



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

November 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting November 6, 2017 held at St. Thomas More

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

Warden: That Membership cards are held by all in attendance was confirmed by the acting Warden

Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Father Felix

Officers Roll Call results: With the exception of Ken Costigan, Butch Kohs and Wes Heir who were excused, all other officers were present.

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Father Nathan, Field Agent Louis White, Father Felix and all past grand knights were recognized

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:

SK Ken Pritchett began by reading several transfers as follows: Paul DuPuis; Gino Duran Jr.; Dennis Link and James Pinkelman who shared a little about himself

He also read the following applications:

- Michael Guewa (Gooqua phonetically) and his son Christopher
- Simon Lam
- Jason Andrade

Motions were made, seconded and passed to accept all of the above

Ed Gerard's report as follows:

- Special thanks to Butch Kohs for organizing the Cardinals/Buccaneers Football game event at Cardinals Stadium.
- Thank you goes out Ken Costigan, Rich Miller and to all volunteers for our annual fundraiser for E3 Africa.
- Thanks to Worthy District Deputy Jerry Bianco, Ken Pritchett and all brother knight volunteers who gave their support at St. Thomas More ministry fair/church recruitment drive.
- Thank you Dick Milanese and Pat McCright for a successful Blood Drive event at St. Thomas More parish.
- Thank you John Ingram, Ken Pritchett and Brother knights who made a successful PWID Tootsie Roll Drive at St. Thomas More parish.
- Thank you John Ingram Sr. and Ken Pritchett organizing and Brother knight volunteers for a successful PWID Tootsie Roll Drive at Albertsons
- Thanks to 17 Rosary prayer warriors who participated yesterday in First Sunday Rosary at Planned Parenthood.
- Thanks to volunteers who participated yesterday in Operation Wheelchair at the Veteran's

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home.

- For July our Knight of the month is Dick Milanese and our Family of the Month is Ken and Val Costigan. Please keep Val in your prayers
- Thank out goes out to Dick Milanese for the November newsletter which keeps us informed.
- Memorial Mass at St Thomas More Parish November 9th.
- Market on the move, Saturday November 11th. (every second Saturday of the month for the cooler months beginning at 8:00, helpers please arrive earlier)

Chaplain's report: Father Felix thanked the brother Knights and thanked God for meeting as Catholic men and doing the good things we do. He asked us to pray for those who lost their lives recently in Texas and for their families. We much pray for peace. We are called to be people who help others and that we must pray for and work for peace. He encouraged us to reach out to others and promote peace. He went on to say that we need to reach out to more than just our friends and family. We should reach out to the poor in spirit and the hungry as well. We have a mission to invite other brothers to get involved by witnessing to our mission with the parish. When the church talks about peace it is a never ending process and we should encourage peace and overcome indifference throughout our lives.

Treasurer's Report: Rich Miller reported the beginning and final balance in the account.

Reading of Bills and Communications: Worthy FINSEC Hal Pawlowski read the bills that had to be introduced at this meeting. Hal reminded us that the ROJO income has recently diminished and that we need to be aware of that and spend accordingly

WGK Ed shared a letter from Father Ben at St James thanking us for the defibrillator

Report of Auditor's and Trustees: Vouchers were reviewed and everything is in order

Chancellor's Report: Bob Myers reminded us about the seminarians who we support and that we would be sending them Christmas cards next month.

Bob also shared a story about the AMS or Archdiocese of Military Services which was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the full range of Catholic services to those in the US military. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 150 VA medical centers and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of our country. The mission is to "...be Americans bearing peace to proclaim Christ all over the world and to carry out the mission of the church to offer healing through the forgiveness of sins."

Report of Service Program Committees:

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month:

WGK Ed reminded us the following:

- The Degree info can be found at <http://www.azknightsforcolumbus.com/>
- Notes: Wear the emblem of the order to church and have a form 100 at all times.
- Remember that the secret to bringing in new members is to ask. Have ready off the cuff information about the knights.

SK Ken Pritchett shared that there are at least two of our candidates will go to the next local First degree initiation ceremony at Frey Garces on Monday November 13th and encourages all to consider

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attending. If you haven't been to one in a while you should do so. There is also going to be one at St Helen's on Saturday November 18th.

There are two other candidates that he has phone interviews tomorrow. There will be a membership drive at St James on November 18th and 19th the same time as our Tootsie roll drive. Please come and help out. Reach out to somebody and help increase our membership. Agent Louis White shared that there is a national membership drive effort in a few states focused on younger members using an online membership information process. They pay dues and will become members of a State council and the individual councils will be given the contact info for them to reach out to these possible brothers. Field agents will also be given the information for them to reach out to them as well. Until they go through the first degree

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council: 3855

When: Sunday December 17, 2017

Where: Council #3855 K of C hall, Glendale, AZ

Next Local 2nd/3rd Degree:

Council: 3855

When: Sunday December 17, 2017

Where: Council #3855 K of C hall, Glendale, AZ

Next Local 4th Degree:

Patriot Exemplification Arizona John Redden Province, Gilbert, AZ, Saturday November 25, 2017

Worthy Advocate: SK Darrell Butlett Read the dress code for 4th degree members which is as follows: Black tie or dark blue or grey business suit, black socks and shoes with a white shirt and a tie and the candidates ID. If they are serving in the armed forces they should wear their class 'A' uniform. In addition to the exemplification the Grand Knight mentioned in Gilbert Az. on November 5th there will be one in Phoenix on June 10th 2018. Darrell encouraged all who are not 4th degree to please become a member.

SK Rich Miller mentioned that the Assembly will be holding a flag retirement ceremony immediately following the 4:30 mass and recommended it. If you have a flag in need of retirement please drop them off at one of the collection areas at each of the churches.

St. Thomas More Report:

- SK Bob Meyers thanks those brothers who came and helped out at the STM festival. There were 7 brothers and two wives who helped out. The festival was very successful.
- SK Rich Miller shared that Deacon Sal who is a vintage car buff and he is trying to put together a car show at STM there is a meeting on Thursday night at 7PM he can certainly use the help. WGK recommended that all brothers consider helping out.

St. James Report: Ken Pritchett reported the following:

- Thanks to all who made the 40 hours of adoration successful
- There is a very strong Pro Life ministry and their meeting is tomorrow night. They along with the rummage ministry and others are putting together a Christmas bazaar

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on November 19th and 19th at STJ. Santa will be there along with arts and crafts for the kids. There will be a Christmas card sale and other festivities and all are invited to attend.

- Adoration at St. James
 - Monday 6 PM until Benediction at 8:00
 - Friday 8:30 AM until Benediction at 7:00 PM

WGK reminded us that we still have some Christian relief fund crosses for sale

Council Directors:

Adopt-a-street: WGK Ed shared that next Adopt-a-Street is this Saturday November 11h at 7:00 am. Rob Lee can't do it. We need help from volunteers to pick up trash from 67th Avenue to 59th avenue on this side of Beardsley, meet by Panera bread at 67th avenue and Beardsley. This occurs on the second Saturday of the month every other month.

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 at 3rd and Indian School to the Hospital chapel and back. The next one will be Sunday December 3rd.

Pray the Rosary at Planned Parenthood (Abortion) Clinic: Ed reported that the first Sunday of every month is our turn to pray the Rosary led by Ken Pritchett 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 3rd.

Fund Raising: Ed shared the following:

WDGK Pat McCright shared that they need help for this coming Thursday. The addition of margaritas makes it challenging so more help would be much appreciated. SK Hal reminded us that you can check for the schedule on our web site.

Pro Life Report: WGK Ed shared that we have more than enough tootsie rolls for the coming drive

Habitat for humanity/food for the poor: No Report

Family/Youth Director: No report

Other Old Business:

There was a motion to pay \$800 for vestments for the deacons from both parishes and discussion followed. The motion was clarified to give \$200 per deacon (two from each parish) as appreciation for what they do, it was seconded and passed.

New Business:

- Our next business meeting will be on Monday, December 4th @ 7:00PM.
- Coats for Kids program is coming up. There was a motion made to buy one box of boys and one for girls, the motion was seconded and passed to buy them.
- Christmas party will be at Brother Erik Bialis's house but he will need help. Brother Leo DeLangis volunteered to organize the help and GK Ed encouraged that he enlist the help of the other brothers. Discussion followed about the correct date for the

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gathering. WGK mentioned that we will work on the details during the officer's meeting.

Report of the Fourth Degree: SK Ken Pritchett reported that the 4th degree will be marching in the Veteran's day parade on the 11th and they can use help pushing the Veterans to the parade as well

Field Agent's Report: Louis shared that he has continued to call brothers. His roll has expanded and he is working with new agents to increase coverage.

He shared that this is a mission for him and he feels blessed to be able to help the brothers and the families of brothers who has passed. He is really impressed with our council for what we do representing the Knight' of Columbus.

District Deputy's Report: No report

For the Good of the Order: Brother Eric Biallas spent 10 minutes sharing the importance of maintaining our health and how helpful his naturopathic doctor was to him.

The prayer request was updated and read.

Lecturer: Mike reminded us that as Knights we are all required to take the safe environment training every year after July 1st. Anyone who has completed the foundation course can renew on-line. Register online if needed.

Chaplain's Summation: Father Felix shared the importance of the capital campaign. Our bishop feels that we must support our Church, not only financially but morally, spiritually, socially and financially. A parishioner should never find that they have no time for their pastor. The responsibility of building the Church is a never ending process for eternity. Support and cooperate with our priests as well as supporting the Church, working together to support the Church and support Jesus

Pot of Gold: completed

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Felix

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 9:00