



**Knights of Columbus Council #1221  
Business Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2020**



**Call to Order**

Thursday January 9, 2020 at 7:04 P.M.

**Warden’s Report on Membership Card**

*Bro. Ron Webber*

All present are current members.

**Prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer for was prayed by all

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**Roll Call of Officers (circle)**

Grand Knight	Sean Missi	Present
Chaplain	Fr Jeremy Gries	Absent
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Carter	Present
Chancellor	Matt Payne	Absent
Financial Secretary	Matt Lincoln	Present
Recorder	Keith Byerley	Present
Treasurer	John Kaiser	Present
Advocate	Greg Reger	Absent
Warden	Ron Webber	Present
Inside Guard	Eric Hunter	Absent
Outside Guard	Steve DeWitt	Present
First Year Trustee	Steve Byerley	Present
Second Year Trustee	Charlie Archer	Present
Third Year Trustee	Steve Volpert	Absent

**Opening Olde**

The Opening Olde was sung by all

**Chaplain’s Message**

*Chaplain Fr. Jeremy Gries was absent.*

**Bro. Steve Byerley:** We just celebrated the Feast of The Epiphany, ending the Christmas Season We are called as Knights to keep the message of Christmas alive through the year. We are called to continue to be charitable and to give as Christ did in his coming into the world and dying for our sins. We are called to give our lives up

as well. Sometimes we do and sometimes we don't. The Knights of Columbus and the church helped to keep us focused. We all have downfalls and days that we don't succeed. Myself, I have crucifix hanging in my car to remind me. Whenever I start to lose it, I look at the cross and am reminded to get under control and not be an A—hole. We all lose it at times and have to turn to the cross.

### **Reading of and Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the December meeting were copied and distributed to members present for review. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications**

**Bro. Matt Lincoln:** We did not have the planned 1<sup>st</sup> Degree ceremony tonight because no applicants could be here. Men who are ready to go through the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree are: Mike Frazee, Shawn Johnson, Deacon Jeff Powell, Vincent Rose, Tom Mooney, Tony Lehman, Matt Ansert, and Jared Hallal.

Three have committed to being present at our next meeting, February 13. We will have an exemplification before the meeting. Hopefully we will have additional new members by then from the OLPH membership drive.

### **Balloting for Membership**

*None*

### **Initiations**

*None*

### **Grand Knight's Report**

**WGK Sean Missi:** I was pleased with the turn out for the Christmas Breakfast. We had plenty of volunteers. The Broderick family was very appreciative. I missed being here to help with the Thanksgiving Baskets but was glad to be here for the breakfast. It is one of my favorite things to do.

Echoing what Brother Steve said about the importance of the Knights. Even though we're sometimes busy with work and other things, the time that we spend together is special. We shouldn't take that time for granted. I truly appreciate and value everyone that is here tonight. I look forward to working with you all in our community to strengthen the Faith and our Council.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Bro. John Kaiser:** At the end of December the General Fund had \$23,594K, the Gaming Fund had \$1,796 and the CBC Fund had \$2,421.

With that in mind, there are some items that haven't been accounted for, dues paid, this month's Fish Fry and some Christmas Party Events that haven't been paid for yet. This will add about another \$2,000 to the General Fund. We've paid out \$854 dollars so far on the Restroom Renovations and I think we have about \$400 spent that I haven't received receipts for yet.

### **Deputy Grand Knight's Report**

*By DGK Mike Carter no report*

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

**Bro. Matt Lincoln:** Our Per capita fee was \$4,820 has ben paid. A breakdown of that: we pay \$8 for regular members, \$5 for Gibault, Insurance members are \$4.50, Honorary members \$2.70. Dues collected so far is over \$5,800. That puts us about 1/3 of the way complete for the year which is great for early January. We cannot do drawing tonight because dues collected today need to be input. The two \$150 Gift Certificates are for Life Screening to take place here on February 10.

Gibault chances were sent out in the envelopes. 1st prize is \$5,000, 2nd is \$1,000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> is \$750. I've given them all out but can get more if needed.

Four members took advantage of the letter to disengage from membership, Chuck Freiberger, William Dantz, Dennis Conroy and Matthew Smith. I've sent those to Membership Records. So far they are still on our membership rolls.

## **Trustees/House Committee Report**

**DGK Mike Carter:** Along with the giveaway we just discussed, we may now get K of C License Plate. When you renew with BMV you can get one. The next member to get a plate can send a picture to me or one of the officers and you will get a \$25 Gift Certificate to Turtle Run.

We are using Signup Genius for the Lenten Fish Fries like we did for Harvest Homecoming. If you don't have email access or cannot get online, you can still signup at the bar. Bro. Mike McCauley has already signed up for the February 7 Fish Fry, so either signup online or at the bar. That link will be sent out as soon as Bro. Kris Dunn gets it set up. Besides Harvest Homecoming the Lenten Fish Fry is our biggest money generator. Your help is needed.

Bro. Charlie Archer is honchoing the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics on February 15, a Saturday, not a Friday as was stated in the email.

**Bro. Charlie Archer:** I ask for members to sign up to participate. Please promote this on Social Media by posting it, sharing it, and asking friends to share it. and Donations are appreciated as well. ( This is the link where you can donate, join the team, <https://www.firstgiving.com/team/398227> )

**Bro. Mike Worden:** I suggest that donors take advantage of corporate matching. Many companies will match your donation.

Feb 7 Fish Fry, Feb 15 Polar Plunge, Jan 26 Free Throw Contest.

**Bro Ron Webber:** About the upcoming Free Throw Contest. It will be on January 26. Registration will begin at 4:00 P.M. and the contest will start immediately afterwards. Five people have signed up to help. We need 20. Spouses and young adults are welcome to help. Our District Deputy requested that we sponsor the District contest and perhaps the Regional. I have some calls in to try to procure a gym for the District and Regional Contests. The District Contest would be a week after our local contest and the Regional would be a week later than that. We still need one more portable goal for our local contest, if any members have one.

**WGK Sean Missi:** There are some changes coming on how recruiting and retaining members. Bro. Bob House will talk to us about that.

**Bro. Bob House:** I have received another letter from The State Ceremonials Chairman. I shed that with The House Committee last night. On or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July the new Degrees Ceremonies will be instituted. All Degrees will be combined. There will no longer be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The ceremony will take about 30 minutes. They will be taking a little bit out of each current ceremony. Each Council will conduct their own ceremonies. The WGK should receive a packet with the specifics in the future. The WGK is responsible for the program although they can designate that responsibility to a committee or individuals.

There has been discussion about whether we should have 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree before this takes place. We need to think about this. As a Degree Team and Council. I will ask the District Deputy about this as well. My understanding is that members who have not gone through the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree ceremony will have to go through the newly instituted ceremony. There will no longer be 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Family members will be invited to the ceremony. The logistics of that will have to be worked out. There are lots of questions to be answered.

WGK may want to stock up on medallions and crucifixes. Bob would like to use the medallions and crucifixes that he and Bro. Ralph Nordhoff currently have in stock as recognition if allowed to keep them. Bob also has a chalice and host used in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. If he gets to keep it, perhaps we can display it in our trophy case.

**Bro. Mike Worden:** I was present at State midyear meeting and viewed the half hour. The language is not complete. The July 1<sup>st</sup> date is going to be hard to meet. Our State Deputy stated that councils should continue as Knights of Columbus Council #1221 Business Meeting Minutes for Jan. 9, [2020](#)

we are as if nothing is going to change until further notice.

**WGK Sean Missi:** Times are changing. In the end it is not the ceremonials that matter. It is the faithful men that get together to do good works.

## **Report of Service Program Committees**

### **Membership Director**

**Bro. Steve Byerley:** The OLPH Membership Drive will have to be changed due to Catholic Education weekend taking place on January 26. I spoke with Fr. Joe and Deacon Jeff about it and thought it was a go. I will meet with the OLPH Staff tomorrow morning at their meeting with hopes of confirming a date in early February. Hopefully we can get it on the schedule for early February.

### **Program Director**

### **Church Director**

### **Community Director**

### **Council Director**

### **Family Director**

### **Culture of Life Director**

**Bob Burkholder:** Eighteen women went into the Abortion Clinic in Louisville today. None came out. So far this year about 150 have entered the clinic. They are on a record setting level and were open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as New Year's Eve and Day. The new Democratic governor of Kentucky could possibly erode the progress made in the past. Pray for an end to abortion.

### **Youth Director**

### **Vocation Director**

WGK Sean Missi read a letter **from Seminarian Tyler Huber.**

To Knights of Columbus 1221:

Thank you for your continued support of my seminary formation. I received your check and greatly appreciate your generosity. I recently went on a trip to The Holy Land on a pilgrimage. I prayed for the men of your council at many of the Holy Sights. Inside of this letter is a rosary made of olive wood which came from Bethlehem. I got to stay the night in the Church of The Holy Sepulcher and prayed from 7:00 P.M. until 4:00A.M. I touched this rosary to The Rock of Calvary where Christ was crucified then to the stone that they anointed his body on and to the marble altar in the Holy Sepulcher tomb. I thought this rosary could be used when you pray the rosary before your monthly meetings. Thank you all for what you do and that you are in my prayers during this New Year.

Tyler Huber

**WGK Sean Missi:** We will use this rosary, as Tyler suggested, when we say the rosary as a council. The fact that Tyler took time to think of us and pray for us during his visit to The Holy Land just reiterates how important it is for us to continue to support, financially and with prayers.

## **Gibault Envoy**

## **Special Olympics Envoy**

## **Unfinished Business**

**Bro. Ron Webber:** The Men's restroom facilities downstairs should be completed by the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month. The women's will be soon after that. The painting is nearly complete. We will be doing the trim work and the floor. The plumbers can then set fixtures. Anyone available to help during the day next week is welcome to help.

**DGK Mike Carter:** An email will go out at completion regarding a cleanup day prior to an Open House that will tie into a Super Bowl Party. It is not on the calendar because we didn't know if the construction would be complete by then. There is a lot of construction dust that needs to be cleaned off everything in the downstairs area.

**Bro. Bob Burkholder:** This Sunday the Supreme Chaplain will celebrate a Mass for his mother's 100th birthday. This will be at the 11 o'clock at St Anthony Clarksville.

## **New Business**

### **Bro Steve De Witt:**

There is a Super Bowl Board at the bar which will make \$500 for our council. It is \$50 per square.

**Bro. Mike Worden:** I have a question about insurance promotion. I don't know how you all do that in this council? There is a change taking place that I don't think our District Deputy, Phil, has brought up yet. Indiana is part of a pilot group. There are different awards that Supreme gives. One of those is The Founder's Award for meeting your insurance quota for the year. If we hold Fraternal Benefits Night which is coordinated with the Insurance people, then we qualify for award. On a related note is has been a problem down here getting in touch with an insurance agent. The insurance agencies are restructuring. Currently there is only one General Agent for entire state. If we can hold one Fraternal Benefits Night in one parish, really promoted by us, but the agents do all the work, then we qualify for the award. How does 1221 promote insurance?

**WGK Sean Missi:** I'm not sure how to promote insurance without an agent. I really don't know the answer.

**Bro Steve Byerley:** The agents that we've had like Keith and Erni have been great to work with. We kind of feel like we're getting the short end of the stick. I don't know how we can do it. I have questions now about my policies and annuity and don't know who to call. I am going to make a call and find out who our insurance contact is

**DGK Mike Carter:** I have a book about our founder, Fr McGivney. I'm passing it on to Charlie Archer. If you want it next, let him know. If you want to know where you're going it's important to know where you came from. Fr. McGivney was a marvelous man. If you read the book you will understand what we have at stake here. It is available on Kindle in hardcopy and as an audible.

**Bro. Keith Byerley:** Formed is a website or App that many parishes have made available to parishioners. I woke up at about 2:30 this morning. When that happens, I sometimes go to Formed and listen to an audio. As it happened this morning, I searched for K of C. The Fr. McGivney story was the only thing that came up. I highly recommend it too.

**Bro. Steve Byerley:** We will be having guests in the bar. The Redmen have closed. They need to sign in as guest. They will be having meetings here as well. Some of them like Greg Day are K of C Members. They are willing to help us with Fish Fries, Golf Scramble, or other events. This is good community outreach on our part.

## **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**

*No Report*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly will meet this coming Monday.

## **Report of Round Table Chairman**

## **Report of Standing Committees**

## **Insurance Field Agent Report**

*No Report and No Agent*

## **District Deputy Report**

*District Deputy Phillip Lauder was absent*

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## **Good of the Order**

Alice Volpert – heart procedure

Bro. Steve Hoffman, Terri and family

All Seminarians, especially Tyler Huber and Ben Popson and for an increase in religious vocations

Fr. Paul Koetter

Those attending the March for Life and an end to abortions

For the safety of our military troops throughout the world

## **Chaplain's Summation**

*Fr. Gries was absent*

## **Closing Prayer**

**WGK:** Lord, we ask you to watch over our family, friends, loved ones and all in need of your love and mercy. We ask you to heal those whose bodies can be healed. We ask you to heal the spirit of those suffering from depression or addictions. Shepherd them every day on their paths. Continue to look over this council and the men in it that we may be better servants of your will. In Jesus' Christ Bame we pray.

Amen!

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Submitted by Recorder, Keith Byerley Feb 12, 2020

Attested to By WGK, Sean Missi, Feb 12, 2020



