



**Knights of Columbus Council #1221
Business Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2020**



Call to Order

Thursday February 13, 2020 at 7:02 P.M.

Warden’s Report on Membership Card

By Bro. Tony Balmer, *Bro. Ron Webber was absent*,

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

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	Absent
Inside Guard	Eric Hunter	Present
Outside Guard	Steve DeWitt	Present
First Year Trustee	Steve Byerley	Present
Second Year Trustee	Charlie Archer	Absent
Third Year Trustee	Steve Volpert	Present

Opening Olde

The Opening Olde was omitted

Chaplain’s Message

Chaplain Fr. Jeremy Gries was absent.

Bro. Steve Byerley

Off the cuff, we have our new of new members today and this evening had our new charge. This is the first time that we've done that. It's a new way of doing it but it's the same message. When I held that cross up there, we are all supposed to be Christ-like. I say to myself, “How can I do that. I don't know”. Tat’s a tough order, but that’s what we have to do. It's hard to do all the time like I said before. You know as well as I do we're not saints, and we're not Jesus Christ. We need to try and keep on trying. So, don’t stop. That is what it is to be a Knight and what it is to be a Catholic. Our Mother, Mary, our patroness, is with us also.

Reading of and Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the January 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 do have one application, Andrew Panoso. We had a number of potential candidates show up for the OLPH membership drive. I'll let someone else talk about that. I do not have that entire list.

Those who were exemplified this evening receiving the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees: Vince Rose, Tom Mooney, Scott Embry, Deacon Jeff Powell, and Jared Hallal. Brad Moser went from 1st Degree to 3rd and Tom Quinkert is a 3rd Degree transfer from the Jeffersonville Council.

Balloting for Membership

None

Initiations

None

Grand Knight's Report

WGK Sean Missi:

I would like to thank all of you new members for joining our Council. You could have chosen to go elsewhere but chose to be here. Hopefully, over time, you won't realize what you've done. Seriously, we have a strong and good Council of Catholic men. I'm proud to be a member of 1221. As far as a lot of the other Council details, we are going to break that down in a couple of other reports. The House Committee will cover the business portion. I will let those heading up other activities give reports on their areas. As I said to you earlier, there are a lot of opportunities and activities that you can get involved in. Find the one that speaks to you. There are lots of ways to be charitable. Find that one thing that you really care about. This place is never short of opportunities. That being said, we'll move on from the Grand Knights Report to the Treasurer's report and see if we are still solvent.

Treasurer's Report

Bro. John Kaiser:

I don't have a lot to report. There are a few in this room that will understand that we are in a great position, financially than in the past. At the end of January, the General Fund had \$24,648, the Gaming Fund had \$1,938 and the CBC Fund had \$2,089. The renovations of the lounge bathrooms have run a little more than expected, in the area of \$8,000 plus. It will probably cost another \$1,000 to finish things out. Still, you're looking at a \$30,000 job that we've done for much less.

WGK: I would like to thank some members who gave of their time and labor: Brothers Ron Webber, John Blocker, Steve Byerley, and Steve Volpert. If I'm leaving anyone out, I apologize.

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

By DGK Mike Carter no report

Financial Secretary's Report

Bro. Matt Lincoln: We have 560 members in our Council. 391 are Associate Members, 134 are Insurance Members 35 are inactive. About 50% have paid 2020 dues. That is not uncommon for this time of the year. I will continue to work on getting delinquent dues paid. We have collected enough to pay all of our state assessments. Everything collected from here on will go to the General Fund.

Treasurer John Kaiser: What he is saying is that what we normally pay toward the State assessment in two installments, one in October and the remainder in April right before the State Convention is all paid.

Bro. Steve Volpert: That is generally around 4 to \$5,000.

WGK: I'm pleased to announce that Brother Mike Worden is taking over as Program Director. One of the things that a Grand Knight is supposed to do is make decisions that help the Council. With my work schedule I felt that I wasn't able to do the things as Program Director that need to be done and help this Council. Mike has been drafted or volunteered, however he wants to spin that, to be our Program Director. He is well suited for the job and knows what we need before we do. I encourage you all to help Mike by reporting any activity that you do for the Council to him. He can report it in the way that State would like us to.

Program Director

Bro. Mike Worden: (*In regard to*) both State and Supreme what I'm trying to work on is the changes in the way Supreme has organized activities in the last several years. I'm familiar with that because I was the State Program Director about four years ago and have seen the transition happen in that. I'm going to wind up suggesting some things and this goes back to some presentations I've made before, is that we need to have balance. I've looked through a lot of the activities we've done. We know there are four main areas, beyond Vocations, the Faith area, we've got Family, we've got Life and Community. Looking at it we get a lot of Community activities done. We are a big presence in our community but have room to grow in that area. I don't see a lot in the Life area, yet. We are not publicizing it or not doing it as a group. I will make some suggestions in the coming months. We can still recover from that and have a more balanced approach to things. Remember that Life is not just the Pre-born. Certainly, that is a key thing that we work with. We work with life at all stages. We can work with Nursing Homes. We can work with kids out of school. There is a lot of different things. So, I will make some suggestions. I'm going through the Minutes and Newsletters to try to see what we have already done as far as what can be counted and qualified, then look at where we can do a little more to make ourselves present to the community.

WGK: One of the things we are supposed to be doing and reporting better is Parish Roundtables. In smaller Councils there would be a Round Table in the Parish that the Council serves. We represent several Parishes. It's a little more complicated. I gave a list to Mike of our Round Table chairs. Mike is going to get that submitted. The Roundtable Chairs have traditionally brought the needs of their Parishes to us. If you are the point guy for your Parish you have now become the Roundtable Chair. I'm at St. Marys and I think the rest of you know who you are.

Bro. Mike Worden: Mainly we need the priests to know who to contact if there is a need that we can help out as Knights. So' it's mainly keeping that relationship going with him so we know what the needs are.

Trustees/House Committee Report

DGK Mike Carter:

To follow up on Roundtables, a lot of the Parishes don't have men's clubs, or if they do, they are not very strong. When you talk to your Priest, ask what are your needs and how can the Knights help? As you leave the Church or meet with him in a casual situation, just ask how we as Knights can help.

For you new guys, briefly, the House Committee meets the day before our Council Monthly Meeting. So, the officers and the House Committee got together last night to come up with a strategic plan. Basically, there are 4 or 5 things that I want to talk about that will take us through to next month.

We have to make money. The reason we have \$25,000 in our General Fund is that we had a Gala last spring. That gives us a nice pad, but we can't stop there.

We have to have Fish Fries. It is one of our major money makers leading up to the Gala then Harvest Homecoming. What I'm asking you guys to do is; Keith Byerley sent out an email with the links to sign up to help at the Fish Fries. Sign up for one or more. They start on February 28th and run all the way to Good Friday, April 8th. If you can't be here from 4:30 to 7:30, come at 8 and help us clean up. Come on Thursday morning and help to make cole slaw. Come on Friday morning and bread fish. You don't have to be here just between 4:30 and 7:30 on that Friday night. Sign up. If you don't use email, go out to the bar. There is a hardcopy. You can sign up there. Just make your presence be known

Phil (*Phil Lauder, District Deputy*) presented us with the SOS (*Support Our Seminarians*) Award. We were the Knights of Columbus Council #1221 Business Meeting Minutes for Feb.13, [2020](#)

only Council in the District to get that award.

This Saturday The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics is at Deam's Lake. I think we can be there by 11:00 and you can support our four Plungers. There is still opportunity to donate money. We have collected \$12 to \$1,300 so far. Plungers, please stand (*Bothers Steve Byerley, Charlie Archer, Sean Missi and Eric Hunter*)

In conjunction with that, on March 15 St John Starlight there will be a Pancake Breakfast to support Special Olympics. Brother Tony Balmer had a great idea. While we are up there, we are going to make it a mini-Church Drive. So we'll have more information on that. Where a month out so we can do more planning on that later.

Bro. Tony Balmer: Not just between the two Masses, All About Pace Catering, that's my mom's catering business, it's not just breakfast. It will be a full breakfast and will run between 8:00 AM until 11:30 on that Sunday. So if you don't go to Mass at Saint Johns, come up anyway for breakfast and support Special Olympics. You are welcome to come to Mass. Father Sonny is our parish priest. We will have the membership drive for Knights of Columbus. Mike's going to tell you about where to go for other information about Knights of Columbus.

DGK Mike Carter: Two more items guys and then I'll be done. We've had a cleanup detail before, and we want to do that again on Feb 22 at 8:30 The Saturday before Ash Wednesday. This is to help us prepare for the Lenten fish fries. You don't need to sign up just show up. We will clean the big gym, the little gym, the fryers, and the tables and chairs. Will get everything ready to go for our fish fries. I'll be here at 8:30, February 22nd. So that's what this process is.

Bro. Steve Volpert: Isn't there something already on the schedule for that day?

DGK: There is, but it will not conflict. The Wissel Party is later that afternoon.

Also, in regards to cleaning, I brought this up at the house committee meeting. We've gotten the club in pretty good shape, better than I've seen it in a long time. We would like to keep it ship shaped. I would like for the officers and trustees to be responsible for a cleaning detail every weekend. I will come up with a schedule and a list of items that need to be cleaned. I will take the first weekend in March and bring a crew in. WGK Sean will take the next weekend and we'll go down the line. Whoever is in charge of the detail will be responsible for cleaning up after the fish fry, and by Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock everything should be cleaned and ready to go. Expect one of the officers or trustees to call you to help. We have an investment in this building, and we need to take care of it.

I ran into a lady that does embroidering. We're not real happy with our current vendor up in Clarksville. She will embroider our shirts for us with the Knights of Columbus emblem, either a small one or a large one, and charge \$5. That is if we can get 20 shirts for her. I will put a box in the lounge. Bring your shirts in and have a tag on them with your name and the size of the emblem that you want, large or small. I will get them to her. She had mine ready in three days.

WGK – The Special Olympics Ties into our stance on Life, our community stance and into our principle of charity. I don't expect everyone to jump into the cold cold Lake. Please come support the Plungers.

Bro. Steve Byerley: They do have a luncheon afterwards at the Borden High School.

WGK: They also have a silent and a live auction there with a lot of nice items that you can purchase to help support the cause. Come out and show your support.

Do we have an Insurance Agent?

District Deputy Phil Lauder: We have one agent for the entire state, Phil Stackowicz. He said just call him to set up an appointment.

Bro. Steve Volpert: His information is on a link on our webpage as of today.

Bro. Steve Byerley: Tim Jarboe can help you. He came up from Ferdinand and met with me.

Report of Service Program Committees

Membership Director

Church Director

Community Director

Council Director

Family Director

Culture of Life Director

Bob Burkholder:

Forty Days for Life is coming up beginning on Ash Wednesday throughout Lent. There are 4 churches that are sponsoring weekdays. The schedule is online at 40daysforlife/louisville. Men are needed from 5 A.M. until midnight. Two men per hour for each hour. I challenge members to get behind this and do something with it. The Men's Conference will be at St Leon's on the 22nd of February. That's west of Cincinnati. I'm planning on going (*Tickets are sold out*) The Women's Conference is February 21st.

Youth Director

Vocation Director

Gibault Envoy

Special Olympics Envoy

Unfinished Business

New Business

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

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
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I was going to tell you about the Half-time strategy, but it sounds like you've already taken care of that. It's important to get the right people on the bus but you have to get them in the right seat on the bus. It looks like you are proceeding in the right direction.

Just a couple of reminders, the safe environment questionnaires are due in April. You have one 11 year old boy that is going to the Regional in Newburgh, Indiana this Sunday. Others are coming out of Lanesville and Corydon. I don't have the other names but Ron Casavella from the Lanesville Council seems to be on top of that. For your new guys, I'm talking about the free throw contest that we have every year for boys and girls from 9 to 13 years of age. The Council is best out of 15, District is best out of 25. They will go from the Council to the District, to the Region, the State, and beyond to the Supreme level. The State Contest is March 1 this year.

Council audits are due the middle of this month.

Good of the Order

Pray for a co-worker's 24-year-old daughter, Cindy, who overdosed.

Archbishop Lori's Father is hospitalized with pneumonia. His mother is in room 801 at Providence Retirement Home if you would like to visit her. She just celebrated her 100th Birthday

Bro. Steve Hoffman, Terri and family

Thanksgiving for prayers from Bro. Steve Volpert for his wife. Alice. She is doing well.

Dan Gulley's younger brother and wife. Her cancer has returned.

Sean's brother, Charlie, cancer treatment

All struggling with addiction, cancer victims and the homeless

Chaplain's Summation

Fr. Gries was absent

Closing Prayer

WGK: Lord we ask you that you guide all of us in being charitable men to help those in need and bring your healing to all those afflicted. Help us all each day to better stewards of the Catholic faith. We ask all this in Jesus Christ's name we pray.

In the name of the father and the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Pray brothers as we shall now close this meeting. Let's pray that we may ever be united in charity, that God may bless our work, aid us to keep his pledges for his greater glory and that he may grant eternal peace to the souls of our departed brothers.

In the name of the father and the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Submitted by Recorder, Keith Byerley March 12, 2020

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