

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Knights of Columbus Council # 17304



Date / Time: April 14, 2025

Location: St. Martin de Porres Church - Parish Hall

ATTENDEES:

All officers present except Sergio Guerrero, Russ Woodford, Fr. Steven

CALL TO ORDER:

Grand Knight (GK) Steven Bredesen called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

OPENING:

- Opening Prayer: "Our Father" led by Jerry.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited by attendees.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

- Minutes posted online. Nathan Bernard motioned, Jerry seconded, and minutes were approved unanimously.

CHAPLAIN'S UPDATE (Fr. Steven):

- Absent

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT (Steven Bredesen):

- New gym available after June; can host Bingo and other events.
- Father advised more kiosk space is needed for 4th Degree plaques.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT (Nathan Bernard):

- No updates.

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

- Chase Checking: \$9,655.35
- Chase Savings: \$15,000.10
- Total Cash on Hand: \$24,655.45
- Less Outstanding Checks: \$(50.62)
- Allocated to Projects: \$(9,806.79)
- Available & Unallocated: \$14,798.04

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (George Siller for Dean Hanson):

- Working with trustees on moving 24 seriously delinquent members (over 2 years unpaid) to the affiliate program to reduce council dues obligations.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Nathan Bernard):

- Family Director's Report (John Ross absent, Nathan reporting): No specific updates.
- Community Director's Report (Alfredo and Nathan Bernard):
 - SD7 forms to be submitted soon for Star Council award.
 - Upcoming Mother's Day flower event planned.
 - Holy Week Mass coverage was successful.
 - Wheelchair event raised over \$21,000; special thanks to Mario.
 - LPGA traffic direction opportunity June 19-22; Rob Daleo investigating commitment details and potential earnings.

ST. LAWRENCE TEAM REPORT (Ray):

- Fish Fry concluded successfully; final numbers next meeting.
- Upcoming smoking events planned for Memorial Day (brisket sale) and June.
- Taco Sundays resume in May.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE (George & Nick):

- En Memoriam page being developed for council website courtesy of Brandon Story.

LIFE REPORT:

- No updates.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT (Rob Daleo):

- Officers elected; Mario Martinez named new Faithful Navigator.
- Memorial Mass scheduled for May 26.
- Corpus Christi procession involvement on June 22.

INSURANCE AGENT'S REPORT (Don Burks):

- Explained advantages of fraternal insurance vs. commercial insurers.
- Highlighted Knights' exclusive, efficient model due to no stockholder dividends or taxes.
- Emphasized Knights' selective membership as a key advantage.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dominic Gervase):

- Star Council progress looking strong; recommended timely SD7 submission.
- Praised council for efforts in affiliate member management.
- Silver Rose not at St. Martin's this year.
- Chapter meeting in Keller on April 30.
- State convention April 25-27 in Corpus Christi; delegates are Doc Hansen and Mark Fergen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bills Presented for Payment:
 - Sysco: \$217.44
 - Randy Maldonado: \$74.92
 - Dean Hansen: \$15.87
 - Ray Mangold: \$238.51
 - Nate Bernard (Council Meal): \$127.67
 - Total: \$674.41
 - Motion by Mario, seconded by Brandon; unanimously approved.
- Motion by George Siller to increase reserves to \$12,000 (Crisis Fund \$3,000; Monument \$8,000; Smoker \$1,000). Second by Nathan Bernard. Passed unanimously.
- George Siller motioned to invest \$12,000 reserves into a 4-month CD with automatic renewal. Amendment by Dominic Gervase accepted; second by Brandon. Passed unanimously.
- Ray Mangold motioned to authorize Memorial Day sliced brisket sale. Second by George Siller. Unanimously approved.
- Ray Mangold motioned to authorize up to \$10,000 for a smoker purchase. Discussion suggested \$7,000 was a better financial fit. Original motion voted down.
 - New motion by George Siller for up to \$7,000, seconded by Nathan Bernard. Passed; second vote required next meeting.
- Nathan Bernard motioned to purchase up to 1,000 locally sourced carnations at \$0.65 each for Mother's Day. Seconded by Rob Daleo. Passed unanimously.
- Rob Daleo motioned to provide Marian prayer cards with carnations. Passed unanimously; Steven Bredesen to procure.
- Deputy Grand Knight position open; Nathan Bernard transitioning to Grand Knight role. Officer elections upcoming.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- No Knight or Family of the Month selected.

LECTOR'S REFLECTION (Jerry):

- Provided a brief reflection on faith and the importance of addressing personal uncertainties and questions.

GRAND KNIGHT SUMMARY:

- Thanked all involved in recruitment; 19 new Knights welcomed this year.

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 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:

- Closing prayer led by GK Steven Bredesen.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Meeting minutes recorded by SK Nick Cumberland