



**Knights of Columbus
Council #1221
Business Meeting Minutes
May 11th, 2023**



Call to Order

Thursday, May 11th, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Warden's Report on Membership Card

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 said by all.

Reading of and Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting

The meeting minutes for February were sent out via email for review. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Jeremy

This is from the reading for the first reading of the day from Acts: After much debate had taken place, Peter got up and said to the apostles, "My brothers, you are well aware from the early days God made his choice that through my mouth, the gentiles would hear the word of gospel and believe. And God, who knows the hearts, gave testimony, giving unto them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, for by faith he purified their hearts. Why then are you now putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the shoulders of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we believe to be saved, in like manner as they also. And all the multitude held their peace, and they heard Barnabas and Paul telling what great signs and wonders God had wrought among the gentiles by them. It is my judgment, therefore, that we ought to stop troubling the gentiles that turn to God, but tell them by letter to avoid pollution by idols, unlawful marriage, and the meat of strangled animals and blood, for Moses has had for generations now those who proclaim him in every town, as he had been read in the synagogues on the Sabbath." This a part of what's sometimes called the First Council of Jersulaem, when the apostles and paul and barnabas and the early Church come to terms with how we incorporate the gentiles into our number, as the gentiles begin to accept the gospel. And so, were they bound by the old testatment and the precepts of the Jewish faith (circumcision, dietary laws, and the like. After the sermon, prayers, and discussions, they come up with 3 things that they expect all gentiles and Christians to do: to avoid pollution from idols, unlawful marriage, and the meat of strangled animals and blood. As I look those 3 things, in many ways what they're getting at there is to avoid pollution from idols is to worship, that they're requiring the Christian people, whether Jew or gentile, to worship God, and to do so as God has revealed himself. The presence of idols in the gentile world were everywhere. He's reminding them that

they must have that one true relationship with God: the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Then he talks about unlawful marriage. I think sometimes it's good for us as men to remember that the primordial relationship between human persons is husband for wife and wife for husband. When God saw that Adam was alone, he didn't create for him another brother. He created for him his wife, Eve. The marriage is the fundamental primordial relationship of humankind, which makes sense that its from that great and wonderful gift of marriage that children flow forth and greater community can grow. Here, the Church is reminding them to uphold the marriage of the bed and such and right relationships with one another. All relationships among humans should be rightly ordered to God's plan. Finally, they give to refrain from the meat of strangled animals and blood. If you know the old testament, you know that blood is reserved to God, as blood is the source of life. Life is reserved to God, as he is the giver and taker of it. They are reminded of how they are part of the living world, and that God is the source and blessing of life. They're being reminded to maintain a proper relationship with the world around them. As Knights, we see this as unity, fraternity, and charity, the ways that we live our lives as Christian men.

Grand Knight's Report: WGK Tom Waters

- State convention recap:
 - Attended by WGK Tom Waters, District Deputy Greg Brodfurher, and Lecturer Mike Albers
 - Was an uplifting event
 - Were up there Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in Indy
 - Had a wonderful mass and several excellent speakers
 - Heard from the Gibault CEO and about the organization and school
 - Great to meet the other members from the councils all over the state
 - Fantastic experience of receiving the Blessed Michael McGivney Award for Vocations, awarded to us for hosting the Vocations dinner that we held (we were the only council to receive any recognition at the dinner)
 - Received award for the top blood donations in the state for the first half of the year (399 units for the council)
 - Donations:
 - \$1000 to SOS fund
 - \$500 to Culture of Life
 - \$1000 to Gibault
 - Won \$1000 in a subsequent drawing, and then gave that back as well
- Upcoming sabbatical of Fr. Jeremy
 - Council donated a check for \$500 to help cover his expenses
- Awarded the position of Honorary Knight to Chris K for his efforts and service to the council

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: DGK Ron Webber

- Planning Meeting:
 - Motion made to present Deacon Neri a chasuble and stole
 - New doors upstairs and lights under the track are being installed
 - Theology On Tap
 - Starts June 1st

- Several great evenings planned
- Bro Greg Brodfurher planning a weekend at St. Meinrad for the new slate of officers in the district

Treasurer's Report: Bro. John Kaiser

- At the end of March, the General Fund has \$76,451, the Gaming Fund is at \$17,322 and the CBC Fund has \$83,411.
 - *(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)*
- All bills are paid and up to date.
- Transferring \$50k over from General Fund to the CBC from the Fish Fry revenue
- CBC Fund helped cover painting and renovation expenses upstairs recently

Balloting for Membership: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- New Members for the month of April:
 - Dr. Steven Stemm
 - Tyler Winslow (SJP II)
- New Members for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year:
 - George Tipker (St. John Paul II)
 - Mark Court (St. Mary of the Knobs)
 - Larry Mand (Holy Family)
 - Bob Hamilton (St. Mary's of the Knobs)
 - Aaron Courtney
 - Charles Vernia (Reinstatement)
 - Amit Shanker (Holy Family)
 - Grey Hays (Holy Family)
 - James Kaelin
 - Tyler Huber (SMK) transfer
 - Jacob Kraft (Holy Family) transfer
 - Jarett Jacobi
- At 23 total new members for the year (6 beyond Supreme's goal)

Financial Secretary's Report: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- Still have 53 out of 500 members that haven't paid their dues for 2023
- Will be working to contact those that have not yet paid

Ballot for Officer Elections:

- Election will be at June Meeting
- Floor nominations:
 - Ben Wissel: Chancellor
 - Remainder slate of nominations will carry over to June meeting for elections
- Program Director positions that are open:
 - Life
 - Vocations
 - Family

New Business:

- St. Michael's Bradford has started a new council
 - Motion made and seconded to donate \$200 funding to the new council, motion passed

Report of Service Program Committees:

- **Program Director: Mike Worden**
 - No report this week
- **Community Director: Bro. Kevin Kruer**
 - No report this week
- **Family Director: Bro. Rob Davis**
 - No report this week
- **Culture of Life Director: Bro. Keith Byerley**
 - No report this week
- **Vocation Director: Bro. Greg Brodfehrer**
 - No report this week
- **Faith Director: Ben Wissel**
 - Sunday, May 21st will be the Silver Rose ceremony at Mt. St. Francis
- **Health and Service Director – Ron Webber**
 - No report this week
- **Public Relations – Chris Gahagen**
 - No report this week

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- No report this month

Insurance Field Agent Report – Rob Davis

District Deputy Report – Greg Brodfehrer

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Good of the Order

- Prayers for the good of the order
 - For the wife of a brother who passed away from cancer
- Lecturer Mike Albers presented several notes from the State Convention
 - One of the St. Meinrad speakers will cover evangelization and faith formation at the officer meeting
 - Bro. Greg will be covering it more from a district perspective
 - Several videos were presented to the council

Closing Prayer

- The Hail Mary was said by all.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, May 11th, 2023

Attested to by: WGK, Tom Waters, May 11th, 2023