



Knights of Columbus St. John Fisher Council #12856 May 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting May 2, 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 Deacon Frank Devine

Officers Roll Call results: The following officers were excused: Rich Dray, Father Nathan White Dave Willer, Gerry Fjetland, Ed Fitzpatrick and Leon Lang. All other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Field Agent Tom Pickard, all Past Grand Knights and Deacon Frank Devine 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 them as written.

Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications: Applications were read for the following: Dave Domenico, Benjamin Nuccio transfer from Montana, and Deacon Sal Lema transfer from the mid west. Transfers do not require approval but a motion was made seconded and passed to vote Dave Domenico in as a prospective member.

Wes Heier wants a form 100, Tyson to get it to him. James Poppleton and Dave Domenico will be going to their first degree ceremony on Monday

WGK Ken Pritchett's report is as follows:

- The April Knight of the Month is Dave Willer and the due to their involvement in recent events the three Families of the Month are the Darrell Butlett, Butch Kohs and Bob Meyer families.
- Thanks to all who helped at the festival and rummage sale held at St. James on Sat. Apr. 9th
- Big thanks to those who have helped at the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Community Event. It was a huge success
- Thanks go out to those who helped with the blood drive signups and with the Blood drive
- Tonight is officer nomination night
- Ken shared that when he forwarded the letter from the student that we sponsor through E3 Africa Hal Pawlowski stepped up and wrote back in an attempt to establish ongoing meaningful communication

Chaplain's report: Deacon Frank shared that we have a mission because of an effort to redefine what Matrimony is and that sexuality is a choice rather than as they were created in the Divine Image of Almighty God. Each and every one of us must take up the mission to express to those who do not know the love of God to show them the way to the awareness of that love. We are also challenged to encourage those who do not know God's love to side with the Trust and Faith in Almighty God. He

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challenged us as participating consumers to do our due diligence to determine where companies stand on these topics. As consumers we should support the small businesses who believe that man and woman are exactly as they are male and female. We must let the unenlightened know that God loves each and every one of them.

Treasurer's Report: Worthy treasurer Dave Willer was not able to attend tonight

Reading of Bills and Communications: Worthy FINSEC Rich Dray was not able to attend tonight

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: As both the FINSEC and Treasurer are not available there was nothing to report

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers shared a couple of cards from our seminarians. Tim Seevy is going to be ordained as a deacon later this month. One of our seminarians has discerned out. Bob will check with the diocese to see if there are any other seminarians who could use out support as we are now down to three seminarians.

Bob shared a story about some nuns who are in the order of Benedictines of Mary Queen of Apostles. They are in a rural area close to Kansas City. They have their own buildings and a garden and are cloistered nuns. They pray for the Bishops, that they can continue to do what they do unimpeded. They make made to order vestments. They sing up to 5 hours per day. They created a CD and it has reached the top of the Classical Traditional billboard chart for three years in a row. They recently released a CD for Easter called Adoration of Ephesus. It is selling well at \$15 per CD and they are planning to use the proceeds to rebuild a church as the one they are in is temporary. Bob encouraged us to look them us. They have songs on YouTube. Most of them are not aware of their notoriety. They are focused on what they do to praise God

Report of Service Program Committees:

Membership Director: No report

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 3855 -

When: Registration 7:00pm Monday, May 9

Where: Frey Garces

Council 11738 -

When: Registration 9:00am Saturday, May 28

Where: St. Helen's

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Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Already passed last week, no more this month

Next Local 4th Degree:

June 11 in Phoenix, Now is the time to speak up if you want to become 4th degree

Deacon Sal Lema, who came in late due to being involved with a service, was introduced and shared that he and his wife recently retired and moved from Illinois in October. He has been a Deacon for about 15 years. He loves to serve others and is willing to help in any way he can.

Worthy Advocate: Gerry was not able to attend due to out of town guests visiting

St. James Report: Ken 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 7:00PM
 - The Next 40 hours of adoration is coming up on June 3, 4 & 5th as always they would like to have Knights sign up to fill the slots in the late night hours
- Please sign up and attend

St. Thomas More Report:

- First Communion and Confirmation coming up on May 28th (?)
- There is going to be a concert this coming Thursday night
- There will be one more Habitat opportunity, landscaping the end of May
- Deacon Sal is going to try to bring a branch of Hope's on the way, a group that Deacon began back in Illinois. The group helps areas that are hit by a disaster.

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 this Saturday May 14th 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 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 June 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 last one began sparsely with only 3 at the beginning but that they grew to 15 or 16. There was a lady who had gone through an abortion and shared with others that having one will not solve their problems, rather it will add to them. The next one will be Sunday June 5th.

Fund Raising: Butch reported that he signed the new contract for us to work the stadium in April. He expressed concern that he has not had many step up to commit. This year there are 20 events and there is a wide variety of events. Butch expressed concern that those who have been doing this are getting burnt out and that we need some new helpers. This is our main fundraiser for the year. Please see Butch if you are interested.

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Spirituality and Pro Life: John Ingram Sr. sent a report to Ken that 1st Way Pregnancy representatives were at St James to kick off a Baby Bottle Drive last weekend. The pancake breakfast at St James and Youth Group car wash was yesterday and both events were successful

State Raffle: Drawing will be at the State convention on Saturday May 21st in Tucson. If you can't get them to Ken sooner the last day would be at the officer's meeting at St James on the 17th. If anyone can't get them in time please contact Ken and he will make sure that they are picked up.

Family/Youth Director: St. Joseph's Youth Camp Memorial work-weekend. Cabins are available and there are a number of projects they will be working on to prepare the camp for the coming season. Friday night arrival and you can stay through Monday. Food will be served Saturday and Sunday three meals and Monday breakfast. Friends and family are welcome.

There are many opportunities to help or donate for pro fund 100 on June 4th. Proceeds will help fund St Josephs' youth camp.

Help is still needed for the Golf tournament. The proceeds will be used to sponsor kids to go to St Josephs' youth camp

Tomorrow at 1:00 pm Arizona and Evaluation Center will be receiving a check from our PWID drive. The address is at 7400 West Olive avenue suite 24. Those who want to go will get a tour. Next Saturday we will be presenting a check to the Challenger Little League at Pioneer RR Park. There will also be a pot luck dinner, Call Rich if you are interested in going.

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on June 6th @ 7:00PM
- Bunco night to be hosted by Erik and Maryanne on June 4th
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to support 4 camperships for St Josephs youth camp for this coming year
- Bylaws require that the offices be voted in between May 15th and June 15th. Tonight we will open up nominations and there will be another opportunity to nominate others during the June meeting
- Responsibilities of the positions include the following:
 - **Grand Night-** Presides over all meetings, appoints Programs and Membership directors and Committees as needed, countersigns checks and orders for payment, responsible for Council's First Degree team and oversees the wellbeing of the council
 - **Deputy Grand Knight-** Assists Grand Knight with operation of the council and other duties as assigned by the Grand Knight and in the absence of the Grand Knight presides over meetings and recommended to serve the council's retention committee and also to serve as part of the service committees
 - **Chancellor-** Has the duty of strengthening the member's interest in councils activities, assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight with their duties as assigned and is recommended to serve on the council's admission committee
 - **Financial Secretary-** Is a three year Appointed position upon the recommendation of the Grand Knight and the Trustees approved by the Supreme Knight. Must submit application, is bonded, collects money in the form of dues, responsible for sending bill notices, is responsible for initiating retention measure by providing a list of members to the Grand Knight to prevent member from being suspended for nonpayment of dues

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- **Financial Secretary** (continued)
Insures that the council membership directors are updated and the new membership assigned in the new constitutional roll, receives from the Supreme Council HQ Honorary and Honorary Life membership cards for distribution to qualified members files various reports and membership insurance transactions with the Supreme Council, responsible for completing and submitting the proper 990 for the Council. Keeps the seal of the Council and affixes the seal to the membership cards, resolutions and official documents as necessary.
- **Recorder-** (duties and responsibilities not identified during meeting)
- **Treasurer-** Charged with handling Council Funds, receives money from the financial secretary, makes deposits into the proper Council accounts, responsible for paying all council expenses including assessments from the Supreme Council and is also bonded
- **Advocate-** Parliamentarian to the council, knowledgeable of the legal workings of and details of the Bylaws
- **Warden-** Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property, setting up the council chambers for the meetings and overseeing the Guards.
- **Outside Guard-** Attends the doors of the council chamber checking current membership cards and allowing entrance to the meetings and is overseen by the Warden who gets the information prior to the meeting
- **Inside Guard-** Attends the doors of the council chamber checking current membership cards and allowing entrance to the meetings and is overseen by the Warden who gets the information prior to the meeting
- **Board of Trustees** consists of the Grand Knight and three elected members. They supervise the financial business of the council and conduct the semiannual audit. The trustees are elected for three year, two year and one year terms. During each election they move to the next position (newest is 3 year then 3 year to 2 and 2 year to 1). Traditionally we have as a protocol is that the past Grand Knights become Trustees in succession because they in a position to better understand the financial part of the council's business
 - **One Year Trustee-** Usually in their last term as trustee
 - **Two Year Trustee-** Usually in their second term as trustee
 - **Three Year Trustee-** Usually in their first term as trustee

FINSEC, Lecturer and Chaplain are appointed positions. **Lecturer** is responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs during the good of the order.

Nominations are as follows:

Office	Nominee(s)
○ Grand Night	Ken Pritchett nominated and willing to return
○ Deputy Grand Knight	Edward Gerard nominated and willing to return
○ Treasurer	Patrick McCright nominated and is willing to run
○ Warden	Mike Swedowski (sp?) nominated and willing to run
○ Advocate	Gerald Fjetland nominated and willing to return
○ Chancellor	Bob Myers nominated and willing to return

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Office	Nominee(s) (continued)
○ Outside Guard	Sal Elia nominated and willing to run
○ Inside Guard	Alfred Albion nominated and willing to return
○ One Year Trustee	Ken Costigan nominated and willing to return
○ Two Year Trustee	Butch Kohs nominated and willing to return
○ Three Year Trustee	Rich Miller nominated and willing to return
○ Recorder	Brian Ferber nominated and willing to return

Any other nominations may be submitted in the next meeting during which we will have the elections

Brian mentioned that John Ingram had asked that it be brought up that we had donated \$500 to the youth group for the last car wash. The Youth Group is planning to have two car washes per year; John was hoping that we could split up the \$500 and give them \$250 for each of those car washes. Brian made a motion to cover this suggestion to donate \$250 for each of the car washes to offset the costs. There was a brief discussion, the motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was also made to pay for a full page ad for the exemplification up to \$200 was seconded and passed.

Report of the Fourth Degree: Butch stated that the fourth degree is the face of the Knights. He recommends that this is the best opportunity to do so on June 11th at the Sheridan at Dunlap and 17. Please let Ken know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Butch went on to share that the PSA dinner was very successful and they are planning to make the event a little bit bigger and that there will be more help required. He went on to say that they were able to give a \$1000 donation to the 100 club for fallen officers

Field Agent's Report: Field agent Tom Pickard shared the benefits of using the Knights of Columbus insurance. He went on to say that he was speaking with a priest and that the priest recommended that married life and family life should be on the top of our list to pray for; families are where our religious members come from.

Tom shared about some of the products available and encouraged all to use them. He suggested that those of us who have annuities put some money into it.

He recommended that the February Columbian has a great story about Father McGivney and his vision and the reasons for and background of the Knight of Columbus.

He went on to say that there are three important numbers to remember: 40 plus years they have an A++ rating, there is no insurance company more highly rated as the Knights of Columbus; 15 plus years of growth; the most important number is 2, that is to say that it will be Catholic brothers taking care of Catholic families. He suggested that we reach out to brothers to encourage them to use the insurance. He is willing to go anywhere and anytime to help out brothers.

Finally he asked if everyone was a member of the Father McGivney guild, which is working toward the canonization. It is free, you can put prayer intentions and he encouraged everyone to join.

Butch shared a story that he had a friend who got a job with one of the big insurance companies. The gentleman's boss recommended that he approach friends. He told his boss that most of the people he knew were Knights. The boss said that he should stay away from trying to rival with the Knights insurance because they could not compete with them.

Tom shared that the sweet spot is the whole life policies. They are also competitive with the term insurance as well as long term care and disability insurance. The major difference is that when a brother Knight is there to help the families of insured it is more like a ministry than a business.

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District Deputy's Report: none

Other new business:

Alfred asked about the fish fry check, Ken replied that as soon as the numbers are complete we will cut that check

Before going on to the good of the order Bob shared about the young lady he had shared about during our last meeting who was going to be able to visit the. Dad, Bob's nephew is also a Knight in Colorado said to thank our Council for our prayers. Bob shared a picture of the family with the Pope.

For the Good of the Order:

The prayer request was updated and read.

Lecturer: Ken reminded us that we all are required to attend the seminar for "Call to Protect" Safe Environment training. Our annual renewal will be in July.

Chaplain's Summation: N/A

Pot of Gold: we missed this month.

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Deacon Frank

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 9:04