



**Knights of Columbus  
Council #1221  
Business Meeting Minutes  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



**Call to Order**

Thursday, October 13th, 2022 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 past meeting's minutes are not available due to a computer issue. They will be reviewed and distributed at the next meeting.

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

- From the gospel of Luke: The Lord said "Woe to you who build the memorials to the prophets your fathers killed. Consequently you bear witness and consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building, therefore the wisdom of God said "I will send to them prophets and apostles. Some of them they will persecute and kill, in order that this generation will be charged with the blood of the prophets. Such is the foundation of the world. Yes I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood." That's sort of a grim gospel, but I will say there's a certain line in there that caught my attention. He talks about how the present generation that he's speaking to built the monuments to the prophets their ancestors had killed. There's sort of a double action happening there. They're in a sense judging their past. They're saying "If we had been there, we would have listened to the prophets, we would have listened to what God had asked and followed the covenant." Since they built the monuments to the prophets, they're essentially saying they were right, the prophets really needed to call them to faithfulness, and therefore are condemning their past. There's a certain danger to that prospect, as it gives a sense of spiritual pride and judgement over our past, to make us say that we are better than they were. Now, there are certain aspects to say that the present generation may not be in the same state of sinfulness as the previous generation, but we must be careful about giving undue judgement on those who've come before us. In fact, we should have a great reverence for those that have come before us, for many of them did their best. We must recognize that they had to face the challenges of their day, just as we have to face the challenges of our day. Some future generation may want to build monuments for the prophets of our day, which we may condemn. Now we don't avoid that so that we aren't

condemned, we realize in empathy and sympathy for another and those who have come before us and the challenges that they faced, and that we face similar challenges today. We're called by God to listen to Him, as he is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is his truth that we should adhere to. Particularly as Knights, one of our four tenants is patriotism, and valuing the great gift that is our country. The United States is not a perfect land, it is not the promised land, but it is our land, and we should have a certain pride in that and love for that. We should recognize earnestly the sins that have come before, but realize that the country has done often it's best, even in the sinfulness of it's individual persons and the collective sins of the nation. We have to be careful about unduly chastising or judging our predecessor, for we have our own sins of the day. Think of slavery and abortion, of all other scourges of the world, sex trafficking, those types of things. There are all sorts of places in our lives where we too will be judged by future generations. We don't not judge because we're afraid of judgement, but we realize in sympathy that we are sinners, and the way forward is forgiveness and to embrace God's mercy and truth. It's a way for us to love our land, even when we want to perfect it in God's goodness.

### **Grand Knight's Report: WGK Tom Waters**

- Upcoming events:
  - Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-3:30. It will be a full day. The Bazaar will be upstairs in the Reising Ballroom. We're receiving reservations now from the vendors. It's typically a well-attended event. We've done a lot of advertising with the local churches, other local councils and businesses, and at Harvest Homecoming. Proceeds from this event go towards food baskets at Thanksgiving.
  - Immediately after the Craft Bazaar, we have the Halloween Dance from 7-11. We will have a live band. It's an Over-21 event and should be a great time.
  - Next Fish Fry is November 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - Sign-up Geniuses are out and ready to accept volunteers

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

- Planning meeting:
  - POS Equipment – Dustin has been working on setting up the equipment at home. The equipment will be ready for the Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry at lunch, with the backup equipment ready to go in the event of an issue.
  - Façade Renovation – still a few weeks out, but will be soon.
  - Brother John Blocker would like to purchase a cordless blower and shopvac to help with leaf removal and parking lot cleanup. Will be discussed at the next planning meeting.

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

- At the end of March, the General Fund has \$21,417, the Gaming Fund is at \$8,407 and the CBC Fund has \$148,600.
  - *(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)*

- Mortgage has roughly \$12k remaining
- The General Fund will grow once proceeds from Harvest Homecoming are deposited.
- Harvest Homecoming did very well:
  - Booth Gross Sales: \$17,970
  - Parking Lot: \$4,829
  - Tips: \$619 to put toward Thanksgiving Baskets
  - Total gross of \$23,418
  - Expenses were between \$7k and \$7,500
  - Will have a net profit around \$17,000
  - Overall was a good year for Harvest Homecoming

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

- New Members for the month of September:
- New Members for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year:
  - George Tipker (Holy Family)
  - Mark Court (St. Mary of the Knobs)
- 3 other potential candidates pending completion of their exemplifications

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

- Still have 100 members that haven't paid their dues for 2022
- Will be working to contact those that have not yet paid

**New Business:**

- Looking to return to live exemplifications and draw interest into the Knights, and include family/friends for our region
- District Meeting was held at the Council on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Great ideas heard on ways to open the council up and get more people to attend

**Report of Service Program Committees:**

- **Program Director: Mike Worden**
  - November is Respect Life Month – Keith Byerley has been doing a great job of publicizing that on Facebook
  - Dates in November
    - All Saint's Day – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
    - All Soul's Day – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Veteran's Day – Nov 11<sup>th</sup>
    - Deceased Member Mass – Nov 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Thanksgiving Basket Delivery Day – Nov 19<sup>th</sup>
- **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**
  - No report this week
- **Health and Service Director – Ron Webber**
  - No report this week
- **Public Relations – Chris Gahagen**
  - No report this week

**Advocates Report: Bro. Greg Reger -**

- *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:**

- No report of the Fourth Degree

**Insurance Field Agent Report**

- Rob Davis – Not present this week

**District Deputy Report**

- *District Deputy – Greg Brodfehrer*
- [district35@indianakofc.org](mailto:district35@indianakofc.org)
- Tonight is a special night, as I get to recognize the wonderful work that this council has done for the community, especially in the areas of faith, family, and community life. I was speaking with a Knight this past week at Harvest Homecoming, and he was telling me how he was disappointed that he didn't join the Knights when he was younger. He said he viewed the Knights as a group of men that got together and drank. It wasn't until later in his life that he saw all of the wonderful things the Knights did, especially through Mike Carter's leadership. It was events of the past few years that drew him into the Knights and engaged him. At some point, every one of us has a story about what brought us to be a Knight, and what keeps us being a Knight. This council has shown the team commitment to the life of being a Knight, to charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism. Time after time, it shows in our membership. This council's not one that has to worry about hitting the membership quota, because we're always meeting it, at least for the last couple years. There are many members that give their lives to the Knights and make sure that we get recognized, including all of the work behind the scenes. Tonight, I would like to recognize the whole council for your efforts. In particular, I would like for Mike Carter to please stand up. Every year, State Supreme picks the best councils in the state. For 2 years in a row, we have achieved Star Council status, meeting all 3 criteria. I would like to recognize formally on behalf of the state Council 1221 for all of your efforts and achievements. Along with recognizing Mike Carter, both Mike Worden and Matt Lincoln are also instrumental in the Star Council award, and will receive a Star Council pin honoring their commitment to the council.

**Good of the Order**

- Prayers for the good of the order

- For the family of a sister-in-law that passed away
- For the Wolford family

**Closing Prayer**

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, October 13th, 2022

Attested to by: WGK, Tom Waters, October 13th, 2022