



**Knights of Columbus Council #1221  
Business Meeting Minutes  
March, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



**Call to Order**

Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:33 P.M.

**Warden’s Report on Membership Card**

All present are current members.

**Prayer**

Our Father prayer was recited by all.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call of Officers (circle)**

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| Grand Knight        | Dan Coffey             | Present |
| Chaplain            | Fr. Bill Ernst         | Absent  |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Frank Brown            | Absent  |
| Chancellor          | Sean Missi             | Absent  |
| Financial Secretary | Steve Volpert (acting) | Absent  |
| Recorder            | Keith Byerley          | Absent  |
| Treasurer           | John Kaiser            | Present |
| Advocate            | Bob Burkholder         | Absent  |
| Warden              | Jimmy Leist            | Absent  |
| Inside Guard        | Eric Hunter            | Absent  |
| Outside Guard       | Steve Dewitt           | Present |
| 1 Year Trustee      | Steve Byerley          | Absent  |
| 2 Year Trustee      | Bob Knable             | Present |
| 3 Year Trustee      | Steve Hoffman          | Present |

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None

**Chaplain’s Message**

*Fr. Bill was absent*

**Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion by Steve Hoffman to forego reading of the minute was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

*No report*

**Grand Knight’s Report**

By WGK Dan Coffey

Volunteerism has been good for the fish fries. The past week there were 14 volunteers and the week prior 12. The ultimate goal is to get everyone trained on all positions. We have gone back to team captains and that seems to work well. The fish fries have been well attended and have pushed out about 500 plates the last two weeks. WGK asked for a volunteer or volunteers to revamp the Food Trailer. It needs cleaned, painted, decals, and the fryers need to be put in working order. It needs to be moved from the parking lot to the location where the work can be done. Bro. Matthew Payne will head up the committee to complete this project. WGK commends Bob House for his work on finding shrimp and oysters at about half of what we had been paying. The fish is now precut and saving \$1 a pound. We are running at about 60% profit.

### **Treasurer's Report**

By Bro. John Kaiser

We are in better condition than last month..

General \$17,628

Gaming \$1501.91

CBC \$20,099.73

State and Supreme have been paid. We had multiple expenses this month, a freezer and product for the fish fry.

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

DGK Bro. Frank Brown

No Report but DGK asked all to honor our patroness, Mother Mary, by praying a Hail Mary.

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

By Bro. Steve Volpert

Bro. Patrick (Matt) Lincoln was granted permission to assume the role as Financial Secretary effective today.

567 Total Members

114 Unpaid Members

\$11,426 collected for dues, Gibault and SOS

\$9,890 Dues and past dues

37 Members Inactive and Insurance only

135 Insurance Members

44 Honorary Members

133 Honorary Life Members

10 Disability Members

We hosted a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree initiation last week. We had 3 members from 1221, Bro. Matthew Payne, Bro. Matt Lincoln and Bro. Lou Hess and one from 1338, Bro. Tucker Coots.

Bro. Adam Banet transferred from 1221 to a Council in Indy.

Bro. Warren Byer was moved to Honorary Life Membership.

Bro. George Renn deceased.

Msg. Miguel Ramos Is declared as deceased and off the roster since we have been unable to locate him or any relatives for five years. An obituary in Texas seems to match him.

We did receive credit from Supreme of \$9 each for Inactive Insurance Only Members.

There will be a District Deputies meeting in Greenwood on Saturday, March 10. I will attend along with Matt Lincoln.

I have the list of delinquent members for the Retention Committee for further action. We can go through the motions again this year to try to eliminate those from the roster who are in arrears. I can be on the Retention Committee but cannot chair the committee according to Supreme.

Bro. Tony Balmer made a motion that John Rowan be removed from the retention list. He has been in poor health and financially unable to pay his dues. Bro. Steve Hoffman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of Auditors and Trustees**

*No Report*

### **Chancellor's Report**

*No Report Bro. Sean Missi was absent*

### **Report of Service Program Committees**

### **Trustees/House Committee Report**

*No Report*

### **Athletic Committee**

*No Report*

### **Unfinished Business**

Bro. Steve Hoffman asked about the brick work progress. WGK does not have the info since Bro. Steve Byerley is in charge of that. The work is proceeding since the weather has been better. The grant from the City has not yet been received.

### **New Business**

Bro. Tony Balmer made a motion that the WGK and DGK be selected as delegates to the State Convention on the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and that the alternates be Bro. Steve Hoffman and Bro. Charlie Archer.

### **Discussion:**

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Bro. Steve Hoffman declined due to upcoming radiation treatments. WGK Dan Coffey cannot attend either due to work commitments and intended to open the nominations to the floor. Are there any other nominations? DGK Frank Brown will be able to attend. Bro. John Kaiser was nominated but declined. Bro. Matt Lincoln was nominated but will have to check his schedule prior to committing. We need to check with Fr. Bill to see if he wants to attend to participate in the Chaplains' Mass on Friday evening. There was discussion on when and what happens at convention and what expenses are covered by the Council.

The four possible attendees are Bro. Matt Lincoln, Bro. Matthew Payne, DGK Frank Brown and Fr. Bill.

Bro. Steve Hoffman made a motion to nominate Bro. Matt Lincoln, Bro. Matthew Payne, DGK Frank Brown and Fr. Bill to attend the State Convention and the Council pay their expenses. Bro. Tony Balmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bro. Charlie Archer made a motion that we consider some sort of gift perhaps a crucifix, not to exceed \$100 for Bro. Eric Hunter and his future wife for their approaching marriage. Bro. Steve Hoffman seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

WGK asked about renting the hall to officers and other members who have stepped up to serve the Council at a preferred rate or free of charge.

#### **Discussion:**

*In Summary there was much discussion but no motion was made.*

Bro. Steve Hoffman – In the past the policy has been no gifts between members in order to avoid any conflict or possibility of unfairness. We already discount hall rental of 50% to members in good standing. Steve would prefer that it stay that way.

WGK – It seems that some members contribute nothing while others give more than expected. It seems unfair that those who do not contribute to raising funds have a voice in how the money raised is spent. The Council has given out \$18,000 to charities in the past 6 months. We are rewarding both those that contribute and those that don't the same. Perhaps changing that would inspire more participation.

Bro. Steve Hoffman – I'm not sure there is a fair scale to reward members for their participation. Some are more involved than others.

WGK – We are not punishing those who don't work, rather we would be rewarding those who do.

Bro. Steve Volpert – We need to consider that we have 133 senior members. They contributed a lot when they were younger and able bodied.

Bro. Steve Hoffman – Others like myself are disabled due to illness and can no longer contribute as we did in the past. It doesn't seem fair that I would no longer be eligible for discounted rentals. Everyone's life experience changes from year to year.

WGK – Senior members have come in to rent the hall and I haven't charged them at all.

Bro. Steve Volpert – Did that go through the board of trustees?

WGK – I do all the work of sitting up and tearing down so I take some Knights of Columbus Council #1221 Business Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2018

leeway in making those decisions.

Bro. Steve Volbert – WGK can hire people to help with those tasks. The bylaws need to be followed to prevent improprieties.

WGK – The Council has money in the bank because volunteerism has increased. If we had a payroll of employees the funds would not be in the bank. I'm not complaining because I am doing God's work.

Bro. Steve Volpert – When did I get the hall for nothing?

WGK – When you rented the hall for your class reunion.

Bro. Steve Volbert – That wasn't just for me. There were other members in that class as well. The trustees agreed to that.

WGK – Take for instance when the matter of clothes for needy school children went before the Board of Trustees. Some members wanted to table it for discussion at the next meeting. Some things cannot wait for a board decision. Everybody looks at things differently.

Bro. Steve Volpert – That's why we have by-laws.

Bro. Steve Dewitt – I've been here since '81 and I've seen WGK Coffey work his ass off for this council. The people that gripe all the time you never see them. Where are they? They don't see what goes on from day to day. Bro. Bob Knable tends bar 3 days a week. No one else steps up to take even a day.

Bro. Steve Hoffman – When I was Grand Knight WGK Dan Coffey was my Office manager. I said then that we need a custodian and a Hall rental manager. It didn't happen. It doesn't matter why it didn't happen. It was your chose. I recommend that you hire an Office Manager and a custodian. Make a list of their duties and hold them accountable. Then you won't have to be here 14 hours a day. I tried to do it all myself for 6 months and it didn't work. I don't believe it's true that we only have money in our account because we don't have a hired staff. When I was Grand Knight we had about \$300 and I had to let staff go. We have money now. In my opinion, You need to hire a staff so that you can concentrate more effort into the actual duties of Grand Knight.

WGK – I have to correct you. We were four days from being foreclosed on. We were actually \$18,000 in the hole at that time. The people that stepp up to volunteer should be rewarded.

Bro. Charlie Archer – WGK, I volunteer for the K of C when I can because I believe in the mission of the Knights. I believe in our community involvement and have been a member since I was 21. I don't do it for a pat on the back or for a discount. In my opinion, if we start giving monetary rewards or gifts for our service we might start attracting the wrong kind of volunteers. We want members who are serving from their hearts. Anyone would be foolish to discount all the work that the WGK has done, but I agree with Bro. Steve Hoffman that if you were to hire an office manager and custodian you would relieve yourself of a great deal of work and make you an even better Grand Knight.

WGK – What would you propose paying them.

Bro. Charlie Archer - \$10 per hour.

WGK - \$400 per week equates to \$20,800 per year. We did that and it didn't work. I was simply saying that reward the people that help. I took this position because I knew we would be O.K. financially. What we did not have is what you see right here and now, members involved. What I set out to do was to get more involvement. We've had more involvement by members in the last three weeks than we had in perhaps the last ten, and Knights of Columbus Council #1221 Business Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2018

that is what we need. I do not need to hire an office manager in Treasurer, John Kaiser. I don't believe in hiring because it is usually a member's relative and it is difficult to discipline them. In the past employees have only created problems and required extensive oversight. If each member would pledge just 4 hours a year that would be over 20,000 hours. Despite my feelings, I will let the House Committee deal with it and abide by their decision. If something hasn't worked in the past you don't go back and do it again. The hall rental for the large hall has dropped off. We need to look at lowering the rental price. WGK recommends continuing to do the things as we are, using volunteers and reward them accordingly.

Bro. Bob Knable – Makes a motion that we start Council meeting earlier, perhaps 6:30 or 7:00. Bro. Bob made a motion to start them at 6:30 and it was seconded. Bro. Steve Hoffman questioned whether we could do that because the time is set in the by-laws. It would have to go through the House Committee then back to the Council for a vote. Steve believes that it will have to be advertised to the entire council 3 months prior to that vote. Bro. Bob withdrew his motion and presented a motion that we make a recommendation to the House Committee to change the meeting time to 6:30. The motion was voted on and passed with one Nay.

WGK- Bro. Jimmy Leist is no longer able to serve as Warden. Matthew Payne was asked to fill the position and has said yes. WGK will get a resignation letter from Bro. Jimmy at Bro. Steve Hoffman's suggestion and take the matter up at the next meeting.

Before the meeting ended Bro. Steve Volpert was able to clarify the procedure for filling a vacancy. It does not require a letter of resignation. The nomination can be voted on at the next meeting.

### **Advocates Report**

By Bro. Bob Burkholder

### **Report of the Fourth Degree**

By Bro. Steve Volpert

We will meet next Monday afternoon. We met this past Sunday for the installation of Fr. Marcoty at Sacred Heart and St. Augustine. We intend to meet there again in April for Divine Mercy Sunday

### **Insurance Field Agent Report**

*No Report*

### **District Deputy Report**

*No Report*

## **Good of the Order**

Bro. Donnie Crawford, Stage 4 lung Cancer

Bro. Steve Hoffman

Bro. Stan Byerley

Bro. Tony Balmer and Family Adoption hearing April 9

Bro. Marty Book is back to work

Alice Volpert is having an ablation procedure on March 20<sup>th</sup>

Bro. Matt Lincoln's Father who was hospitalized for blood clots and Father-in-law who has lung cancer

Bro. Baxter – Hip replacement surgery

Terry Thompson – Cancer

## **Closing Prayer**

Our Father and Glory Be by all

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Recorder, Keith Byerley, March 8, 2018

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Attested to By WGK, Dan Coffey, March 8, 2018

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