



Knights of Columbus

St. John Fisher Council #12856

October 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Business meeting October 3, 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 by Father Felix

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

Opening Ode: Sung

Introduction of Dignitaries: Father Felix, Deacon Sal Field Agent Tom Pickard, past grand knights and former district master Gerry Fjetland were all recognized

WGK Ken Pritchett introduced our three members who are transferring into our council: Miguel Octaviani, Tom Simkovic and Courtney Corgan who shared some of their history

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: Yesterday there was a ministry fair at STM. Ken and Carlos Martinez were there and they got the applications that were read for the following: Craig Anderson, Nael Kiminaia and Marshall Dean Mannheimer (goes by Dean). A motion was made seconded and passed to accept each of these candidates.

WGK Ken Pritchett's report is as follows:

- Our Knight of the month for September is Jim Sullivan and our Family of the Month is Wes Heier.
- Ken wants 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.
- Congratulations to Wes Heier on completing his Formation and Knighthood degrees
- Thanks to all who helped with the PWID drive. Ken went on to say that we could have used more help as we were not able to fill all of the positions over the weekend
- 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.
- This past weekend was extremely busy with E3 Africa Pasta Dinner, Sunday Cardinals game at the stadium, 1st Sunday Rosary at Planned Parenthood, Operation wheelchair at the Vets' Home, Blood Drive sign-ups and a Ministry Fair at STM. Thanks to all who helped out with these activities. Ken mentioned again that if there were more people who would get involved it would ease the burden of those who do so much. Ken encouraged all to get involved however you can help with no matter how small or how great.

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- 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.

Chaplain's report: Father Felix thanked the council for their involvement in the church. He went on to stress the importance of having Catholic Christian Men getting involved. He went on to say that the Holy Spirit wants us to be united and help the Church of Christ alive in the home, the parish community and the Church at large. Father went on to say that E3 Africa is focused on Uganda. Father Felix is from Tanzania which is very different from Uganda. Father expressed encouragement that one day we might reach out to Tanzania.

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. The checks are going out to the Seminarians and a voucher submitted for the supplies for the PWID drive

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: 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 went on to share a story about a group of Priests and Nuns at Notre Dame and a program called ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education program). It is designed for college aged individuals who get in the program. The program involves some study and then they go out to a low income area (some to Phoenix) and spend time teaching in a school program, high school or middle school. They live in a community, get a stipend and live for two years in this program. When they return they participate in a vocational night. This year they called it speed-dating. The priests and nuns go to a room each at a table. The student teachers come in. (These individuals have been trying to discern if they can join a religious life and have questions.) The girls sit with a nun and the guys sit with a priest or monk until it is time to move to the next one to learn about their orders or areas of focus. The nuns also hand out freebies to try to entice the prospective new members. A certain percentage of these people do go on the religious life.

Report of Service Program Committees:

WGK Ken brought up that along with donut duty at St. James next weekend we will have a membership drive. So if you can help man the table after your regular mass it would be greatly appreciated. Ken reminded us that every Catholic man deserves to have the ability to become a Knight.

Ken and Hal went to a membership drive presentation. One amusing but thought producing take-away was that the thing that we forget to do is FU, and that refers to Follow Up. We need to follow up with those who are prospective candidates and also to follow up with the new members. Ken went on to say that we need to be aware of and share the benefits of all of the many benefits we get, just from joining. One example is that just by signing up the Knight's family gets an automatic policy for unborn fetus amongst many other things. Tom Pickard can share those in greater detail with you if you are interested.

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Ken reminded us that the crosses being sold in support of the Christian Relief Fund are still available. Please see WDGK Ed Gerard if you would like to donate to the cause and/or buy one. The crosses will be available during our various events this year and we are hoping to be able to send a decent donation to the Christian Relief Fund.

Membership Director:

One member, per council, per month

- The Degree info can be found at <http://www.azknightsofcolumbus.com/>

Note: Wear the emblem of the order to church and have form 100s at all times.

- Remember that the secret to bringing in new members is to ask. Have ready off the cuff information about the knights

Next Local 1st Degree:

Council 11675

When: registration 7:00 pm degree 7:30 on Monday, Oct. 13

Where: Avondale

St. Helen's is planning an admissions degree for Sat. Nov. 5 but it is not on the calendar yet

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 2nd/3rd degree will be on Saturday Nov. 19 in Casa Grande. 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 in Tucson

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:

- Donut duty and membership drive after all the masses on next Sunday
- Welcome breakfast and youth carwash Oct 16. Also there will be a ministry fair in the hall.
- We will do our PWID drive at St. James the 15th and 16th so once again it will require the efforts of all.
- Next rummage sale coming up Oct 28 & 29. Help will be needed to set up Wednesday evening Oct 26 and Thursday morning until they are finished.
- Adoration at St. James Monday 6 PM Benediction at 8:00. Friday begins at 8:30 AM following the morning mass and Benediction 7:00PM
- The annual E3 Africa quarter auction, silent auction and pasta dinner was held Saturday Oct. The E3 committee wants me to pass on their thanks. Our expenses for the dinner amounted to \$438.50

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St. Thomas More Report:

- Blood Drive will be on October 9th. There are still 40 open slots and all are encouraged to sign up. This is the worse signup in recent years.
- 5th Sunday Rosary on Oct 30 at 10:30am in the Mary Chapel
- A question was posed as to whether the announcements were made at St James. It is in the bulletin but not in the pulpit announcements. A suggestion was made to consider doing so in the future.

Council Director:

WGK Ken shared information about the *Coats for Kids*, a Knights of Columbus initiative. The coats come in boxes of a dozen for \$220. They will be distributed to needy kids. Ken reached out to Phoenix Children Project to see if that would be helpful. Ken suggested that we consider buying two boxes, one for girls and one for boys to see how it would work out. Discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to buy one box for the boys and one box for the girls for \$440.

Adopt-a-street: 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

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 Saturday November 12th 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.

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 November 6th.

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 November 6th.

Fund Raising: Butch is traveling this month and unfortunately couldn't at the meeting tonight. There are 2 more events before our next meeting. We still need 2 more people for the Monday night game Oct.17. Sunday Oct 23 (evening game). Ken asked that more brothers get involved. Rich reported that Butch reported that we have already taken in \$7500 and that we can expect to take in a total or \$20,000 for the year so it is a very worthwhile effort for us to support.

PWID Drive: Ken shared that John Ingram Sr. coordinated the event and because of all those who helped, we collected around \$3300 so far and we still have the church drives coming up.

John Ingram shared some details about the PWID drive. He expressed concerns about the support provided this year in spite of the fact that there was sufficient communication shared with the council brothers. He had also reached out to new members (40) and was disappointed that he only got two responses. John went on to say that we as a council need to get better reaching out to the new Knights and get them involved right of the bat. As was mentioned earlier, the St James PWID drive will be on October 16th.

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Spirituality and Pro Life: John mentioned that Pro Life is not a St James function; it is open to parishioners from both parishes. The two most important things we as Knights stand for are Family values and Pro Life. We should all get involved.

The pro-life ministry at St. James has taken on the K of C Keep Christ in Christmas initiative at St. James. A motion was made to pay \$303.85 for religious Christmas cards. The cards are in several languages and will be sold to support Pro Life. Not only will Christmas cards be available but also other related items as well. John offered that if someone would get permission to sell at STM that they would do so as well. The motion was seconded and passed.

There is a statewide Pro Life rally in conjunction with the 40 days Stand for Life initiative. It will be Thursday Oct. 27 at 7pm. 1331 N. 7h St. in the public right-of-way.

Family/Youth Director: The next Youth related activity will be the basketball free throw in the December time frame.

Arizona Rosary Celebration: Will be held on Sunday, October 23 at 2:00pm.

There are lots of opportunities for all Knights to be involved. The next meeting will be on September 10th all are welcome at Sts Simon and Jude hall from 9:00 till 11:00 am.

There will be a Rosary Celebration dinner held on October 22nd tickets are \$22 and it will be held at St. Paul's parish. Details can be found at the Arizona Rosary Celebration web site.

Other old business:

Alfred is interested in helping out at St Vincent de Paul if anyone else is going he would like a ride

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 7 @ 7:00PM.
- We have a Bunco night coming up on Saturday Nov. 5 at Leon Lang's home a flyer will be sent out soon.
- Save the date Sunday Dec. 11 for our annual Christmas party. It will once again be held at Eric Bialis's home. Eric shared that he is celebrating his 84th birthday on this coming Wednesday. He continued to share why he is in such great shape including supplements and exercise and encouraged all to join him. He shared some of the details of his recent physically challenging accomplishments. He went on to encourage all to come to the Christmas party.
- Deacon Sal asked that we consider replacing the grill at STM. STM is approaching their 20th anniversary and there are a number of events that will occur as a result. The current grill is reported to be 11 years old and the temperature is no longer adjustable. They were thinking that it would make more sense to replace the current grill with two grills and the anticipated cost would be about \$4,000 per grill and they were wondering if the Knights would be willing to help out. Questions were posed about options. Apparently all the knobs are broken off along with other things. A suggestion was made to have the officers take it on and bring recommendations back to the next business meeting.
- E3 Africa is having a fundraiser "Kicking for Africa" breakfast will be held at the Diocese of Phoenix on Oct. 14 at 7:15 am PGK John Schellenger has asked if we could sponsor part of the food at a cost of \$300. The effort is to bring in the rest of the needed funds to build a school. A motion was made seconded and passed to donate the \$300

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Report of the Fourth Degree:

- Flag retirement ceremony at St. Helen's on October 15 after the 4:30 Mass
- Priest appreciation dinner will be February 10th 2017

Field Agent's Report: Field agent Tom Pickard Shared the following:

- There is a pilot program to provide a presence to the brothers monthly via email. You can opt out if you do not want to consider receiving them however he recommends checking them out.
 - He adds new members to distribution as he becomes aware of them.
 - They talk about the benefits of joining the Knights of Columbus
 - One such is infant life insurance that is free to all members
- He congratulated us for all that we do. He encouraged that we get the new members involved. He recommended that the brother who sponsors a new brother should follow up and get those new brothers involved.
- He talked about the Knight salute and that we should bear in mind that it is the greeting between two brothers showing the love of the brother Knights.
- His goal is to try to get to each council at least once a quarter which is challenging because he has so many councils to cover. In the mean time the emails are a way to keep in touch. He encouraged any and all to call him if anyone needs to talk with him.
 - The Knights of Columbus has a wide variety of products available for investments and that the investment is safe and that the money invested will be used to follow things that are in tune with our faith
 - If a Knight takes out insurance on their children that has a guaranteed purchase option. It provides the child the ability to continue with the insurance up to the original amount when they are 23 up to when they are 40 years old with no need of medical underwriting
- He finished by saying that the Field agents are proud to be involved with the council meetings a "Knights serving Knights"

District Deputy's Report: none

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. If you haven't completed the first training session please contact your parish coordinator or check the diocesan web site for opportunities in the area. Everyone who has completed the foundation can renew on-line. Register online if needed.

Chaplain's Summation:

Pot of Gold: held

Salutation Table was removed

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Felix

Closing Ode: Dispensed

Meeting adjourned at 9:00