

## Knights of Columbus #12951

### January 2, 2023, Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by GK Bruce Garwood. GK Bruce led the council in prayer and the pledge to the flag.

GK Bruce asked for any corrections to the previous meeting minutes. None and so approved.

No Chaplain's report.

Treasurer report was given by Financial Secretary Marty in Nick's absence as follows: As of December 1, we had \$13,863.78 in council account. Checks totaling \$4345.43, including Christmas dinner costs. Deposits were \$3007.84. December 31 ending balance was \$12,526.19.

Financial secretary Marty's report is as follows: 3 members are in arrears for dues at least two years. One or two of them may be going into the Affiliate dues program. Supreme will work with them to pay their dues or help them. The 1295 report (semiannual audit) will be ready by the next business meeting. The IRS report will be done in the next seven days, note that dues are not a charitable contribution!

State membership goal is 1177 new Knights. As of December 31, 50 % of the goal has been achieved. We have achieved 140% as a council!

FS Marty presented the council with a certificate for SOS donations.

This Saturday there will be a training program on Zoom for any members that want to learn more about council functions, etc., let Marty know and he will send you the link.

GK report- 2022 Christmas dinner at St Joe Hall went very well, hoping all enjoyed it. All agreed. There was an \$800 cost to council as we were a little short on attendance plus clergy etc. paid for in that cost.

GK Bruce welcomed new Knights Bill B. and Mike Z. and were presented their membership cards.

John W. gave midyear progress results. All reports to State and Supreme are done, membership quota is at 140 %, required activities – we only need two more Life activities for the year. One of two membership drives and one of two Fraternal benefits nights are done. We are on track to be a Double Star council, and achieve all criteria set by State requirements.

Since July 1<sup>st</sup> our council has donated \$20,220 to Parish, and various charities! In all of 2022 we donated over \$32,000!

John W. gave the Fourth-degree report- no January mtg., February at St, Patrick's in Chesterton, no dinner mtg. In March we are hosting a dinner meeting. Calendar for fourth degree is on our council website.

Jim W.-moving towards more electronic messaging to council members but will not forget those that don't use computers. Next newsletter out in 2 weeks.

Jim Cassoday-insurance agent- he said he was promoted to Ass't General Agent and has the whole Gary Diocese to oversee. But he won't forget us! He is taking his tests for investments soon, please pray for him. Then he will be able to show us about newer investment opportunities from the Knights.

Old business-Legacy café this weekend-help if you can. January social meeting speaker will be Amber Hassett from Held in Hope, bring the wives! Chili dogs and goodies. Speakers getting lined up for the next few months at social meetings. Port o pit in May -trying to get okay from Al's manager.

Exemplification went very well. The degree team will move forward to do future degree ceremonies vs Video.

Brent B discussed Soup kitchen for this Saturday. He has just enough help, if anyone can help out, please let him know. 1045 am till 1 pm. St Paul on 9<sup>th</sup> & Washington. Park in back and go downstairs.

Al reported on Salvation Army bell ringing- 17 Knights and some family helpers. Al had a surprise costumed Penguin and a "Christmas tree" show up to help. He was shocked to tears as it was his daughter and HIS WIFE! Al does not have a figure for what we took in yet. Dec 16, 2023 is the date for this year already set. Food pantry – 3580 pounds of food donated so far for Food for Families incentive. Supreme will give the council \$100 for every 1000 pounds of food donated up to 5000 pounds. The council matches that number, and it all goes to our pantry at St Mary's. 800 pounds of potatoes were scooped up from the field after the harvest that the machine did not pick up by Al, Paul A and Paul's brother that helped that poundage number greatly.

New business-GK Bruce made a motion for a \$500 donation to LPRTL, seconded by Rick P and will be given to Sheryl Werner in February at the social meeting when she will be the speaker.

Fish fries will begin February 24<sup>th</sup>. A committee was formed to run it. Marty, John K., Tom S., Bill B. and Jerry T.

Jerry – council room remodel is complete, except for adding a bathroom cabinet and making some last adjustments with flag, banner etc.

GK Bruce suggested future fund raising ideas and thoughts. (Valentine's day carnations, Poinsettias at Christmas, Pierogi sales, Money Raffle ? )

Good of the order- Kay Storey, Doug N. mother passed away, Larry Pelis, Jackie Mckinsey (cancer ), Steve Lyons laid up after surgery, Ken and Joyce, Al T., Dave and Kim B., Susan Burke, Pope Emeritus Benedict, Dwayne and Debbie H., Pray for each other, John Wendell, People of Ukraine and the deceased Russian soldiers forced into the conflict, and Paul A.

Closing prayers led by GK Bruce.