

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Knights of Columbus Council # 17304



Date / Time: July 8, 2024
Location: St. Martin de Porres Church - Parish Hall

Attendees:

- Attendance was tracked on-line at the Link / QR Code found on the front table

Grand Knight Steven Bredesen called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests:

James Kollaja - candidate for joining the Knights
Lauren Pudenz - candidate for joining the Knights
Damion Maestes - candidate for joining the Knights
Nick Digiacco - interested transferring to our council from Las Vegas

Approval of minutes for previous meeting:

- Meeting minutes were posted on web on the new website in the members section. The password for this section is MotherMary17304 (<https://kc17304.org/meeting-minutes/>).
- Motions to approve minutes by John and seconded by Nathan. Minutes were voted on and approved by the council. Vote was taken and passed.

Chaplain Update - Fr. Steven

- absent

Grand Knights Report – GK Steven Bredesen:

- Our organization has a consistent volunteer base of 14 to 16 members.
- We are moving to a draft system. We will start drafting members to work. The committees will come together and start working on drafting members for their teams.
- Fall Festival coming up. We are requested to have people for parking, sanitation, set/take down, and cooking. Ray will head up cooking. Need approx. 44 men to meet our obligations for the fall festival. Life group in charge of parking, faith/family in charge of sanitation, and community will be in charge of set up / take down. October 26 is the Fall Festival.
 - Will need baskets for the silent auction. Anyone who wants to put a basket together for the auction, please begin planning for that now.
 - Sponsors - if you know of any companies who want to sponsor, please begin pursuing them now.
- Exemplification date has moved to July 18th at 7:00 PM.
- Looking for a communications team. We need someone to head up those types of activities. Look for people to run bulletin communication, newsletter, marketing, etc.
- Sergio has volunteered to lead it. John Ross will help and Nick will assist with the website. Rob Daleo will also assist.

Deputy Grand Knight Report (Nathan):

- No report

Treasurer's Report – Sergio Guerrero

Treasurer's Report 06-2024		
General Fund Balance as of 06-30-2024:	\$13,535.46	This includes the \$8,535.46 in checking, and \$5,000 from unallocated savings
Less Outstanding Checks:		
1160 - Norah Warren	(\$50.00)	
1226 - Nate Lee Essay Contest	(\$50.00)	
1242 - NTX Food Pantry	(\$500.00)	
1257 - Fr Stephen Hauck	(\$500.00)	
1258 - Al Elliott	(\$62.92)	
1261 - Western Metroplex Chapter	(\$340.00)	
Total Outstanding Checks:	(\$1,502.92)	
Available Balance for Council Activities:	\$12,032.54	
Allocated Funds Breakdown:		
Crisis & Contingency Fund	\$1,300.00	
Monument Fund	\$7,606.79	
Grand Piano - Kent Meline	\$900.00	
Total Allocated Funds:	\$9,806.79	

Membership Report – Dean Hanson

- 3 new candidats and 1 transfer
 - James Kollaja introduced himself.
 - Luaren Pudenz introduced himself.
 - Damion Maestes introduced himself - he may be a new member or a transfer based on his current status
 - Nick Digiacco - coming in as a transfer.
- Voted on Nick and accepted to taking him in as a transfer
- 3 candidates were all voted upon and approved to join as new members of the council.
- Next exemplification is July 18th - it is not after Mass as usual. It will start at 6:30. It will be in the Parish Hall. 6:30 Rosary will start - there will be state leadership in town for the event. Meal will be at 8:00 PM. Dean called for as many knights as possible.
- The 2nd Exemplification will be in the morning during September and will be brief

- Nov 9 will be the final Exemplification date over the next 6 months

Program Director – Nathan Bernard:

- Nathan went over his program directors report handout.
- Nathan discussed our quota system (Star Council Tracker) to ensure we are on track for our Star Council status.
- He encouraged everyone to attend to the planning meetings.
- He also went over the 30-60-90 report and outlines some of the programs in bold where we will need extra volunteers

Family Director - John Ross:

- If you have school aged kids (or grandkids), John strongly encourages us members to join the family committee.
- Open for nominations for future Knight of the month and Family of the month. If you have a suggestion, please email John and he will get them recognized.

Faith Director - Richard O.

- Richard discussed on how we ensure the Faith of not only us men, but of our families and encouraged Knights to volunteer to keep our faith strong. Richard will have a teams call this coming Monday (July 15). Those interested, please join that meeting.

Alfredo - Community

- We already have an upcoming night for bingo coming up soon - August 3, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Alfredo passed around a sign-up sheet to join the committee and/or help out with Bingo.

St. Lawrence Team (Ray)

- Rey recapped the St. Lawrence team. If interested in joining a cooking team, reach out to Ray. Great way for new members to meet other Knights. We will be cooking at the Totus Tuus event (July 10)next week and could use volunteers.
- Next Sunday will be Taco Sunday (July 21). We do not have enough cooked brisket for this. We will cook brisket. I need to get with Rey to cook a brisket.
- Recap of the 4th of July - served 60 people and it was a pretty quick event.

George / Nick- Technology update

- No new updates

Life (Paul Parks presented)

- We are looking for more public Rosaries as part of Life. He mentioned several programs like America Needs Fatima

Fourth Degree Report –Rob Daleo:

- We have a new assembly - Lloyd Morris. We had the installation July 4th which included Patriotic Rosary, Recitation of the Declaration of Independence. If anyone is interested in joining the new assembly, please contact Rob

Insurance Agent's / Financial Advisor Report – Don Burks:

- Don spoke on Term Life Insurance and how the benefits and symbiotic relationship between the Knights and the insurance piece.

Deputy Director Report – Dominic Gervase:

- New State Deputy Ron Alonzo
- Thanks for time spent as Financial Secretary
- Organization state meeting was held in Houston
 - There was a big focus on getting councils to Star Council status across the state and how important those programs are to the health of each council.
- There will be a Cornhole tournament coordinated through the state and it is open to all the parish.
- Religious appreciation dinner is coming up in Keller. We have a few extra tickets available - reach out to Dominic if you are interested in attending. Rob also mentioned we've been asked to put together a gift basket for this which Rob will follow up further on.

Unfinished Business

- Holy Hour on the 11th - has been canceled this week.
- We will not be having the high school football event this year
- Per Russ on coffee/donuts - Russ would love some help for those events - reach out to him to volunteer

New Business:

- George Siller - newly appointed Financial Secretary. He pointed out that the money in the council is money that belongs to all of our council. George emphasized on how we leverage our current money to better help our initiatives.
- We have over \$3,000 of overdue dues for our council.
- Bills to be paid
 - \$959.35 TOTAL for payment
 - \$332 Gen liability insurance
 - \$162.39 - MS365
 - \$465.00 - Fees we owe to Supreme
 - Motion to pay by John, Seconded by Mario
 - Rob Daleo also asked to add the check to the new 4th degree Assembly \$2,445
 - The motion was amended to the change to add the new amount proposed by Rob by the same members who proposed the initial motion. The amended motion was voted on and passed.
- Dominic has completed the audit report. Dominic asked for the trustees to review and approve to those members who have not approved it yet.

Grand Knight Summary – Steve Bredesen:

- Steve is looking forward to his role as Grand Knight and discussed how his style might differ from those in the past. Former GK Russ offered his encouragement and stressed the importance of being on the same page with Fr. Stephen.

Trustee's Report (Russ):

- No report this meeting

Good of the Order:

John Ross

- Family of the month - Richard White and Family - Assistant Director of Religious Education
- Knight of the month - Paul Parks

Lector's Reflection:

- Jerry read a reflection on the miracle of the loaves and fishes and how we, as Knights, have an active role in the Miracles of Christ. The challenge is for all Knights to serve the poor one time during this month.
- Steve spoke on his experience in volunteering at the foodbank and encouraged the Knights to volunteer their time there

Older Prayer Items:

- Brother Austin Dunn - preparing for major surgery - prayers needed.
- Dominic - recovery from injury
- Edee Hanson - surgeries
- Parker Emerson - awaiting MRI results
- Lloyd Ruffle - in NY taking care of family - prayers for his Father
- Deacon Jack - nephew, Gilberto - broken neck - paralyzed from neck down and having trouble recovering.
- Prayer of Thanksgiving for Carlos's son, - was in wreck over the weekend and he was able to walk away
Carlos Olivares: Repose of the Soul of Tino Soto
- Jim Slee: Bob Slee – Cancer
- George Siller: Deacon Jack / Mike Jacobsen
- Jesus Romero: Isella Romero – broken leg
- Ray Mangold / Prostate Cancer
- Rob Daleo: Chuck Daleo – Nursing Care
- Richard Ornelas: Brother Knights with Cancer
- GK Russ Woodford: Families of Shooting Deaths in Allen
- Stage 4 Cancer- Ray Wazwriack
- Father Boniface – Going through GI Issues
- Paul Parkes: Rob Daleo
- Richard Ornelaz: Tony Moninski, Hernia Surgery
- GK Russ Woodford: Carlos Olivarez FIL, Tino Soto removed from Life Support.
- Paul Parkes: Michael Jacobsen: Knee Replacement
- Paul Parkes: Deacon Jack Knee Replacement
- Sergio Guerrero: Gerald Hinderman, new kidney transplant
- Ed Flanagan: Twin grand-babies who are in the neonatal unit
- Richard Ornelas: John Curtin – car accident; Tony Byzewski who is going through hernia surgery
- Paul Parkes: Ed Flanagan, who was in car accident.
- Dominick Gervasi: Rob Daleo – health issues
- Richard Wilson who is getting a kidney transplant
- Sergio: Wife's uncle Jared who is waiting for a Kidney Transplant
- Don Burk's Dad – Shoulder surgery
- Prayers for Rob Daleo – blood pressure.
- Docs' sister who has mammary cancer; Janice Jaymes
- Tony – hernia
- For all the people going on the Holy Land pilgrimage
- Dan Badgely – sister Julie passed away this morning.

- Ukrainian solders and country
- Fred Allen – passed away from Agent Orange related cancer; Ed Flanagan
- Terry Watting – Frank’s C fried with Pancreatic cancer
- Retired Deacon Richard Lovett; back surgery (George Siller)
- Pope Benedict
- Chuy Romero – possible Shoulder Surgery; appointment Friday.
- Tino Soto, Carlos’ Olivarez father in law in hospice
- Jason Campbell, cancer treatments
- Russ Woodford – in hospital
- Sister Andrea with Cancer
- Chuy Romero – dislocated shoulder.
- Tino Soto, Carlos’ Olivarez father in law in hospice
- Jason Campbell, cancer treatments in Germany at the end of the month.
- Repose of the soul of Ken Meline.
- In-laws: Tino and Olga Soto – Carlos Olivares
- Nephew, Max Obaye (surgery during birth); Nathan Bernard
- Prayers for Ken and Keith and new member Todd.
- Russ Woodford – prayers for healing.
- Appreciate everyone’s support.
- Ukraine – in 10 days, Knights raised \$3M for relief efforts
- Republicans, Christians
- Supreme Court Justices
- Thom Vars - Christina Vars – turmoil at place of employment.
- Brandon Story: Cousin Robert Story who passed from Cancer recently.
- Cherie Brickey – return to good health
- Ukrainians – prayers
- Gary Hinderman – Waiting for Kidney Transplant
- Kathy Yasalli – heart condition and needs testing
- Edee Hansen – Diagnosed with syndrome which curls fingers
- Ed Flanagan: Grandson who is deployed on nuclear sub.
- Ruben Diaz: Peter Vargas – been ill

Closing prayer

Meeting was adjourned by Steve at 8:36 PM.

Minutes by: SK Nick Cumberland, Recorder

Scan here for UKnight Quick Links:



Detailed Meeting Summary

Membership Participation:

- The organization has a consistent volunteer base of 14 to 16 members.
- A draft system will be implemented to assign roles and responsibilities, ensuring greater participation.

Fall Festival Planning:

- Scheduled for October 26th.
- Volunteers needed for parking, sanitation, setup, and cooking.
- Parking: Managed by "Life"
- Sanitation: Managed by "Faith and Family"
- Setup and Take Down: Managed by "Community"
- A total of 44 volunteers are required.

Silent Auction Preparation:

- Baskets for the silent auction are being prepared, with contributions from members like John Ross.
- Encouragement for members to create and donate baskets.
- Sponsorships from companies are sought, with amounts ranging from \$250 to \$1000 or more.

Sponsorship and Donations:

- Members are urged to discuss sponsorship opportunities with their employers to support the event.

Communications Team:

- Formation of a communications team is proposed.
- Responsibilities include handling church bulletins, newsletters, public notices, and coordination with the recorder.
- Sergio is appointed as the lead of the communications team, with other volunteers like John and Brandon supporting.
- Emphasis on improving communication to enhance event attendance and community engagement.

Financial Report:

- As of June 30th, the general fund balance is \$13,535.46.
- Outstanding checks total \$1,502.92, leaving an effective balance of \$12,032.54.
- Allocated funds amount to \$9,806.79.

Membership Report:

- Introduction of three new candidates and two new members:
 - James Kollaja from Corpus Christi
 - Lauren Pudenz from Corpus Christi
 - Damion Maestas, potentially a transfer from Albuquerque
 - Nick Digiacco, a current member being transferred into the council
- All new candidates and transfers were voted in favor by the council.

Knight of the Month and Family of the Month:

- ****Knight of the Month:**** Recognition for outstanding contributions, though specific details were not provided in the extracted content.
- ****Family of the Month:**** Recognition for a family's contributions and involvement, again with specific details not provided in the extracted content.

Exemplification Ceremony:

- The Exemplification Ceremony was moved to July 18th.
- The ceremony will include a Rosary or Adoration at 6:30 PM, followed by the official event.
- State and diocesan officials are expected to attend.

Additional Notes:

- Regular meetings with the church are planned to keep the priest informed about the activities.

- Discussion about marketing strategies for events, including using a calendar to plan and promote events effectively.
- Recognition of the need for better communication to avoid issues and ensure smooth event execution.