke newsletter is online at STM web site. There are nice articles and a calendar of events
- Hand illuminated Bible will be viewable at STM during Monday 13th 7:00 pm, Tuesday the 14th at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm.

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.

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 April 2nd.

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 April 2nd.

Habitat for humanity/ food for the poor: Craig Anderson reported that there will be an opportunity for helping out working on a house for Habitat for Humanity this coming Saturday, March 11th.

Fund Raising: There are three events coming up and there is still a need for head cashiers. He went on to thank all who have helped out. The money that comes from this effort provides us with the ability to support most of our donations.

Lenten Fish Fry- Rich Miller shared that we have collected over \$1400 so far after one event. Rich thanked all who helped out

Golf Tournament - Joe Kosikowski and Leo DeLangis have been working this. Please encourage all of those you know who play golf to attend

Family/Youth Director: The Free Throw contest was successful. All three of those sent on also moved on to the state championship

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A motion was made, seconded and passed to provide \$2740 for five kids from Phoenix Children's project to attend the St Joe's Youth Camp.

We received a request from one of St James parishioners to provide camperships for three of her grandchildren. Much discussion followed but this was tabled until the next meeting so we could come up with a better approach. Butch volunteered to gather a group together to determine how we should address this in the future.

Charity Raffle: We will need to set up and man tables for each parish.

Tyson suggested that we consider a Knight's night out some Friday night after Easter to sell tickets at one of the local establishments

Other old business: A questions came up about the possibility of having a retreat. There is not enough time to do so in the near future. Tyson will send the potential dates from St Joe's

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 3 @ 7:00PM.
- Ken read a letter from the State Deputy
- Deacon Sal was recognized as having honorary membership status

Report of the Fourth Degree:

PSA dinner will be on Saturday April 22 at St Helen's. If you can get any donations please let Butch know. Rich has tickets available for \$25 per person. \$1000 goes to the 100 club of Phoenix. There will be a Blue Mass prior to the event at 4:30 pm.

Please consider attending the 4th degree ceremony on June 10th

Field Agent's Report: No report

District Deputy's Report: No report

Any Other new business: Dick Milanese shared that he will be going on a pilgrimage and that he is willing to take your intention to Lourdes. Please let him or Ken know if you do

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 at the Phoenix Diocesan web site.

Chaplain's Summation: Father shared that God is good and that He always wins. We are encouraged to share this message with all. He went on to say that when Jesus was killed on the Cross many said that Jesus was done. Now we know that he was not finished. Father also went on to say that prayer is essential and that we need to help our families to better understand prayer by setting a good example. Our families are the strength of the church. Father will be gone next month on his vacation. He will be taking back with him the examples he has learned here from the Knights. He will take greetings from here to his mom and to his previous parish and share that working hard is essential. Working for the Nation and working for the church is very important.

More other business: We need delegates and alternates for the State Convention on the 19th and 20th. Tyson encouraged that people should consider going. Ken and Rich will be delegates, Tyson and (??) will be alternates. A vote was made to agree to this.

Deacon Sal thanked all for being able to go to the priest appreciation dinner.

Pot of Gold: Winner was announced

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Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Felix

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 9:04