



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

November 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting November 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 are held by all was confirmed by the worthy Warden Mike Swedowski

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance: Led WGK Ken Pritchett

Officers Roll Call results: With the exception of Ed Gerard, Father Felix, Gerry Fjetland, Ken Costigan, Butch Kohs, and Sal Elia who were excused all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: All past grand knights were all recognized

WGK Ken Pritchett introduced our three members who are transferring into our council: Marshall Dean Mannheimer and Ben Nuccio who shared some of their history

Craig Anderson and Nael Kiminaia are new members who could not make it tonight. Craig is out of the country and Nael runs a Panini sandwich shop on 35th and Bell and had to work tonight. Ken encouraged us to stop by and say hi

Allan Griffin is a transfer who shared a bit about himself with us. His paperwork will be submitted this weekend

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: There were no new applications tonight. There are some prospective members from the St James membership drive but WGK has not been able to get them to return his phone calls

WGK Ken Pritchett's report is as follows:

- Our Knight of the month for October is Pat McCright and our Family of the Month is John Ingram Sr. family. Leon Lang was also recognized for July's Knight of the month
- Ken thanked everyone for all that they do
- Ken wants to continue to encourage everyone to become more involved in our council activities. Please choose one or two activities to give them a try so that you can more actively participate in our council will continue to grow and strengthen.
- Ken expressed regret that we cancelled our Bunco Night. It is always fun to socialize and enjoy fellowship with our brother Knights and their spouses. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 11
- Thanks to all who helped with the PWID drive at the churches. Between St. James and STM we were able to collect an additional \$1851, bringing our total for the year to \$5,131.72. We will round that off and submit a check for \$5132.00 of which \$1283 will remain with the State Council to be used for grants to organizations that apply for them. \$962 will go to St. Joseph

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Youth Camp \$962 will go to AZTEC; \$962 will go to Valley Life; and \$963 will go to Challenger Little League. Many thanks to all who worked on this effort

- 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.
- Hal has found a vendor for our name tags. If you have not received a council name badge please let me know. Robert E Lee II, Ben Nuccio, Wes Heier and Allan Griffin are in need of a name tag
- Dick Milanese has written a draft newsletter. He is out of town right now, but when he returns we will work out the editing details and get it published via email or snail mail for those without email.
- There are a number of K of C pens available and all are encouraged to use them during events
- All Knights who earn Knight and Family of the month are eligible for receiving a shirt. Ken is trying to get shirts

Chaplain's report: Father Felix was not able to attend tonight went to the St Xavier mission today

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 the bills and communications.

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: The bill has been reviewed and it has been approved. All were in favor of paying the bills

Chancellor's Report: There were a number of responses/cards from the seminarians thanking us for our support that were shared with the brothers. One of the holy cards was actually blessed by the Pope.

Bob Myers shared that we sponsor 5 seminarians for the new members. We provide them a check for \$500 a year for their expenses as well as sending cards to them for various reasons through the year. Bob also shared a thank you note from Andy Miller.

Bob went on to share a story about a Sister in Spokane Washington. She became interested at a young age. When she was in her 40s she was inspired to go jogging. She borrowed tennis shoes and snuck out of the convent to go jogging and has been doing so ever since. She is known as the Iron Nun. She has participated in 340 Triathlons, 45 Iron Man competitions (swimming 2.5 miles, riding a bike for 112 miles then running a marathon 26.2 miles). She is 86 years old and is still doing this. She was in a Nike commercial earlier this year. Her name is Sister Madonna Buder and you can learn more about her at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_Buder. She is quoted in the Nike commercial that she credits listening to her body and staying positive. She goes on to say that you carry your attitude with you. You either achieve or you can self destruct. If you think positively you can even turn a negative into a positive. When talking about a marathon she says that it is one step at a time.

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Bob also suggested that if you research in a search engine by typing in Stapleton Colorado Planned Parenthood you will see a group of 4th degree Knights in regalia, the Bishop and a whole line of priests praying in front of the clinic

Report of Service Program Committees:

WGK Ken brought up that we have Crosses made in the Holy Land that are used to provide donations to the Christian Relief Fund. We bought them for \$5 each and sell them for \$10. So far we have not sent any money to Christian Relief. I would entertain a motion to go ahead and donate \$500 to this fund some of which will come back as we sell the remaining crosses.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send the \$500 to Christian Relief Fund.

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month

- The Degree info can be found at <http://www.azknightsforcolumbus.com/>
- The Star recruiter pin has been continued and the pins will be automatically sent if you sponsor a new member

Ken asked us to please wear the emblem of the order to church and have form 100s at all times.

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 3855

When: registration 7:00 pm degree 7:30 on Monday, Nov. 14

Where: Fray Garces

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

The next Local degree will be on Saturday Nov. 19 in Casa Grande beginning at 9:00 for registration and will be done around 2:00 pm. There is another on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3855 in Glendale. 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 7th in Tucson

June of 2017 will be the next local ceremony

Worthy Advocate: After doing the 4th degree team for 20 years Gerry is stepping down and letting someone else take over. The transition will begin soon.

St. James Report: Ken reported the following:

- The Youth Group of St. James went on a week-end retreat this past week-end. They raised some of the money necessary with their car wash, and solicited donations from parishioners. I would entertain a motion to make a donation to the youth ministry at St. James to help with the cost of this retreat and upcoming events. Welcome breakfast and youth carwash Oct 16. Also there will be a ministry fair in the hall. A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$300 to St James Youth Group to support their recent retreat
- Adoration at St. James Monday 6 PM Benediction at 8:00 and Friday 8:30 AM Benediction 7:00PM

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- 40 hours of adoration Friday, Nov. 18 to Sunday. Nov. 20. If you can take one of the hours in the middle of the night please do so. Sign up in the vestibule
- Advent Mission scheduled for Dec. 5-6 Deacon Patrick O'Toole and Dr. Gregory Thompson
- Deacon Roy has been reassigned to the St. Simon and Jude Cathedral

St. Thomas More Report:

- Blood Drive was the best even though it began as the worst signup in recent times.
- The new grill was discussed at the officers' meeting. Darrell Butlett gave us additional details. Instead of the original \$4,000 estimate he was able to find one which cost \$2,996. A motion was made, seconded and passed for the purchase of the grill and installation for \$3,500 which will include an attached plaque showing that it was donated by us.

An honorary life membership was given to Felice Maccagnano

Council Director:

WGK Ken shared that he got the two boxes of coats in the *Coats for Kids* Knights of Columbus initiative. They will be distributed to needy kids. When Ken reached out to Phoenix Children Project it was brought to his attention that they are beginning their sponsorship for kids and families for Christmas. A motion was made, seconded and passed to support two families at a cost of up to \$600

Adopt-a-street: Bob shared that 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 November 12th at 8:00 am.

Bob has done this a long time and would really like someone to take over.

He has moved to Surprise and this is more challenging because of the added drive time

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 December 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 next one will be Sunday December 5th.

There was also a magnet available to remind you to fast on Fridays to support this effort in prayer

Fund Raising: Butch is traveling this month and unfortunately couldn't at the meeting tonight. There are 2 more events before our next meeting, Sunday November 13th and December 4th (slots filled for this game). Ken asked that more brothers get involved.

Hal shared that there is a link on our web site to see the calendar to see when there are opportunities to help out

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Spirituality and Pro Life: Pro Life meeting will be tomorrow night because they couldn't have it so quick after Halloween.

Family/Youth Director: No report

A comment was made that we should consider donating to STM Youth Group as well. Eric Biallas volunteered to contact Deacon Sal or the Youth Group to see if they have any needs that we could help with.

Other old business:

PGK Rich Miller reminded us about a past motion to support the First Way Pregnancy Center with a sign. He shared that the money never was used because of some outside influence. It was agreed that there was no need for an additional motion, just redirect the original \$500 to support some needed repairs for the center.

Alfred brought up an idea to have movie nights.

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 5 @ 7:00PM.
- The State Mid-Year meeting will be held at St. Andrews in Chandler on 2-4 Dec. Saturday the 3rd will be the general meeting. I sent the registration packet/itinerary to the officers, but if you are interested let me know and I will help you register.
- Keep Christ in Christmas coloring books have been ordered. Ken will pick them up tomorrow

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- Veteran's Day parade on Friday, 11/11/16.

Field Agent's Report: Ken shared that Tom Pickard is doing a great job. He came to the last first degree ceremony just because we had two candidates

District Deputy's Report: Sends his best but could not make it tonight

Any Other new business: Jim Sullivan shared that there will be a new opportunity at St James where you will be able to buy vegetables through Market on the Move. You can get up to 60 pounds (or more) of vegetables for \$10. It will be held at St James parking lot on the last Saturday from 7:00 am until 11:00. January the 28th is the first date. Jim will need help with this effort. The money made from this will help the 3000 club which is another NPO who aid communities with food (Market on the Move), medical supplies and blankets.

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. Our annual renewal is due.

Chaplain's Summation:

Pot of Gold: held

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by WGK

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 9:00