



**Knights of Columbus
Council #1221
Business Meeting Minutes
January 14th, 2021**



Call to Order

Thursday January 14th, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Warden's Report on Membership Card

Bro. Dan Gully: All present are current members.

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer for was prayed by all.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Reading of and Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting

The past meeting's minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

Chaplain's Message

Fr. Gries has started a program, which is actually a Knights of Columbus program called "Into the Breech". The Holy Family men of the council are familiar with that. They took a hiatus over the holidays, it's going to start back again tomorrow (January 15th). That's the good news. The bad news is that it starts at 6:15 in the morning, but it's a good reason to get out of bed. He asked me to invite the council to join them for coffee and donuts at 6:15 in the Day Activity Center at Holy Family Parish. It's an incredible program offered by the Knights of Columbus. The kiosk by Fr. McGivney's picture has additional information on it. "Into the Breech" is a 13 part program, we're going to start the last 4 parts with tomorrow's meeting. If you're available at 6:15 in the morning, it's worth your time and efforts to attend. You'll be done by 7:00 a.m.

Grand Knight's Report: WGK Mike Carter

- A couple of awards/honors to present:
 - Honorary life member: an honorary life member is member who has attained the age of 70 and 25 consecutive years of service. Today we're presenting this award to Robert G. House. Bob is a fixture down here, especially on the Thursday's before Fish Fry's when he makes the coleslaw.
 - Supporting Kyle from Catalyst Catholic for the upcoming March for Life in Indianapolis. Our goal is to have more young Catholics stand up for life.
- There's always a project to do, usually a major project. Last year, it was the

bathroom renovation. This, it's the renovation of the upstairs ballroom area. That being said, don't let your guard down. There are always small things that need to be done. Check on your brothers, check on the widows. Make sure that everyone is in good shape.

- The next event will be a Fish Fry, a week from tomorrow, in support of Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation on Jan 22nd.
 - Renovation will still be going on, with seating in the small gym, bar, and council room.
 - Please sign up to work.
- February will be busy
 - First Friday Fish Fry is on Feb 5th
 - Past Grand Knight dinner on Feb 9th
 - Saturday, Feb 13th is our pre-Lenten workday at the hall
 - Coffee and donuts in the morning, chicken-n-dumplings at lunch
 - Selling chicken-n-dumplings to the public as well. It a great ROI for us.
- Renovation
 - Setting a fundraising goal of \$80k, which will take us all of the way to the Gala in September
 - Charlie Archer and Chris Gahagan are co-chairing the gala event
 - People are going to want to be a part of this
 - We need \$20k to get through Phase 1. We're currently at \$11k, so we need \$9k more by Feb 19th to cover the bills that have been discussed.
 - Why do we need another \$60k? After Lent, we'll need that funding to complete the other projects to complete the renovation. We plan to help fund that through grants and corporate sponsorship.
 - The officers have contributed over 25% of the \$11k thus far. We need the general membership to step up and donate to get us to the \$20k goal.
 - Once we get the \$20k, we'll start writing the grants.
 - We're meeting with the Historical Society and Ed Clere to figure out where to ask/get the additional money for this project.
 - Would like to discuss renaming the gyms as the Christopher Reising Ballroom (big gym) and McGivney Hall (small gym) at a future meeting
 - At the 2019 Gala, we had over 300 people. The big gym can seat 400, but with COVID, that number will be severely reduced. We will need to use the small gym as well for additional seating. People that have given money to the project will get priority picks for seating.
 - Have had several donations thus far:
 - 1 person at \$5,000
 - 3 people at \$1,000
 - Several at \$100

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: DGK Ron Webber

- Business Meeting Notes
 - Have the Colts Season tickets that will be raffled off
 - State Convention was discussed. WGK Mike Carter will be in attendance.
 - Fish Fry's were discussed. We're doing away with the drive-thru due to the

larger commitment. There will be a sign-up genius coming out for all of the Fish Fry's. Look ahead and sign up for several, not just the first one or two.

- We have a new, smaller dumpster that is locked.
- Gibault tickets are here for sale
- For the renovation upstairs, we kind of got the cart before the horse. Last month, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to pursue looking into this renovation. We pursued it, went to the CBC business meeting, got it approved by the CBC, and we started. The only thing is, we need to get the approval of the membership. We needed to get moving on it to have it ready for the Lenten Fish Fry's. All bills are net 30, so we're a month out on payments. We have the Columbia Building Fund. Motion was made, seconded, and approved.
- Fish Fry's
 - Dine-In attendance has been low thus far, with most people doing carry-out
 - We had a few people last time ask if we had any homemade desserts, and we had to say no.
 - These people are looking for homemade desserts
 - If we can get ourselves to make some and put a sign on them, they will go a long-way
 - Homemade desserts have been a standard here for many years, we need to bring them back
- Red Cross
 - We opened our doors when others closed theirs during COVID-19
 - To date, they've collected 331 units of blood here
 - Their goal was 20-22 units per drive, we're yielding 22-40 units per drive
 - They're very appreciative of us and our efforts, and have presented us with the American Red Cross Outstanding Service award.

Treasurer's Report: Bro. John Kaiser

- Things are looking really good considering the doom and gloom 9 months ago. Due to the influx of dues coming in, at the end of December, the General Fund has \$31,734, the Gaming Fund has \$9,852 (up due to Wheel of Cash and pull-tabs) and the CBC Fund has \$3,027, but we have deposited over \$10k from donations, so we're up over \$13k now.
 - *(For new members, CBC stands for The Columbia Building Corporation which is a separate entity from Knights of Columbus 1221. Each 1221 member is also a shareholder in the CBC)*
- We've only had one large expense thus far (roughly \$4900) from the renovation
- Supreme has done away with dues, but state is still holding us accountable for dues, which are due mid-year.
- We have Catalyst Catholic \$327 from tips from the bar and Fish Fry's.

Balloting for Membership: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- Have a few new members pending:
 - Julio Aruse (new member)
 - Bob Combs (transfer)
 - Bob Trinkle (new member)

- Would like to record a live exemplification ceremony here for use with new members
- Currently at 11 new members for the fraternal year. Goal is 20, so we're over halfway there.

Financial Secretary's Report: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- Dues are looking really good, only 175 members remaining to pay (way ahead of last year)
- Total membership currently at 558
- Have a few audit forms coming due soon
- We're seeing people taking care of their dues in arrears, they're wanting back in.

Program Director: Bro. Mike Worden

- Absent today

Trustees/House Committee Report: DGK Ron Webber

- Information covered during the DGK report above

Report of Service Program Committees:

- **Membership Director:**
- **Church Director:**
- **Community Director:**
 - **Charlie Archer**
 - Polar plunge is Feb 20th at Deam Lake
 - The Ice Knights are back!! (They're requesting capes if anyone knows anyone that can sew)
 - This supports Special Olympics of Indiana, getting people with disabilities involved with athletics
- **Council Director:**
- **Family Director: Bro. Ben Wessel – No report this week**
- **Culture of Life Director: Bro. Bob Burkholder – No report this week**
- **Youth Director:**
- **Vocation Director: Bro. Mike Worden – No report this week**
- **Gibault Envoy:**
- **Special Olympics Envoy:**

Advocates Report: Bro. Greg Reger - absent

- *Acts as parliamentarian for the council*
- *Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, Council by-laws and Method of Conducting Council Meetings*
- *When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate*

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- None

Report of Round Table Chairman

None

Insurance Field Agent Report

No Report and No Agent

District Deputy Report

District Deputy Phillip Lauder

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- Very impressed with the order of the minutes taken, having sections for each report given by the council. I would like to pass this on to other councils as an example.
- No bus due to COVID going to Washington DC this year for March for Life
 - Instead, they are having a car parade on Jan 29th for members of the council
 - Opportunity to show a pro-life stance
- District meeting will be a virtual meeting on Feb 6th at 10:00 a.m.
- I noticed the new script for the meetings. The time of the members is very precious. Leadership is trying to make the fraternal time on meeting nights more meaningful and involved with the membership.
- The Free-Throw Tournament is on, but with COVID, I know it's a lot of work.
- For those over 70, go and get your COVID vaccines. They should help us getting back to normal.

Good of the Order

- Brother Mike Albers – The position of Lecturer has 3 duties: to educate, to entertain, and to inform. Since it's the beginning of the year, let's reflect on how 2020 went. The Supreme Council published a video on how 2020 was the perspective of the Knights of Columbus. The video was shown to the council.
- Special Requests:
 - Steve Byerley's sister Sharon, who is going through treatment for stomach cancer.
 - The family of Patty Blankert
 - A peaceful week in Washington DC for the inauguration.

Closing Prayer

WGK Mike Carter: The prayer is from the canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young into generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, January 14th, 2021
Attested to by: WGK, Michael Carter, January 14th, 2021
