



**Knights of Columbus
Council #1221
Business Meeting Minutes
January 12th, 2023**



Call to Order

Thursday, January 12th, 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 December were sent out via email for review. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Jeremy

- The gospel for the Mass today was from the Gospel of Mark. *'A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down, begged him and said "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him "I do will it be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately and he was made clean. Then warning him sternly, Jesus dismissed him at once, saying to him "See to it that you tell no one anything, but go show yourself to the priests and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed. That will be proof for them.'* The man went away about began publicizing the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town. He remained outside at a deserted place, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.' So as we turn the calendar to January, we start this new year and it's an opportunity for a lot of folks to think about how I want this new year to come and what changes in my life do I want to experience. I thought about that, particularly in light of this leper. He comes to Jesus and asks him to be cured. Jesus desires to cure this leper, even more than the leper wants to be cured. For a moment, if you pause and think about the reality of that, this leper has been cut off from community, he's sick, he's sickly, he's living on his own/on the margins. He comes to Jesus wanting to be cured, and yet Jesus desires to bring him wholeness and cure more than he desires it himself. What part of our lives to do we need to bring to Jesus? Now, none of us are hopefully marginalized or kicked out of the house, or those such things, but there are places in our lives that Christ desires to bring wholeness, health, and holiness too, and sometimes he's waiting for us to come to him. Not because he won't heal it, not because he doesn't desire to heal it, but because we refuse to bring it to him. Think about your own lives. Perhaps there is a place where you

need healing. Maybe it's an old hurt, an old grudge, or something/someone that needs to be forgiven. Think about those places in your life. Christ desires to bring wholeness and healing to those. We have to bring them to him. The other reality is that when he does receive that healing, Jesus touches him, He makes him whole. Then he sends him back to the priests to make the offering. That was an act to reincorporate him not only with God but also with the people of Israel. There is a need once we have experienced healing within our own lives to extend the healing to others. Once we have received mercy we are challenged to give mercy. As Jesus heals this leper, the leper goes forth and spreads the good news to others. He's received this tremendous gift from Christ, and then he goes and tells others about it. As we experience that healing and bring it Christ, it will stir up a joy in us to tell others about the good news of Jesus. Something I think as Catholic Christian men, we are slow to talk about Christ because we don't want to be vulnerable with Christ to bring those wounds to him. We don't experience the healing, so we keep our mouths shut. Maybe this year is an opportunity for you to try something new and bring those wounds to Christ so that he can bring you the healing that he desires, so that you can be the man and mouthpiece in your families and communities that He wants you to be.

Grand Knight's Report: WGK Tom Waters

- Great pleasure to introduce Amit Shanker and Greg Hays, the newest members of KofC
- Calendar of upcoming events:
 - January 20th – OLPH Fish Fry at the hall
 - February 2nd – Officer's Meeting
 - February 3rd – First Friday Fish Fry
 - February 9th – Monthly Meeting
- Filed with Supreme for 2022 stats for Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
 - For 2021:
 - \$12,600 in charitable giving
 - 817 community service hours
 - For 2022:
 - \$18,400 in charitable giving (roughly a \$6k increase over 2021)
 - 1600 community service hours
- Gearing up for Lenten Fish Frys
 - Will have 7 events this year during Lent

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: DGK Ron Webber

- Fr. Jeremy has been our chaplain for roughly 2.5 years
 - 2-3 weeks ago, we were able to provide Fr. Jeremy with a KofC emblmed set of vestments
- We received a \$500 donation in the mail from Dale Gettlefinger in honor of his father. Funds from his donation will be used to set up an Honor Board on the wall in the council room
 - Asking for help from Knights with woodworking skills to create the honor board to mimic the Grand Knights board
- Greg Brodfurher is running a Vocation Fair during Catholic Schools Week
 - Members from 9 different religious communities will be onsite to meet with

- 145 6th graders from local schools
- Siding work is finished on the outside of the building

Treasurer's Report: Bro. John Kaiser

- At the end of March, the General Fund has \$35,040, the Gaming Fund is at \$11,436 and the CBC Fund has \$100,873.
 - *(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, minus what is left to pay for the siding construction work that was just completed.

Balloting for Membership: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- New Members for the month of December:
 - Amit Shanker (Holy Family)
 - Kasey Cunningham
 - Greg Hays (Holy Family)
 - James Kaelin
- New Members for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year:
 - George Tipker (St. John Paul II)
 - Jim Eurton (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

- 108 members haven't paid their 2023 dues. Membership cards were mailed with all bills in November 2022.
- Will be working to contact those that have not yet paid

New Business:

- Polar Plunge Team – Charlie Archer
 - Deam Lake – Feb 11th
 - Benefits the Special Olympics
 - Donations can be made at the bar
 - Looking for more volunteers to join the plunge team!
- There is a sign-up genius for the Vocation Fair – we need volunteers!
- There also sign-up genius events coming out for:
 - Jan 20th Fish Fry

- Feb 3rd Fish Fry
- Feb 18th - Pre-Lent Workday

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**
 - Bros. Ben Wissel and Kevin Kruer are heading to the Right to Life March in Washington D.C. later this month. Attendance looks to be very high at the march.
- **Health and Service Director – Ron Webber**
 - No report this week
- **Public Relations – Chris Gahagen**
 - No report this week

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- 4th Degree meeting is Monday night at 6 p.m., starting with the Rosary
- This year is the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and the 14th year that the Knights have gone to the Right to Life March
- It's great to see the young Knights getting involved and wanting to be good fathers.

Insurance Field Agent Report – Rob Davis

- Working to send out emails to non-members of the Knights of Columbus about joining the Knights – looking for parish directories with email addresses to help with this effort

District Deputy Report

- *District Deputy – Greg Brodfehrer*
- district35@indianakofc.org
- Worthy Grand Knight and Worthy Knights, I am sorry I am not there as I have to alternate my meeting with Scott County Council and my home council. I have some information I need to pass to you, so I appreciate Worthy Financial Secretary Matt Lincoln for sharing this with you.
- There is a new Evangelization project through the Knights of Columbus. It is up to every Knight to further develop their faith to make them strong husbands and men of faith, particularly the Catholic faith. They are encouraging councils to develop Core Meetings that are basically a group of men working together to develop their faith. Many Knights have already participated in groups like this within their parish, and even through this Council. Worthy Faith Director Ben Wissel did a great job with Into the

Breach last year. I know Holy Family has Fridays with Father, and before that they had Fridays that focused on Exodus 90. These core groups can be done at the council, but also, and I think we would benefit from this more, at the parish. It doesn't just have to be Knights but men from the parish. The Knights are encouraged to create the core meeting, but they could also endorse a meeting already formed.

- A reminder to everyone that the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due by 1/31/2023, and the semi-annual council audit is due on 2/15/2023.
- I am really proud of the all the responses I have received about the support of the Vocation Fair. Anyone who has been through discernment to enter the priesthood or to take vows in a religious order understand how special that journey is. My vocation journey with taking vows with the Conventual Franciscans was a very intimate part of my life between God and myself. Knowing the lack of exposure religious brothers and sisters get nowadays is something that saddens me. I makes me happy that so many people feel the same that I do and are the willing to help with this event. For those who do not know, we are hosting 145 6th graders on Feb 2nd from 8:45 a.m – 1:30 p.m. at the New Albany Council. There will be 9 different religious vocations present to talk about their respective orders. I need volunteers to help process the children to church at 8:45 a.m., and then to help walk them back after Mass. I need people to help direct the children throughout the day, as well as people to help cook and serve lunch. Everyone that wants to attend and volunteer needs to complete both the Safe Parish training (through the archdiocese) as well as Safe Environment training (through KofC). Volunteers can sign up via Signup Genius or by sending me an email directly.
- The growth of this council and all the positive things being done is inspirational. I am doing my part to let the State and Supreme know all of the good things that you are doing.

Good of the Order

- Prayers for the good of the order
 - Prayer of thanksgiving for Bro Charlie's brother Richard for the end of successful chemo treatment for pancreatic cancer
- Bro. Mike Albers presented a video discussing St. Joseph from Into the Breach – Fatherhood

Closing Prayer

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, January 12th, 2023

Attested to by: WGK, Tom Waters, January 12th, 2023