**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Knights of Columbus Council #17304**

**Date / Time:** December 9, 2024
 **Location:** St. Martin de Porres Church - Parish Hall

**Meeting Details**

**Attendees:** All officers present
 **Called to Order:** 7:00 PM by Steven Bredesen, Grand Knight

**Opening Items**

* **Prayer:** Opening prayer led by Grand Knight.
* **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of the previous meeting were posted online.
* **Motion:** Nathan motioned to approve; Paul seconded.
* **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

**Officer Reports**

**Grand Knight’s Report – Steven Bredesen**

* Upcoming Events:
	+ **December 12:** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mass at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.
	+ **December 14:** Bingo Night – Volunteers needed for setup (4:30 PM) and teardown.
* Encouraged all members to recruit new candidates and participate in upcoming events.

**Deputy Grand Knight’s Report – Nathan Bernard**

* No new updates.

**Treasurer’s Report – Sergio Guerrero**

* Financial Summary (as of December 1, 2024):
	+ **Checking:** $3,950.38
	+ **Savings:** $12,396.30
	+ **Total:** $16,346.68
* Outstanding Checks:
	+ Norah Warren: $50.00
	+ Nate Lee (Essay Contest): $50.00
	+ Assembly 4001: $2,445.00
	+ Ray Mangold: $246.29
	+ **Total Checks Outstanding:** $2,791.29
* Allocations:
	+ Crisis & Contingency Fund: $1,300.00
	+ Monument Fund: $7,606.79
	+ Grand Piano Fund: $900.00
	+ **Total Allocations:** $9,806.79
* **Available & Unallocated Funds:** $3,748.60

**Membership Report – Dean Hanson**

* CUF Ceremony: Scheduled for **January 18, 2025**, at 11:00 AM.
* **New Members Approved:**
	+ Noah Freeman (proposed and approved)
	+ William “Biff” Pip (proposed and approved)
	+ Ian Patrick (voted and approved after presentation by Matt Freeman and Dean Hanson)
	+ Hector Castaneda (discussion deferred; vote postponed until next meeting).
* Mentorship program for new members will be initiated.

**Faith Director Report – Richard Ornelas**

* Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Observed on December 9 due to Sunday liturgical calendar adjustments.
* Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mass at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

**Family Director Report – John Ross**

* John was absent; Nathan provided updates:
	+ Christmas Coloring Mural Contest is underway. Volunteers encouraged to assist with setup.

**Community Report – Alfredo (via Nathan)**

* **Bingo Night:** Saturday, December 14. Setup begins at 4:30 PM, teardown around 9:00 PM.
* **Essay Contest:** Currently running, with results to be shared at the next meeting.

**Life Program Report – Rob Daleo (in for Roland)**

* **Silver Rose Ceremony:** Recently held; positive feedback received.
* Upcoming Events:
	+ **March for Life:** Scheduled for January 18, 2025, in downtown Dallas.
	+ **Novena for Life:** January 16–24, 2025.
	+ **White Cross Setup:** Planned for the parish field along Highway 380.

**St. Lawrence Team (Ray)**

* **Brisket Fundraiser:**
	+ Trial run planned for February 7–9, 2025.
	+ Volunteers needed for cooking, prep, and distribution. Sign-up Genius to be sent out.

**Technology Update – George/Nick**

* No updates.

**Fourth Degree Report – Rob Daleo**

* **Upcoming Events:**
	+ February 8: Next exemplification for the Fourth Degree at Prince of Peace in Plano.
	+ December 14: Wreaths Across America Ceremony at 11:00 AM. Volunteers will assist with wreath distribution.
	+ January 9: Blessed McGivney relic on display at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Winton, TX.
* Rob read the official decree for the formation of Reverend Lloyd Morris Assembly #4001.

**Insurance Agent’s Report – Don Burks**

* Presented on the importance of risk transfer and how Knights of Columbus insurance supports Catholic families.

**Deputy Director Report – Dominic Gervase**

* Recap of the Texas State Council meeting held in Dallas.
	+ Emphasis on recruiting new members to maintain state leadership.
	+ Council was awarded the Lone Star Council Award for excellence.

**Unfinished Business**

* None noted.

**New Business**

* **Bills to Be Paid:**
	+ Dean Hansen’s CUF Expenses: $34.36 (motioned by Dean, seconded by Nathan; approved).
	+ Sponsorship for Golf Tournament: $850 (motioned by Brandon, seconded by Nathan; approved).
* **Safe Environment Training:** Dean highlighted the importance of compliance; further discussion planned.
* **Katie McCarthy Support Proposal:** Mentioned as a potential future action item; Knights were encouraged to pray for her.

**Good of the Order**

* **Prayer Requests:**
	+ Katie McCarthy: Stage IV cancer, prayers for recovery.
	+ Dean Hansen: Upcoming CT scan.
	+ Additional prayer requests were noted as listed in the rough draft.

**Lector’s Reflection – Jerry**

* Spoke about the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and led members in a group prayer using provided prayer cards.

**Grand Knight Summary**

* Steven Bredesen thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the year and wished the council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Closing**

* **Closing Prayer:** Led by Jerry.
* **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**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 awayCarlos 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
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* Sergio Guerrero: Gerald Hinderman, new kidney transplant
* Ed Flanagan: Twin grand-babies who are in the neonatal unit
* Richard Ornleas: 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.

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* 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

**Minutes Prepared By:** SK Nick Cumberland, Recorder

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