

## **MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Knights of Columbus Council # 17304**



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

### **ATTENDEES:**

All officers present except Rob Daleo and Russ Woodford.  
Grand Knight (GK): Steven Bredesen presided.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

GK Steven Bredesen called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

### **OPENING:**

- Opening Prayer: "Our Father" led by Fr. Steven.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by attendees.

### **SPECIAL GUESTS:**

- Kevin McGillis, Worthy District Master; Ken Branch from Assembly 4001.
- Presented new officer jewels for Assembly 4001. Fr. Steven provided a blessing.
- Provided update on the flagpoles at Holy Trinity Seminary funded by the 4th-degree contributions. Poles installation to occur in approximately 6-8 weeks with ceremony planned.
- Kevin McGillis reminded attendees about the correct recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance (no pause in "one nation under God").

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

- George motioned; Nathan seconded. Unanimously approved.

### **CHAPLAIN'S UPDATE (Fr. Steven):**

- No update; Fr. Steven had to leave early.

### **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT (Steven Bredesen):**

- Received a thank-you note from Loretto House, circulated among attendees.
- No recent update on Jim Slee's condition.

### **DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT (Nathan Bernard):**

- No report.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (George Siller for Sergio Guerrero):**

- Total Cash: \$22,145.50

- Outstanding Checks: \$(1,364.51)
- Allocated to Projects: \$(9,806.79)
- Available Funds: \$10,974.20
- Completed transition to Chase Bank.
- Bills to be paid electronically or via debit card.
- Funds (\$2,064.76) moved to savings to invest in 5 CDs of \$3,000 each at 3.5%, generating \$525 annual interest.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT (George Siller for Dean Hanson):**

- 19 new Knights joined this year.
- Membership dues collection issue: 101 members delinquent.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Nathan Bernard):**

- No update.

**FAMILY DIRECTOR'S REPORT (John Ross - absent, Nathan reported):**

- Good Friday books pending arrival for Fish Fry distribution.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Alfredo):**

- Successful Bingo event, thanked volunteers.
- Wheelchair mission scheduled April 5th/6th; volunteers needed for each Mass to manage donations.

**ST. LAWRENCE TEAM REPORT (Ray):**

- Fish Fry successful (220 plates served), exceeding previous record by 40.
- Need more help with kitchen cleanup and room setup; sign-up genius in process.
- Proposal for second smoker (\$7,000 estimated cost) discussed; detailed business plan pending.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE (George & Nick):**

- No update.

**LIFE REPORT:**

- No update.

**FOURTH DEGREE REPORT (Kevin McGillis, provided at the beginning):**

- New streamlined 4th-degree exemplification introduced.
- Next meeting: April 14.

**INSURANCE AGENT'S REPORT (Don Burks):**

- Update on socially responsible investment guidelines and insurance program integrity.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dominic Gervase):**

- Affiliate program for non-paying members explained (reduces dues owed).
- CUF scheduled at St. Catherine's in Carrollton (March 25).
- State Convention: April 25-27 in Corpus Christi; delegates needed (Dean Hansen attending; one spot open).
- Star Council tracking well; potential for Double Star status.
- Silver Rose program returns May 21; council invited to participate.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Bills Presented for Payment:**

- Last month's approved bills: \$668.98.
- Current bills total: \$879.97 (excluding tabled \$535 diocesan expense pending further discussion).

**Breakdown:**

- Dean Hansen: CUF expenses \$50.62
- Carlos Aviles: Brisket sale expenses \$47.96
- George Siller: Home Enthronement expenses \$239.78
- Ray Mangold: Dinner \$4.19, Bingo supplies \$250.54 total, Fish Fry \$277.88 (total \$532.61)
- Motion to approve payment (Brandon moved; Nathan seconded). Unanimous approval.
- George explained the Home Enthronement program funded by Knights.
- Blake Thompson's diaconate ordination: March 19, 6:00 PM at St. Maria Goretti, Arlington; open invitation.
- Commemorative coins for Assembly 4001 available from George.
- Smoker purchase discussed; initial business plan to be reviewed at planning meeting.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- No Family or Knight of the Month selected.
- John Ross seeking employment; members encouraged to assist.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Comprehensive list recorded, including specific requests for Jim Slee, Josie Diaz, Blake Thompson, and numerous others detailed in the notes.

**LECTOR'S REFLECTION:**

- Jerry (absent); no reflection.

**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:**

- Closing prayer led by GK Steven Bredesen.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Meeting minutes recorded by SK Nick Cumberland