

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Knights of Columbus Council # 17304



Date / Time: February 10, 2025
Location: St. Martin de Porres Church - Parish Hall

Attendees:

All officers present, except for Rob Daaleo, Russ Woodford

Steven Bredsen, Grand Knight, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Opening Prayer

Steven led the Our Father.

Pledge of Allegiance

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Previous meeting minutes were posted online.
 - **Ed** motioned to approve; **Nathan** seconded.
 - A vote was taken and passed unanimously.
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2. Chaplain's Update – Fr. Steven

- Absent.
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3. Grand Knight's Report – Steven Bredesen

1. Dues / Per Capita

- The Council pays per capita on behalf of members.
 - It is important for each member to pay dues promptly so the Council does not lose its death-benefit eligibility.
 - There are several members behind 1-4 years on dues; the Council will reach out to bring them current.
2. **In Memoriam**
- Peter Vargas, a Brother Knight, passed away on December 3rd. He and his family will be added to the prayer list and memorial page.
3. **Background Checks & Safe Environment**
- All Knights participating in parish or Council programs must be safe-environment compliant.
 - **Alexis Campbell** is overseeing safe-environment certifications.
 - The Council intends to set up a group session for background checks and training to streamline the process.
4. **Benevolent Committee**
- **Jerry** has been appointed to lead a committee that contacts Knights (or their families) who are sick, hospitalized, or grieving.
 - Anyone who would like to assist should connect with Jerry.
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4. Deputy Grand Knight's Report – Nathan Bernard

- No formal report.
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5. Treasurer's Report – Sergio Guerrero

- **Cash on Hand (as of Feb 2, 2025):** \$20,228.11
- **Outstanding Checks:** \$(223.72)
- **Allocated to Funds:** \$(9,806.79)
- **Available & Unallocated (Before Jan Bills):** \$10,197.60
- **January Bills Paid:** \$(514.70)
- **Available & Unallocated (After Jan Bills):** \$9,682.90

Banking Update

- The Council will switch to **Chase Bank** to better integrate electronic transactions (e.g., direct sales).
 - A debit card and checks will be used; no credit card is planned.
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6. Membership Report – Dean Hanson

1. **Exemplification on February 22**
 - Four new members are scheduled for exemplification.
 - Current Council quota is 9; the Council already has 13 new or reactivated members this year.
 2. **Potential New Members**
 - **John Bargas** and **Eric Asuawacawa** signed up online; they will be vetted before the Council votes.
 - Another exemplification is scheduled for **April 6**.
 3. **New Member Vote**
 - **Nathan Caufman** was proposed as a candidate.
 - **Motion:** Nathan B. proposed, Ray seconded, vote passed.
 4. **Transfers**
 - Three transfers in progress.
 5. **New QR Code System**
 - Cards with a QR code are now available for recruiting new members quickly.
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7. Program Director’s Report – Nathan Bernard

- **SD7 Program Status:** The Council is tracking well on its program requirements.
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8. Family Director’s Report – John Ross

- Planning for **Mother’s Day Mass** flowers; details to come.
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9. Community Director’s Report – Alfredo

1. **Greeter Program**
 - Alfredo thanked those already helping. Knights wearing their badges and greeting before Mass has been well-received.
 - Continue checking in with the lead Usher if you’d like to help greet.
 2. **Bingo Night**
 - Next Bingo Night is **February 22**.
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10. St. Lawrence Team Report – Ray

1. **Brisket Super Bowl Sale**
 - About **137 lbs** of brisket sold; net profit roughly **\$2,000**.
 - Next Taco Sunday will use briskets cooked off-site (home-cooked) and brought in before Mass.
 2. **Future Smoke Events**
 - Discussion of scheduling future brisket sales around major sporting events or quarterly schedule.
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11. Technology Update – George & Nick

- **No new updates** reported.
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12. Life Report – (Presented by Rob Daleo for Roland)

1. **Donation to Loreto House**
 - **Motion:** Nathan moved to donate \$1,000 (already in budget), George seconded.
 - Discussion: Supreme will reimburse \$200 via the ASAP program.
 - Vote passed.
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13. Fourth Degree Report – Mario (for Rob)

1. **New 4th Degree Members**
 - Two knights joined the Fourth Degree since the last meeting.
 2. **Upcoming Exemplification**
 - Scheduled for **February 22**.
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14. Insurance Agent's Report – Don Burks

- Don covered KoC insurance benefits, including increased scholarship allotments, fraternal benefit expansions, and general coverage improvements.
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15. Deputy Director Report – Dominic Gervase

1. **State Updates**
 - The Council is on track for **Star Council** with strong membership.
 - **Audit Report** has been submitted.
 2. **Upcoming Chapter Meeting**
 - **February 26** in Arlington.
 3. **State Convention**
 - **April 25–27** in Corpus Christi.
 - The Council can send two delegates; budget is available to partially offset costs.
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16. Unfinished Business

1. **Chaplain of the Year Award**
 - Submission for Fr. Steven was sent.
 2. **Lone Star Award**
 - Two Council delegates needed.
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17. New Business

1. **Bills to Be Paid**
 - The following were presented (from the brisket event and other expenses):
 - **Ray Mangold:** Smoker Maintenance (Tire) – \$117.80
 - **George Siller:** Sliced Brisket Sale Event – \$314.60
 - **Jim Tripple:** Lunch for Holy Smoke – \$82.30
 - **Additional:** ~\$100 to cover two smaller bills (per the group’s discussion: “why not just gross it up?”).
 - **Total:** \$614.70
 - **Motion:** Dominic proposed paying these bills; Dean seconded.
 - **Vote:** Passed unanimously.
 - Note - here are the official number provided on Feb 16 by George Sillis:

Knights of Columbus
Council # 17304
January 2025 Bills

Payee		Amount	Total
Ray Mangold	Smoker Maintenance - Tire	\$ 117.80	\$ 117.80
Dean Hansen	CUF Expenses	\$ 53.40	\$ 53.40
What's My Name	Nametags	\$ 59.37	\$ 59.37
George Siller	Sliced Brisket Sale Event	\$ 42.95	
		\$ 35.96	
		\$ 17.98	
		\$ 217.71	\$ 314.60
Jim Tripple	Lunch for Holy Smoke	\$ 82.30	\$ 82.30
Pat Hynes	Aprons	\$ 33.51	\$ 33.51

Total \$ 660.98 \$ 660.98

2. Brisket Sale Expansion

- **Motion:** George proposed making brisket pre-sales a quarterly event.
- **Seconded:** Nathan.
- Discussion: Consider aligning with major sporting events; some concerns on capacity.
- **Vote:** Passed (not unanimous).

18. Good of the Order

- **Family of the Month:** Miguel and Vanessa Hereras
- **Knight of the Month:** Not selected yet

Prayer Requests

- **Rest of the soul:** Peter Vargas (passed Dec 3).
- **Don Bobula's wife, Marlene** (recently passed).
- **Dean Hansen** (hip replacement).
- Full listing of additional prayer requests is available upon request.

Closing Prayer

- Led by Steven.

Lector's Reflection (Jerry):

- Absent

Older Prayer Items:

- Ruben Diaz- Jocy Diaz prayer list - headaches
- Ray Mangold's neighbor - Lauri Stetsco - taken to the hospital during our meeting - prayers needed
- Katie McCarthy - prayers for miracle for recovery from her cancer.
- Prayers for Dean Hansen - who has a cat scan tomorrow.
- 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

- Led by Steven.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22 PM

Meeting minutes recorded by SK Nick Cumberland