



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #1221  
Business Meeting Minutes  
September 10th, 2020**



**Call to Order**

Thursday September 10, 2020 at 7:03 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 said by all.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Grand Knight	Mike Carter	Present
Chaplain	Fr Jeremy Gries	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Ron Webber	Absent
Chancellor	Matt Payne	Absent
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	Absent
Lecturer	Mike Albers	Present

**Opening Olde**

The Opening Olde was omitted

**Chaplain’s Message**

I don’t really have a full message, but I was just say that as we move into these next few months with the election, I’m not going to tell you who to vote for, but we do need to remember our faith and allow our consciences to be formed by our faith as we go to the polls so that God’s kingdom can be built and we can do our small part to attend to that. It’s a moral duty to vote and I encourage you to do so, making sure that you’ve done so by weighing the

matter before God in light of the teachings of the Church.

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

The past two meetings minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

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

Bro. Matt Lincoln: One new application, last name Dykes (online application) at this time from OLPH (associate of Charlie Archer). Will be doing his degree ceremonies online.

### **Balloting for Membership**

Nothing to report for this meeting

### **Initiations**

None

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

- Call-A-thon
  - Called around 1/3 of members and updated contact information
  - Call-a-thon found out a lot of information about members that we didn't know
  - Hope that members will pay their dues that they pledged to
- With addition of new applicant, we're ¼ through our yearly quota (5 of 20)
- Thanksgiving baskets – we're doing them, regardless of the pandemic, on Nov 21st
  - Will get names and addresses like last time
  - Only change is that they will come to us and pick up in the parking lot
  - Leftover food will be donated to Hope Southern Indiana
  - Hope Southern Indiana requested that we donate money instead, but we are going to proceed with putting the baskets together
  - We pay for the Thanksgiving baskets through the rifle raffles at the bar.
  - Do we have transportation for the ones that can't get here? Yes, we will coordinate with the people that can't get here to deliver the baskets.
- Last Friday was a Fish Fry –
  - We made money, and gave 35 dinners to the S. Ellen Jones teachers in New Albany
- Religious Appreciation dinner is Monday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Limited RSVPs thus far (Fr. Jeremy and 2 others)
  - Deadline for RSVP's is Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Expected lower RSVP's due to COVID
  - Will look at it again on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, but we will show our appreciation
- Mini-church drives
  - Wear your Knights of Columbus clothing to church on first Sunday of the month
  - Talk up the Knights to men at church as well, tell them what we're about
- Oct 9/10 would have been Harvest Homecoming had COVID not hit
  - Working on events for here, but we can't call it Harvest Homecoming due to licensing
  - We're going to do a Fish Fry on Friday, Oct 9th

- We're going to make Chicken and Dumplings on Saturday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> (using the Redmond's recipe)
- Will need lots of support/volunteers for this event
- WGK asked Sean Missi to wear a chicken suit outside during the event
- 4<sup>th</sup> degree virtual exemplification on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Mike Albers just went through it. Very enjoyable experience.
- Fish Fry on 9/18
  - Making roughly \$2k per fish fry
  - As always, we need volunteers for both lunch and dinner
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – interfaith prayer vigil in New Albany
  - Looking for volunteers to help with the event
  - Starts at 6:30 p.m.
  - Fr. Jeremy will be participating
- Mike Worden was presented with a token of appreciation for his support at the state level
- Ralph Nordoff and Tony Balmer were presented with a plaque to be hung in the council for appreciation of the team's efforts
  - Have been doing the degree team presentations since 2001 for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> degree, far before that on 1<sup>st</sup> degree
  - Ralph spoke of the team's efforts throughout the years
- 4<sup>th</sup> degree members will meet on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> for 6:30 rosary, 7:00 meeting

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

- At the end of August, the General Fund had \$16,500, the Gaming Fund had \$5,197 and the CBC Fund had \$3,706.
  - *(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)*
- We're holding our own currently, thanks to the fish fries and wheel of cash games
- If it weren't for the fish fries/wheel of cash gaming, we would be severely hurting on funding

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

Absent this week

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

- Did a Call-A-Thon on Tuesday, made it through 6 of 18 pages of members with outstanding dues.
- If anyone wants to take a page and make phone calls, see Matt Lincoln.
- Make phone calls by the next meeting, provide feedback by the next meeting.

**Program Director: Bro. Mike Worden**

Nothing to report

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

Absent this week

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

- **Membership Director:**
- **Church Director:**
- **Community Director:**
- **Council Director:**
- **Family Director: Bro. Ben Wessel – No report this week**
- **Culture of Life Director: Bro. Bob Burkholder**
- **Youth Director:**
- **Vocation Director: Bro. Mike Worden – No report this week**
- **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 – No report this week.

### **Insurance Field Agent Report**

*No Report and No Agent*

### **District Deputy Report**

*District Deputy Phillip Lauder*

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No report this week

### **Good of the Order**

- Bro. Mike Albers
  - Last 2 weeks, we have looked at Ft. McGivney and how he founded the Knights of Columbus, as well as Cardinal Ritter, our council's namesake and what he brought to our council
  - This week, we focus on Charity, one of principles of the Knights of Columbus
    - Listened to an audio presentation the from Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Theo Lange (transcript below)
      - Our first spiritual principle, which is the driving force of all we do as Knights of Columbus, is charity and in 1<sup>st</sup> John 4, we have

that simple proclamation that “God is love”. Charity is the foundation of who we are as Christians, and especially as Knights of Columbus charity animates what we do and so tonight we’re going to talk a little bit about charity as receiving love from God. God, who is loved, gives his love to us and we share that with our family and friends.

- And above all, in prayer to get us started, we look at Romans 5, 3-5: *We even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance and endurance, proving character and proving character, hope and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out. Into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*
- And so you see, brothers, we are able to live charity as Knights of Columbus, because the love of God has been poured out into us, the Holy Spirit has given us the capacity to love. As we begin, we have to look at the question how do we receive the love of God? Prayer. We remember that we are united to each other in brothers to grow in prayer and grow in our understanding of the faith. To be practical Catholics, which means to learn the catechesis to learn our faith and as Knights we can become men of prayer. Whether we’re praying the rosary or spending time in adoration. Where they were doing the domestic church family fully alive initiative within our families, our hearts are being infused by the power of the Holy Spirit so that we may love God, receive the love of God, love one another. Love our parishes, love our families, and carry that energy of God into the world.
- This is our responsibility. This is our mission. This is our duty. This is our joy. This is what drives the Knights of Columbus. The love of God has been poured into our hearts and we have been called by Almighty God. Called by name to be Knights of Columbus. And we have the great gift of having love be the very focus, the very center. The spirituality that has driven us since 1882, when Father Michael J McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, CT at St. Mary’s Parish with a group of Irish immigrants.
- The love of Christ urges us on. We know from the Gospel of John, Chapter 3:16. We’ve all heard this at football games or baseball games, or maybe we heard it in interviews for “God so loved the world that he sent his only son, that whoever would believe in him might not perish but have eternal life.” Well, what I’d like to focus on tonight with you brothers is “for God so loved you that he sent his only son so that you may not perish, but you may have eternal life”.
- As I work with the Knights, I realized that we’re no different than any other man. One of our greatest fears is the fear to love. So do not be afraid, brothers, refocus your energies, refocus your

counsels, refocus your mission so that you spend time in prayer together as brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ, allowing love to be what unites us, binds us, and guides us so that we may be the light unto the nations and faithful to our mission. God bless you, brothers.

- Bro. Mike read a scripture passage from Matthew 25: 35, 40
  - I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was homeless and you took me in. Now I tell you this: when you did these things for the most neglected of my brothers, you did them for me. This is what I command: love one another as I have loved you. Now I tell you this: when you did these things for the most neglected of my brothers, you did them for me.
- Sick/Distress
  - Bro. Donny Crawford – stage 4 lung cancer, has been fighting it but it is getting worse
  - Bro. Harold Book – Has COVID and is in ICU
  - Bro. Ben Wessel’s father – recent diagnosis of Parkinson’s and Cancer
- For all parents of schoolkids (both young and college age)

### **Closing Prayer**

Fr. Jeremy: Holy Father, you call us to be men for your kingdom, particularly after the example of Fr. McGivney, and we ask that as we go forth from here, we may be truly be men of faith, men of our families, and of the community and the Church. We ask that you help us with your grace and your strength, look after those whose names have been mentioned here this evening in prayer. Lift them up, hold them, and consent to them your healing care and compassion. We ask all of this as we pray together.  
The Hail Mary was said by all.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.  
The council members in attendance proceeded outside to the flagpole to lower the flag to half-staff in honor of September 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, September 10, 2020  
Attested to by: WGK, Michael Carter, September 10, 2020