Knights of Columbus Council 12951 Minutes August 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order by GK Bruce Garwood at 7:00 p.m. Bruce led the members in prayer and pledge to the flag.

The minutes from the previous meeting are posted online.

No Chaplain's report currently.

Bruce reported that we are still waiting for confirmation of our Double Star Council Award and that our next meeting scheduled for September 4th will be moved to September 5th due to Labor Day. Bruce also reported that two new councils have been formed in Indiana and as the custom, our council will be sending them a donation of \$25 per council to help with start-up costs. Bruce also reported that the Cluck and Oink will be held on Saturday, August 26 and that there is a Diocesan Conference at Bishop Knoll that same weekend. Bruce also reported that at our next meeting on Monday, August 21 we will have an exemplification at 6:00 p.m. in the Legacy Center.

John W. reported that we need to have the new officers installed. It was discussed and decided to do it at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 5.

Membership Chairman Tom S. reported on online exemplification and there has been discussion with Fr. Dave about a round table for the Hispanic men of the parish.

A report was given on the Mum Sale scheduled for September. Jim W will handle public relations for that event and he already has an online sign-up sheet available on our website.

It was reported that the 4th Degree Exemplification scheduled in LaPorte was canceled due to not having the 25 members required to have it. It will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Marty C. gave the treasurer's report and FS report due to Nick being out of town on business.

DD Marty reported on the International Convention in Orlando and that the Family of the Year was from Indiana.

Bruce reported that this weekend the Knights are hosting a going away party for Deacon Steve and it was motioned to give him a check for \$600 from RSVP Account. It was motion by Tom S and 2nd by Rick P to make the donation. After discussion the motion carried.

Bruce reported that the Food Pantry will be at our next Social Meeting to give us a report and receive a donation from the council. Bruce also reported that August 13 is the Feast Day of Father McGivney on the anniversary of his birthday. Bruce also mentioned that we need five volunteers for the Soup Kitchen in September. Brent B. will coordinate the volunteers.

Discussion was held on the monies from the Fish Fries. \$5000 to School Athletic Program, \$1,600 Catholic Charities and \$1,600 Gibault. Tom R. reported that he did get hold of the Athletic Director and is supposed to be getting back with him about new uniforms and equipment. After discussion to place it was motion by Jim and 2nd by John to give the \$2,000 from the Porta Pit to Ukraine Solidarity through Supreme and that the \$2,000 from the Plant sale go to the parish. Motion carried.

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Larry and Bob reported on the Tootsie Roll Drive and maybe having a friendly challenge with the other councils.

Discussion was also had on the Baby Bottle Program and Right to Life.

The Totus Tuos BBQ was discussed, and volunteers thanked. The Bishop even stopped by to chat with everyone. A bid thank you also went out to the volunteer painters for volunteering at Sharing Meadows even though someone grabbed the wrong color of paint and painted a section. I wonder who that could be? Discussion also took place on the Corpus Christi walk planned again for next year and that the Eucharistic Congress is meeting in Indianapolis next year and the Knights will be looking for volunteers to help guide people. Council members were also reminded about the Indiana license plate program.

Discussion was held about the young gentleman Luke Saylor who is in Christ in the City Program and asking for donations to help his cause. It was motioned by Dave B. and 2nd by Rick P to donate \$500 to him. After discussion motion carried.

Bruce went on to discuss the family picnic in August and that Elmer C. will be bringing in a Pig for our culinary delight. It was brought up about having a Family Movie and Dinner Night at QAS. Bill has volunteered to chair it and says he has a large blow-up screen for us to use outdoors or in.

For Good of the Order please pray for, Bruce's father, Stephanie Sobecki's parents, Kay Storey, Bill Zientarski, Paul's Sister-In-Law, Joe H. wife Mary, John Wolsiefer, Rick P's brother, Jim Welborne's son and Dwayne and Debbie Hogan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with a prayer lead by GK Bruce.

Respectfully submitted

Sec. Tom Root