



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #1221  
Business Meeting Minutes  
July 09, 2020**



**Call to Order**

Thursday July 09, 2020 at 7:20 P.M.

**Warden’s Report on Membership Card**

By Bro Dan Gulley:  
All present are current members.

**Prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer for was prayed by all.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was omitted.

**Roll Call of Officers**

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

**Opening Olde**

The Opening Olde was omitted

**Chaplain’s Message**

*Fr. Jeremy spoke of current events and the upcoming election, and to be attentive of matters relative to life and liberty for all.*

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

The previous meeting’s minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and at the beginning of

the meeting for review by the council. Minutes were accepted.

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

Bro. Matt Lincoln: Nothing to report for this meeting.

### **Balloting for Membership**

Nothing to report for this meeting

### **Initiations**

None

### **Grand Knight's Report: WGK Mike Carter**

- Bro. Ron and Bro. Dan worked on the bathrooms this morning. They're almost done (great job!).
- WGK posted a calendar of events for the year and wants to start off strong. If you're not involved with the council, expect phone calls from the officers to get people involved.
- The council will step up church drives to grow our council. Bro. Dustin Jones will talk with Father Bill at SMK for a date for a church drive. Bro. Steve Byerly ran the OLPH drive successfully and can be reached out to for advice. COVID may clip our wings a bit and limit our ability to reach people at church. The plan is to use the first Sunday of every month to have a church drive. The council will coordinate with the parish to show a KofC presence at the masses for that church. First service to do this will be the weekend of August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Plan to go to the earliest mass on Sunday.
- Unnamed person asked about shirts to wear to the masses so that people know who we are when we attend Mass.
- Goal is to get 20 new members in this fraternal year.
- Person asked about current knights that are inactive and getting them back involved. If you know a knight that hasn't been participating, ask them why. Get them back with the council.
- We've lost 8 knights thus far this year. WGK would like to have better presence at funerals and visitations. Expectation that an officer from the council will attend funeral visitations of deceased knights. Also need to reach out after the funeral (a month later) to check in with the family and let them know of the Deceased Members Mass.
- Want to get a deeper relationship with the Catholic Cemeteries of New Albany. Looking to have knights help with fellow knights funerals (direct traffic, work with the funeral home, etc). Would like someone to take this and run with it.
- Bro. Matt Payne to schedule visit with Tyler Huber at St. Meinraid once tours reopen. Tyler Huber is currently at St. Joseph Parish at Shelbyville for the summer.
- Father McGivney's beatification, date is happening soon. Fr. Jeremy is offering his church for the event to attend a mass together, then adjourn back to the council for a dinner. Looking to invite parish priests and spouses of members for the dinner. Need someone to step up and run with the event.
- In general, we need people to step up and run aspects of the hall (and back each other up) when others are out

### **Treasurer's Report: Bro. John Kaiser**

- At the end of May, the General Fund had \$20,996, the Gaming Fund had \$2,677 and the CBC Fund had \$2,821.
- From here on, no income planned, so we have to watch our expenditures until we start our fish fries. *(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)*

### **Deputy Grand Knight's Report: DGK Ron Webber**

- Discussed about Harvest Homecoming planning. The plan is to have a Friday afternoon drive through fish fry, Friday evening dinner, and Texas hold-em tournament Friday evening starting at 6. Saturday will be the cornhole tournament.
- Fish fries will start the first Friday of August. We're adding a lunch to the Friday fish fries.
- October will start the twice a month fish fries (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday).
- Discussed updating the downstairs bar. Doing some renovation to the walls to open up the area.
- Discussed utilities – renegotiation for various services to try to save some money.
- Planning on having a telethon to call delinquent members.
- We had first wheel of cash drawing last night, which paid out \$50. We had roughly 20 people attend.
- The downstairs bathroom is almost finished.
- Parking lot: paper work for this side of the business is done. Waiting on the Caesar's foundation to follow up with.
- We're talking with the Red Cross about having a community blood drive at the hall. Aiming for Monday or Thursday events. There is little work to be done by the council on the actual event besides unlocking/locking the building and keeping the building cool. We're meeting next Tuesday with the Red Cross team to look at the facility. Look for these blood drives to be a recurring event. Jeffersonville KofC does this every other week already. The Red Cross is looking for a facility that they can count on for an every other week event to generate a consistent location.

### **Financial Secretary's Report: Bro. Matt Lincoln**

- Thanks to Sean for being WGK last year. He worked well in getting the council going in the right direction. Thanks to Mike Carter for becoming the catalyst to continue the growth of the organization.
- We've had 4 deaths out of KofC this past month.
- It's easy to join KofC, it's a 30 minute video. Can we do it at the church drives? The process isn't secretive any longer, we want to show the 4 pillars of our group. Show the people of the church what KofC is really about.
- The new membership goal is down to 20 new members. We had 14 join, lost 6, for a net of 8 members for 2019.

**Program Director: Bro. Mike Worden**

- Clarification that starting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, will people from other parishes be able to attend different parishes for weekend mass? Fr. Jeremy says that they're not taking attendance.
- Supreme has changed goals due to COVID (7% to 5% growth excluding deaths) for active members. Last year, Supreme said that councils should be willing to forgive the debt if they're willing to be active. Did well on programming and activities, but did not get the star council award for membership. Were able to make state membership goals. Award for outstanding project (thanksgiving baskets) at the state level, going to supreme for judging. Any way that people can help is appreciated, no matter how big or how small. District Deputy (Phil) will be getting further details for us this week from state council.
- WGK: Program Director Mike keeps us focused on where the council needs to be. Excellent job.

**Trustees/House Committee Report: DGK Ron Webber**

Nothing to report

**Report of Service Program Committees:**

- **Membership Director:**
- **Church Director:**
- **Community Director:**
- **Council Director:**
- **Family Director: Ben Wessel**
- **Culture of Life Director: Bro. Bob Burkholder**
- **Youth Director:**
- **Vocation Director: Mike Worden**
- **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

**Report of Standing Committees**

Gaming: Bro. Ron Webber - None

**Insurance Field Agent Report**

*No Report and No Agent*

**District Deputy Report**

*District Deputy Phillip Lauder*

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**Good of the Order**

- WGK: Going forward, the Lecturer will stand up and speak about events going on in the church.
- An unnamed brother's sister Karen had a stroke, asking for prayers for her recovery.
- Keith Henderson is approaching end of life, and is currently on life support. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Family of Steve Hoffman
- KofC Knights that have passed last month: Paul Ringvalts, Donald Kepley, Leonard Combs
- Prayers for the Diocese of Lafayette, IN

**Closing Prayer**

WGK: Pray that we may be ever united in charity, that God may bless our work, aid to keep our pledges for His greater glory, and that he may grant eternal peace to the souls of our departed brothers.

Fr. Gries led the council in the Hail Mary.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, August 13, 2020

Attested to by: WGK, Michael Carter, August 13, 2020