

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Knights of Columbus Council # 17304

Date / Time: November 11, 2024

Location: St. Martin de Porres Church - Parish Hall



Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began promptly at **7:00 PM**. The Grand Knight led the council in the **Lord's Prayer**, followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag of the United States of America. He also acknowledged and thanked all veterans present, saying, "God bless all of our veterans."

Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting

- **Motion to Approve:** Robert (Rob) motioned to approve the minutes posted online.
- **Seconded by:** Chuy.
- **Discussion:** None.
- **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Update – Fr. Steven

- **Status:** Absent.

Grand Knight's Report – GK Steven Bredesen

- **Acknowledgments:**
 - Thanked all Knights who assisted with the **Fall Festival**.
 - Expressed gratitude to those who attended Saturday's **Combined Exemplification Ceremony (CUF)**.
- **Note:** Welcomed the presence of Worthy District Deputy **Dominic Gervasi**.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report – Nathan Bernard

- **Report:** None.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by George Siller

(Sergio Guerrero was absent.)

Treasurer's Report				
As of 10/31/2024				
		Checking	Savings	Total
Account Balance		\$5,137.24	\$14,880.64	\$ 20,017.88
Less:				
Outstanding Checks (List)				
1160 - Norah Warren		\$50.00		
1226 - Nate Lee Essay Contest		\$50.00		
1262 - Assembly 4001		\$2,445.00		
1271 - Ray Mangold		\$24.98		
1272 - William Lucas		\$500.00		
Total Checks Outstanding		\$3,069.98		
Allocated to Projects				
Crisis & Contingency Fund			\$1,300.00	
Monument Fund			\$7,606.79	
Grand Piano - Kent Meline			\$900.00	
Total Allocations			\$ 9,806.79	
Available & Unallocated		\$ 2,067.26	\$ 5,073.85	\$ 7,141.11

Note: George highlighted that after paying outstanding checks and allocations, we have \$7,141.11 unallocated. This figure will be revisited during the Financial Secretary's report.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Brandon.

Seconded by: Jerry.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Membership Report – Dean Hanson

- **Absent**
-

Program Director's Report – Nathan Bernard

Nathan introduced team leads from each area to provide their reports.

Family Director Report – Nathan Bernard (for John Ross)

- **Keep Christ in Christmas:** Upcoming program to promote the true meaning of Christmas within the parish community.

Faith Director Report – Richard Ornelas

- **Rosary Initiative:**
 - Partnering with the **Rosary Makers** group.
 - Plan to lead the **Seven Sorrows Rosary** before every confession during Advent.
 - Seeking at least **eight Knights** to volunteer in leading the rosary.
 - Rosaries will be provided by the Rosary Makers.
 - **Action Item:** Richard will coordinate volunteer scheduling and provide further details at the next planning meeting.

Community Director Report – Alfredo Ramos

- **Thanksgiving Assistance:**
 - **Date:** Friday, November 17.
 - **Time:** Volunteers needed at **4:00 PM** to load trucks; vans arrive at **4:15 PM**.
 - **Action Item:** Members who can assist are encouraged to participate.
- **Essay Contest:**
 - **Grades:** 8–12.
 - **Need:** Help in promoting the contest to eligible students.
 - **Action Item:** Spread the word within the parish and community.
- **Upcoming Bingo Event:**
 - **Date:** December 14.
 - **Status:** Advertising is underway.
 - **Action Item:** Volunteers needed for event setup and operation.

Technology Update – George Siller / Nick Cumberland

- **Report:** No updates at this time.

Life Director Report – Position Open

- **Next Event:**

- **Silver Rose:** December 2.
- **Note:** Will coincide with the next planning meeting.
- **Action Item:** Still seeking a volunteer to fill the Life Director position.

St. Lawrence Crew – Ray Mangold

- **Upcoming Taco Sunday:**
 - **Team Assignment:** Team One is scheduled to serve on Sunday, November 19.
 - **Note:** Team Two missed last month due to a kitchen power outage.
 - **Action Item:** Team Two members are encouraged to assist Team One to gain experience.

Fourth Degree Report – Rob Daleo

- **Activities:**
 - **November 2:** Marked veteran gravesites at Little Elm Cemetery for Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America.
 - **November 10:** Fallout for the 9:30 AM Mass honoring Veterans Day weekend.
 - **November 11:** Attended the Richardson Veterans Parade, representing the assembly and St. Martin de Porres.
 - **November 16:** Silver Rose Exchange in Gainesville; Oklahoma hands over the Silver Rose to Texas.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **December 7:** Prosper Christmas Parade.
 - **Invitation:** All council members are invited to march; wear council shirts.
 - **February 8:** Patriotic Degree Exemplification at Prince of Peace in Plano.
 - **Note:** Last exemplification in the current format; future ceremonies will be shorter and family-inclusive.
- **Next Assembly Meeting:** January 13.
- **Action Items:** Members interested in the Fourth Degree or upcoming events should contact Rob.

Insurance Agent's Report – Don Burks

- **Permanent Insurance Offerings:**
 - **Products Discussed:**
 1. **Whole Life Insurance**
 2. **No-Lapse Guaranteed Universal Life (NLGUL)**
 3. **Survivorship Universal Life (SUL)**
 - **Examples Provided:**
 1. **Mark, 55:** Nearing retirement; needs coverage to protect retirement income.
 2. **Luke, 55:** Business partner; needs insurance for a cross-purchase buy-sell agreement.
 3. **John and Mary, 55:** Have a special needs child; need a special needs trust funded by a survivorship policy.
- **Action Item:** Members interested in learning more should contact Don.

District Deputy's Report – Dominic Gervasi

- **Star Council Update:**

- Council is on track to meet requirements.
- Fraternal benefits requirement met due to recent benefits night.
- **Membership Growth:**
 - Four candidates completed exemplification (two from our council, two from Holy Cross).
 - **Fort Worth Diocese Goal:** 53 new members in November; had 38 previously.
 - **Encouragement:** Members should actively recruit, even outside formal membership drives.
- **Memorial Mass:**
 - Suggested holding a memorial Mass in November for deceased council members.
 - **Action Item:** Coordinate with the parish to schedule the Mass.
- **Silver Rose:**
 - Arriving in Texas; members encouraged to participate in related events.
- **Western Metroplex Chapter Meeting:**
 - **Date:** November 20.
 - **Location:** Holy Family Catholic Church, Fort Worth.
 - **Attendance:** In-person or via Zoom.
- **Mid-Year Meeting:**
 - **Date:** December 7.
 - **Location:** Hyatt Regency, DFW Airport.
- **Evangelization and Faith Formation Director:**
 - **Requirement:** Every council is expected to have this position.
 - **Role:** Promote the CORE initiative; may evolve the current Faith Director role.
 - **Action Item:** Council to identify and appoint a member to this position.

Unfinished Business

- None reported.

New Business

Bills to Be Paid

George Siller presented the bills that need council approval for payment.

1. **Smoker Parts:** \$122.72
2. **BBQ Grill Gloves:** \$51.50
3. **Tonight's Council Meal:** \$60.10
4. **Additional Meal Expenses:** \$11.97
5. **Fall Festival Food Bill:** \$1,583.11
6. **Quicken Software:** \$76.61
7. **New Brisket Purchase:** \$2,914.00
 - *Explanation:* Purchased briskets at \$2.50/lb, below market price. Briskets were larger than expected, resulting in 400 extra pounds and higher total cost. The meat is stored in the freezer for future use.
8. **Golf Tournament Sponsorship (Neighbors Nourishing Neighbors):** \$850.00
 - *Brought up by Rob; event was on September 30.*
 - **Discussion:**

- **Rob:** Informed the council about the \$850 invoice from Neighbors Nourishing Neighbors for the golf tournament sponsorship, which took place on September 30.
 - **George:** Noted that this expense was not included in the initial list of bills and expressed surprise that it hadn't been paid yet.
 - **Members:** Questioned whether this expense had been previously approved or budgeted.
 - **Discussion Points:**
 - It was mentioned that the sponsorship should have been approved in the September meeting; members tried to recall if it was documented in the minutes.
 - Ed Flanagan confirmed from his notes that it was discussed on September 19.
 - Concerns were raised about the impact on the unallocated funds after adding this expense.
 - **Action Taken:**
 - George adjusted the total bills to include the \$850 for the golf tournament sponsorship, bringing the total bills to **\$5,670.01**.
- **Total Bills to Be Paid:** \$5,670.01
- **Financial Impact:** After paying these bills, the unallocated balance will be approximately **\$1,400**.
- **Motion to Pay Bills:** George.
- **Seconded by:** Nathan.
- **Discussion:**
 - Concerns were raised about the low unallocated funds and the need to manage future spending carefully.
 - Members discussed the council's spending and income, debating whether there is an income problem or a spending problem.
 - Suggestions were made about the need to generate additional income or reduce expenditures.
 - **Clarification:** It was noted that while the expense was not in the initial list, it had been previously approved, and the council has an obligation to pay it.
- **Vote:** Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Concerns and Income Generation

- **Discussion Initiated by George Siller:**
 - Highlighted that after paying current bills, the council will have approximately **\$1,400** in unallocated funds.
 - Expressed concern about the limited funds and the need to manage future spending carefully.
 - Noted that while the council has done a lot of charity work and generated income, expenditures have been high.
 - Members debated whether the council has an income problem or a spending problem.
 - Suggestions included either increasing income streams or reducing expenditures to balance the budget.

Bulk Brisket Sales Proposal – Presented by George Siller

- **Purpose:** Increase cash flow due to limited unallocated funds.
- **Proposal Highlights:**
 - Initiate a **bulk brisket sales program** through the St. Lawrence Crew.
 - **Sales Schedule:** Second Sunday of the second month each quarter, starting in Q1 2025.
 - **Proposed Dates:**
 - February 9
 - April 13
 - July 13
 - October 11
 - **Participation:**
 - Requires support from the entire council.
 - Activities include smoking briskets, processing pre-orders, and distribution.
 - **Mandatory Participation:** All new members required to participate in four brisket smokes to develop skills and fellowship.
 - **Equipment Needs:** Acknowledged that additional slicing, bagging, and processing equipment may be required.
 - **Financial Projection:**
 - Selling 300 pounds of meat at \$15 per pound could generate \$4,500 per event.
 - Using existing briskets (currently stored in the freezer) reduces upfront costs.
- **Discussion:**
 - **Concerns Raised:**
 - Mandatory requirements may deter participation; members prefer volunteer-based commitments.
 - The council's focus should be on faith-based programs rather than additional fundraising efforts.
 - Overextending members with additional activities could lead to burnout.
 - Suggestions to cut spending rather than increase fundraising activities.
 - **Alternative Suggestions:**
 - Conduct a trial run before committing to a full program.
 - Evaluate current spending and income to identify areas for adjustment.
 - **Dominic Gervasi:** Recommended amending the motion to conduct a single brisket sale in Q1 2025 and then reevaluate.
- **Motion:**
 - **Original Motion Withdrawn:** George withdrew the initial proposal based on feedback.
 - **New Motion:** Conduct one bulk brisket sale in Q1 2025 and evaluate the program's effectiveness.
 - **Seconded by:** Nathan.
 - **Vote:** Motion approved after a mixed vote.

In Memoriam Page on Website – Proposed by Brandon Story

- **Proposal:** Add an "In Memoriam" page to the council website to honor deceased members.
- **Seconded by:** Nathan.

- **Discussion:**
 - **Rob Daleo:** Recommended bringing this to the planning meeting for detailed planning and implementation.
- **Action Item:** Discuss and develop at the next planning meeting.

Essay Contest Funding – Brought up by Alfredo Ramos

- **Concern:** Need to allocate funds for the upcoming essay contest.
- **Discussion:**
 - **George Siller:** Clarified that while the budget includes allocations for scholarships, the essay contest is a separate program.
 - **Proposal:** Tabled the discussion until the planning meeting to determine funding and logistics.
- **Action Item:** Address essay contest funding at the next planning meeting.

Communication to Council Members – Suggested by Jim Slee

- **Suggestion:** Establish a welfare committee to reach out to less active members and encourage participation.
 - **Action Item:** Bring up for discussion at the planning meeting.
-

Lecturer’s Reflection – Jerry Cope

- **Topic:** All Souls Day and the plenary indulgence granted for visiting a cemetery during November.
- **Activity:** Led the council in the **Prayer of St. Gertrude** for the souls in purgatory.

Good of the Order

Family of the Month

- **None provided.**

Knight of the Month

- **None provided.**

Prayer Requests

- **Ron:** Prayers for himself (suffering from dementia) and for his wife.
- **Mark:** Michael Jacobson—awaiting medical test results.
- **Peter:** Recently passed away; prayers for his soul.
- **Russ:** For Brother Knight **Ken Navarre**, who recently passed away.
- **Ed Flanagan:** Those affected by Agent Orange-related illnesses.

Older Prayer Items:

- Rob - Rob's grandson is going through Covid and it has been tough - his parents as
- Pray for Bob (Jim's brother), who is nearing end of life and afflicted with cancer.
- Sergio - pray for St. Sebastian church who is trying to start a new council
- George - pray for repose of the soul of his brother, Michael.
- Nathan - pray for Juanita (grandmother) - has covid in hospital
- Paul - Jim's mother in law, who is in hospice now.
- 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 soldiers 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

- The Grand Knight led the council in an **Our Father** for all veterans and those who have passed away.
- Jerry Cope led the **Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney**.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 PM (approximate)
 Minutes by: SK Nick Cumberland, Recorder

Scan here for UKnight Quick Links:



Meeting Minutes

* requires login



Volunteer Hours