

**Knights of Columbus
Council #11809**

Meeting Date: 3/10/2022

- 1. Call to Order: 18:10**
- 2. Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**
 - a. Motion to approve last month's minutes by Jake Kluch and seconded by Joe Kowalkowski.**
 - b. Approved as submitted, unanimously.**
- 4. Chaplain/Lecturer Message**
 - a. Gary Kwapiszeski , our new Insurance Field Agent was introduced to the Council. Gary would speak later in the meeting to us about Insurance and its benefits.**
 - b. Richard Stone made some brief comments on the Men's Fellowship Conference. He commented on a good conference although the attendance was down from the past year. He manned the EWTN Booth and had some good response there. Richard's reflection was on enhancing one's prayer life and commenting from Archbishop Sheen's thoughts on man being a single minded individual but also requesting God to help us focus on our Creator! A good point to reflect on this Lent! One final reminder to the Council regarding the Day Retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes on March 26th, requesting our attendance. Please try to attend!**
- 5. Grand Knight's Report**
 - a. Introduction of two new Brother Knights to our Council: Walt Kim from Wickenburg and Jim Riff from Our Lady of Joy, Carefree, AZ.**
 - b. Letter of thanks from the Diocese of Phoenix for our support of the TV Masses in the amount of \$250.**
 - c. Upcoming events: Bernadette's Brew Duty, March 20th, Raffle Tickets ongoing sale with Dave and Fish Fry with Zeke. These and other committees to report later in the meeting.**
 - d. Reminder on Council Elections coming up soon. Please support the Council and run for office!**

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- e. Significant Service Anniversaries: Mike Ward- 21 years and Carl Jarvis-4 years.**
- f. Upcoming Birthdays: Joe Kowalkowski**
- g. Reminder on upcoming Events: OLL Retreat-March 26th, 9-4., Organ Donor Sunday, fill out forms and return to Grand Knight. April 9th Shred-A-Thon OLL Parking Lot, See Church Bulletin for details.**
- h. April Council Meeting will be Wednesday, April 13th since our regular scheduled April meeting falls on Holy Thursday.**
- i. Annual KOC State Convention will be held May 20-21 in Tucson. Jim and Deven Michel will be our two Council representative this year.**
- j. Reminder again of Council Elections, May 12th. Consider running for office and supporting our Council!**

6. Financial Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

Mike Ward presented a good report on our first fish fry results with a net deposit of \$2626! Mike also presented the monthly Income/Expense report which is attached to these minutes.

b. Financial Secretary's Report

Ron Rinder announced that all bills have been approved and signed off on by the Trustees. Those are shown on Mike's attached monthly expense report. It was also announced that we are in the process of bringing up to date all members that are truly in our Council. Our ranks will decrease due to the new Council presently being created at Prince of Peace and natural causes (deaths and members leaving due to moving out of State and/or not wishing to remain with the Knights any longer for various reasons). Ron will be mailing out notices to those Brothers who have not yet paid their annual dues.

7. Other Reports: Programs/Committees:

a. State Raffle Sales- Dave Lara

Sales are moving along at brisk pace but we still need help at all Masses and the local merchants (Hole n One and Bob's Variety) on March 17th. Dave announce a total of over \$9000 collected so far and thanks to all who have volunteered. Let's keep it going!

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b. Fish Fry-Zeke Spanelli- Zeke reported that the first fish fry was a tremendous success with 280 dinners served! (See Mike Ward’s report attached). We learned a lot from this first dinner and need to address matters like preparing more fish and fries in advance, adding desserts and more tables as well as purchasing an additional fryer. All in all, the entire crew worked well together and with more experience we can feed more folks in timely fashion and raise additional funds for our charitable programs.

c. Food Drive-Joe Kowalkowski- Recent Food Drive raised over 1,080 lbs. of food, 200 lbs. of canned fruit and over \$1580 in cash! Great job to Joe and his Team! Joe announced the next drive will be March 21st in the Posse parking lot from 8AM-2PM. We are expecting our “Snow Birds” to clean out their pantries and donate to our Drive! Volunteers are welcomed! We also have a new bright KOC Food Drive Banner to extend out of the parking lot to be seen on RH Johnson for oncoming traffic. This should help bring in more folks and increase our donations!

8. Unfinished Business:

a. Christus Vivit Program: Jake Kluch motioned to support the missionary sponsorship donating \$1600 for the scholarship program. Bob Coates seconded the motion. There was one abstention and one nay vote, the motion passed by majority of council in attendance. It was later found that this amount must be examined again by Council which will be done so at next month’s meeting.

b. KOC Annual State Convention: Two volunteers are needed to attend and represent Council. Jim and Deven Michel volunteered to attend on May 20-21, in Tucson. They will report to Council after the Convention.

c. Election of Officers will be done at the May 12th Council Meeting. Nomination committee consisting of the following Brothers are: Mike Ward, Don King and Bob Conen.

d. District Deputy Joe Shanks spoke on the importance of nominating and electing officers for the next Council year and “stepping up to the plate”, assuming responsibility for running our Council. Joe also discussed the upcoming March 26th Retreat, requesting our attendance.

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Joe will also be changing roles and stepping down as District Deputy in July and assuming the new role of “KOC State Historian”. He is now actively looking for a person to assume the role of District Deputy for this coming year.

John Roth was introduced to the Council as being the First Grand Knight of the newly formed Prince of Peace Council, once it is recognized by Supreme. The Council welcomed John with a round of applause! Joe ended with a plea for the Council to recruit new membership!

e. Gary Kwapiszeski, our new Insurance field insurance rep spoke to us briefly on the merits of Insurance, emphasizing five areas: Life Insurance, Disability, Long Term Care, Retirement Annuities and Investment Advisory. All members are encouraged to review their insurance needs and contact Gary with any questions or interests.

9. Grand Knight’s Summary:

a. Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their “Baby Bottle” Program the next few weeks culminating March 27th. Help support this needy program! Part of the “Spiritual Adoption” program will be the upcoming “Baby Shower” on Oct. 13, 2022. More info on this coming later! Gary K., our new Insurance Rep is meeting with the ladies of the Auxiliary as well.

10. Good of the Order:

a. Sadly, two funerals for our recently departed Brothers, David Krul and George Thompson were announced. Keep them in your prayers!

b. “Family of the Month nominee, Kaitlynn Eaton was announced by Joe Kowalkowski. Joe will be doing the research to be brought up to the Council soon.

11. Closing Prayer and Adjournment @ 1911.

**Jim Michel
Council Recorder**