



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #1221  
Business Meeting Minutes  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**Call to Order**

Thursday, February 9th, 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 January were sent out via email for review. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

**Chaplain's Message: Fr. Jeremy**

- The gospel for today's Mass from Chapter 7 of Mark. "Jesus went to the district of Tyre. He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice. Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her "let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied and said to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter." When the woman went home, she found the child lying in the bed and the demon gone." When I read this big of scripture, this passage about Jesus' healing of this girl from afar, on the surface I think myself that Jesus is sort of a jerk. He's not very kind to this woman. She is Greek, she's not a Jew, and Jesus is making that distinction. Elsewhere in the scripture Jesus cures many non-Jews. He cures the centurion's daughter, He cures when he goes across the Sea of Gallilee and drives out the demon. He cured other people readily and regularly, and yet He gives this woman grief. As I wrestle with that question of why didn't He just go ahead and do it, He just says go, your daughter is cured. It's not like it took Him any effort even. It looks like He's almost being cruel. But then I realize that one of the things that we understand about Jesus is that He comes into the world to reveal man to himself. Jesus helps us understand what true humanity looks like and what we're called to be. He also helps us to understand who we are in our sinfulness, not that Jesus is sinful, but he helps us to understand our sinfulness. What's he's doing here is pointing out the simple realities of how often in our lives is it easy for us to do something and yet we put up walls.

Someone asks for something and we give excuses. “It’s not my job, it’s not my time, I don’t have time, I’m not going to bother this person, I don’t like this person” whatever it might be, when all it might take is something simple to help them, to attend to their needs. And yet so often we put up boundaries, things in the way of it. Jesus is sort of revealing that to us. It would be easy for us to do it, but frankly, sometimes we’re just jerks. We just don’t do what we’re called to do, partially because of our sinfulness but also because of our selfishness. It’s easy for us to do things, and yet we don’t. I include myself in this. There are times as pastor that people ask me for help, and I think “you’re not from my parish” and I just push them off. But how easy would it be to just attend to their matter than to put up the boundary? As Knights, we’re called to be men of charity, men of fraternity. We’re supposed to see in our neighbor our brother and sister. So often it is easy for us to help them assist people, yet we put up boundaries. You fit a criteria which I have determined isn’t worthy of my assistance or time. As Knights, we need to set that aside. Fraternity challenges and calls us to see in every person we encounter in Christ, every person we see a son or daughter, a potential brother or sister. There’s a challenge there. Jesus is saying “don’t be a jerk, be who you’re called to be.” Let me not reveal your sinfulness, but let me reveal what is possible in your perfection when you give yourself to Christ and live for others.

**Grand Knight’s Report: WGK Tom Waters**

- Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 p.m.
- Polar Plunge
  - Bros. Charlie Archer and Matt Lincoln will be in Deam Lake on Saturday at noon
  - The council has raised over \$1,200 so far to donate to this cause
- Super Bowl Sunday – Starting at 1 p.m. Sunday
- Lenten Fish Fry Events
  - Feb 24<sup>th</sup> will be the first one
  - Please sign up with the Sign-Up Genius links
  - We need dessert donations for each fish fry
  - Also need students/servers to run trays and food around the room
  - Thursday are when slaw is made
  - Monday/Tuesday is when ingredients are procured
- Our recent OLPH Athletic Dept Benefit Fish Fry
  - John Stingle from the Athletic Department is here to accept a check for \$2,400
- March 14<sup>th</sup> – Christopher 2X will be here to speak starting at 5:30 p.m.
- Theology On Tap is planning again for this year
  - Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, going for 6 weeks
  - New Albany KofC will be hosting the final 2 events
  - 4 speakers are already booked, and are working on the final 2 to round out the slate
  - Last year we donated \$2,000 to the Theology on Tap program, and the motion was raised and carried to donate it again
- Recognizing member Jim Durbin, who has been a member for 30 years

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

- Planning meeting notes:
  - Bro. Brodfurher announced that we had 4 new members from SMNA join
  - Recently we hosted the Vocation Fair at the hall, organized by Bro. Brodfurher

- We had 150 6<sup>th</sup> graders onsite for the day
- Watching them interact with the various Vocations was amazing
- An upgrade to the wifi was approved and will be installed before Ash Wednesday

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

- At the end of March, the General Fund has \$48,944 the Gaming Fund is at \$12,800 and the CBC Fund has \$101,572.
  - *(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.

**Balloting for Membership: Bro. Matt Lincoln (Absent this Month)**

New Members for the month of February:

Gary Koerber – asked to join (St. John Paul II)

New Members for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year:

Amit Shanker (Holy Family)  
 Kasey Cunningham  
 Greg Hays (Holy Family)  
 James Kaelin  
 George Tipker (St. John Paul II)  
 Jim Eurlon (St John Paul II)  
 Thomas Court (St. Mary of the Knobs)  
 Mark Court (St. Mary of the Knobs)  
 Larry Mand (Holy Family)  
 Bob Hamilton (St. Mary's of the Knobs)  
 Aaron Courtney  
 Charles Vernia (Reinstatement)  
 G Sharma (St. Mary's of the Knobs)

Have several new members waiting to complete their exemplification process  
 Patrick Ernstberger, Ronald Arrington, Dr Daniel Medina Aguinaga, Jarrett S Jacobi

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

100 members haven't paid their 2023 dues. Membership cards were mailed with all bills in November 2022.

Will continue to contact those that have not yet paid

**New Business:**

- Membership drive at SJPII on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> after Mass. We could use volunteers to work the tables
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of the Keg at 5 p.m.
- A Crosley Jukebox from one of our non-Knight fish fry workers (Chris K) was donated for us to raffle off as a fundraiser

- Will be selling chances for this at our Fish Frys
- Bro. Kruer is working on replicating the Grand Knight board and is creating a Wall of Honor for the council room
- We will be serving Chicken and Dumplings on Fat Tuesday for dinner

**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**
  - Sat. March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Navilleton for Knights of Columbus Holy Hour
  - R.S.V.P – In the past, we have assisted Tyler Huber, who has discerned out of seminary.
    - Fr. Jeremy has provided a list of 3 possibilities:
      - Deacon Jose Neery – approaching ordination for priesthood in June
      - Issac Seifker at St. Meinrad
      - Alex Schlumberg at Bishop Simon Brute in Indianapolis
    - Proceed's from the tip-jars at the upcoming Fish Fry events will be sent toward the SOS fund
- **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**

- There is an insurance presentation in March that will be sent out to the council via email.

**District Deputy Report – Greg Brodfehrer**

- [district35@indianakofc.org](mailto:district35@indianakofc.org)
- State Convention will be the same weekend as Derby Weekend, as well as the Indy 500 Marathon

**Good of the Order**

- Prayers for the good of the order

- Bro. Ben Wissel presented details of the March For Life trip to Washington D.C. that was attended by Bro Kruer and Bro Wissel
- Bro. Brodfehrer presented pictures from the Vocation Fair recently held at the New Albany KofC

**Closing Prayer**

- The prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney was said by all.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, February 9th, 2023

Attested to by: WGK, Tom Waters, February 9th, 2023