



**Knights of Columbus
Council #1221
Business Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2024**



Call to Order

Thursday, January 11th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Warden's Report on Membership Card

Bro. Dan Gulley: All present are current members.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer was said by all.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Presentation

Every Christmas morning, we hold a breakfast for the homeless or any community member that wants to come. This event was started quite a few years ago by a Grand Knight, that's the important thing. The important thing are the people that were involved from day 1, which are these ladies here: Tonie, Julia, and Barbara. 10 years ago, the Homeless Breakfast provided our guests with a paper sack with a pair of white socks and some jersey gloves. This year, they gave the guests a backpack full of hand warmers, toothpaste, toiletries, and sleeping bags, along with feeding them and providing food to go including fruit and pastries. This event has really blossomed not because of the Knights, but because of you, providing the services and the volunteers. We had probably 70 guests and 75 volunteers, which goes to show how popular it is on Christmas morning. Tonie, thank you for all that you do for this event. We will be continuing this event, regardless of the turnout. On behalf the Knights of Columbus, we present Tonie with a check for \$2,500 for helping cover expenses and planning for next year's event.

Reading of and Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting

- The meeting minutes for December were sent out via email and placed at the bar prior to the meeting for review. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Jeremy

- The Gospel for today's mass 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, he 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, he dismissed him at once, telling him "See 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 and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town*

openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him everywhere. If you know, you've probably heard before that being a leper in Jesus's day means that you largely lived on the margins. You weren't allowed in the community. Anything you touched became unclean. So usually you had to announce yourself coming "leper, leper, get away." It was a very tough life to say the least. This leper approaches Jesus and asks humbly "if you wish you can make me clean." He has faith that Christ has that ability to cure him, but more importantly than just curing his physical leprosy, the power to reintegrate him into the community, to bring him into relationship with the rest of his people. He can rejoin his family and friends, go back to his place of employment, and rejoin the life of the community. That's what being cleansed meant. It wasn't just having a sore or illness removed, but actually being given the life again to live among the people. Jesus here does just that, saying "I will do it, be made clean." He touches the leper, which would have been considered an unthinkable thought in those days for fear of getting leprosy or becoming ritually unclean, but Jesus cleanses him. At the very end here, Jesus tells him to go to the priests and offer the sacrifices as a sign to the Pharisees and scribes. The man doesn't actually do as Jesus tells him to do. He goes off and proclaims the power of Christ's healing, to give glory and praise to God for this gift that has been given to him, to go back to his life and be alive in the life of the community. There's a cost to this, a cost that we don't quite notice initially. It became impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. Jesus in a sense takes the place of the leper. Jesus, who was known to go into the synagogues, to teach and preach, and do all of these wonderful things, he gets to the point that he can no longer enter these towns openly. He sort of has to move to the margins, to this place of ostracization, to be cut off from the community in a certain way. It's a perfect sign of what Jesus does with the whole of his life. He comes, in the flesh, to take to us to himself our sins. He dies upon the cross in our place. He takes our place. The question then becomes do we take the place of the leper? When the leper received this healing, this reintegration, this gift of life anew, he goes and spreads the good news. Christ has died for us. He has given us the gift of life once again. Are we willing to do what the leper did, to go forth and spread this good news to others?

Grand Knight's Report: WGK John Vernia

- January has been an interesting month already:
- The monthly fish fry was successful
- The fish fry for Angels in Disguise will be January 19th
 - This group works with families that have children with Down's Syndrome
 - All proceeds from the fish fry will go to this organization
- Lent is quickly approaching (Feb 14th is Ash Wednesday)
 - Fish Fry's every Friday including Good Friday

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: DGK Ron Webber

- Planning meeting:
 - Water proofing of the basement is finished and has been verified effective with recent rains
 - Fryer vent hoods are being upgraded tomorrow to allow us to add another fryer for capacity
 - \$2,800 purchase approved and passed by the council for a new fryer
 - Liquor cage has been renovated, painted, and improved by Bro. Gully

- New system in place to filter fryer oil

Treasurer's Report: Bro. John Kaiser

- At the end of November, the General Fund has \$52,251, the Gaming Fund is at \$30,731 and the CBC Fund has \$120,089.
 - *(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, however we expect bills for the water-proofing efforts to hit in the coming weeks.

Balloting for Membership: Bro. Matt Lincoln - Absent

- New Members for the month of December:
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- New Members for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year:
 - Brenden Kelly
 - David Harbeson (Holy Family)
 - Luke Naville
 - Joseph Naville
 - Jon (Mike) Bartley
 - Jeff Greenwood (reinstatement)
 - Dominic Morales (transfer)
 - Stephen Fernung (SMK)
 - John Nies (reinstatement)
 - Joseph Hackney (SMNA)
 - Chris Didelot (SMK)

Financial Secretary's Report: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- 2024 dues have been mailed out

New Business:

- Gibault Dinner on Tuesday Night
 - 5:30 start with a social hour
 - 6:00 Guest speaker Melissa Reeve with Gibault
 - Invites are going out to all of the councils in the district
 - Meal is provided free-of-charge
- American flag raffle
 - Brother Bob Burkholder built it out of reclaimed barn-wood
 - Proceeds to go Brother Burkholder's charity of choice
- Vocation Fair coming up – sign ups on email

Report of Service Program Committees:

- **Program Director: Bro. Greg Brodfurher**
 - 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. Mark Court**
 - Next week is National March for Life
 - Prayers for those Knights traveling to Washington D.C.
 - Polar Plunge on Feb 17th – look out for signups to participate in this event
- **Vocation Director: Bro. Greg Brodfehrer**
 - No report this week
- **Faith Director: Bro. Ben Wissel**
 - No report this week
- **Health and Service Director: Bro. Ron Webber**
 - No report this week
- **Public Relations Director: Bro. Chris Gahagen**
 - No report this week

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- No report this week

Insurance Field Agent Report – Bro. Phillip Weise

- No report this week

District Deputy Report – Bro. Greg Brodfehrer

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Good of the Order

- Prayers for the good of the order
 - Bro. Mike Albers
 - Family of Terri Rumpf
 - Family of Mary Lincoln (Wife of Bro. Don Lincoln, Mother of Bro. Matt Lincoln)
 - Mary Worden (Wife of Bro. Mike Worden)
 - Fr. Mark Weaver

Closing Prayer

- The Hail Mary was said by all.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, January 14th, 2024

Attested to by: WGK, John Vernia, January 14th, 2024