Knight of Columbus Council 11809 Membership Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2022 (See attached Slide Pres. for reference)

- 1. Meeting called to Order @ 6:05 PM with 19 in attendance.
- 2. Opening Prayers and Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. June Business Meeting Minutes discussed and motion to approve by Larry Loseke and seconded by Ray Perrault, approved unanimously by Council. (Slide 8)
- 4. Chaplain/Lecturer (Slide 10)
  - a. Our new Chaplain, Fr. Bill Fournier discussed Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Wm. Lori's Challenge to visit the Blessed Sacrament daily and participate in the Faith in Action Holy Hour Program. Fr. Bill stated that we can devote a "quiet section" in our homes to pray and reflect with Christ daily as additional note to this challenge.
  - b. Richard Stone, our Lecturer, reflected on the phrase "What Matters to God". Rich emphasized being with Christ in the Knights and the Eucharist. He mentioned a loving relationship with God and being rich in what matters to Him. Rich also reminded Council on the "Brown Scapula" devotion this coming Saturday at OLL after the 8:30 AM as an excellent start for our renewed relationship on "What Matters to God".
- 5. Grand Knight Report: (Ref. Slides 11-15)
  - a. GK Kluch welcomed all of the new Council Officers for the 22-23 Fraternal Year.
  - b. Brother Kluch also mentioned that the annual Safe Environment Training is due for all appropriate personnel in the Council and also that we still need a Life Director and Family Director.
  - c. Correspondence: Joe Kowalkowski did a great job on the recent Water Drive and noted that 7 pallets of water with \$810 in cash was delivered to Valley View Food Bank in our Council's name. Congrats to Joe!
  - d. Significant Service: Don Peterson-62 years, Phillip Roco-35 years, Robert Doles-32 years, Joe Kurzweil-72 years and Dennis Drobina-32 years.
  - e. The New Budget was approved for Frat. Year 2022-2023, See Treasurer's Report section showing motions and complete information.
  - f. Upcoming Calendar Events: July 17<sup>th</sup>- Bernadette's Brew, July 21<sup>st</sup>- Loseke Farewell, July 22<sup>nd</sup>-Peggy Schuld Funeral, July 28<sup>th</sup>- St, Bernadette's Relic Visit ( 4 volunteers needed), Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>-Officers Meeting, Aug.11<sup>th</sup>-Membership Meeting, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>-McGivney Mass and Officer Installation-Dinner, Aug 21<sup>st</sup>-Bernadette's

Brew Duty. Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting, Sept Officers Meeting TBD, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>-Food Drive, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>-Bernadette's Brew.

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October Weekends-Tootsie Roll Drives (I.D.), Turkey Drives: Nov 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Toy Drive- Dec.15<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast w/Santa-Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, Widows Luncheon and Veterans Celebration-TBD.

- 6. Treasurer's Report: (Slides 16-17)
  - a. The new Council Budget for Fraternal Year 22-23 was presented and motion to approve by Brother Jim Michel and seconded by Brother Zeke Spanelli, Council unanimously approved the motion.
  - b. Brother Mike Ward presented the monthly budget with income highlights of \$775 food drive rebates from Supreme, \$195 rebate from State Convention programs with overall income totaling \$1076. Expenses of \$839 for the State Convention and \$300 for F.S. Stipend were mentioned with a total expense for the month of \$2546 which left a deficit of \$1470 for June. Reports are attached.
  - c. Brothers Michel and Ward presented a review of the State Budget for the Fraternal year which is the first time this was presented to Council in our history. The State Budget is attached for the record with some highlights:
  - d. Arizona State actual dues paying membership dropped by over 1500 since these were moved into inactive membership or dropped entirely from the rolls. This accounted for a drop in Dues Income of \$13,000. One bright note is the emphasis on State Membership Drives with a total of \$22,000 devoted to membership travel and drives to help all Councils in AZ! We had a good discussion with Tom Kato, State Secretary, who was brought up to date on our future plans for the new Church and hopefully a new K of C Council in Vistancia. Tom stated that the State will help us in our membership drives and will hopefully be able to garner funds for our new Church from Supreme! Good news!
- 7. Financial Secretary's report: (Slide 18)
  - a. Brother Ron Rinder noted One Member (Roland Benavides) transferred out of our Council to the new Council at Prince of Peace. We had a total of 20 withdrawals due to Brother Ron's good work at reviewing our membership and updating the records. There was also one death, Robert Birchler in June. Our goal this year is to add a total of 12 new members. Ron mentioned that Brother John Heep will be our Membership Director this year and is planning drives to be announced at a later date.

- 8. Program Events Update: (Slide 19)
  - a. Brother Zeke Spanelli updated our Suggested Events for the coming year.

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- b. Highlighted events include: Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Officer Installation Mass and Dinner. Since the kitchen cannot be operated until all Inspections and Permits are brought up to date, dinner will have to catered and only for K of C Membership. Coffee and Donuts are allowed since the Donuts are purchased elsewhere and brought on to Church property. Zeke hopes to have things updated and approved by mid to late September. Our future Fish Frys will have to have an outside permit upon inspection.
- c. Future Events for now will have to be decided upon by Council and when the kitchen will be permitted to be in operation. Zeke also mentioned the corrected dates for the Breakfast with Santa on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. The suggested April Mass and Luncheon for past Knights as well as any Dinner Dance events should be left up to Council vote.
- d. The list of Events will be forwarded to all Council members for a vote at the next Business Meeting, if possible.
- 9. Faith in Action: (Slide 21)
  - a. Brother Stone spoke on the upcoming October Rosary Celebration with details to follow. He also spoke about an upcoming slate of EWTN Speakers to bring to OLL. More details to follow.
- 10. Community and Family: (Slides 22-23)
  - a. Brother Joe Kowalkowski discussed the upcoming Coats 4 Kids and Free Throw events with details to follow. Joe discussed the Global Wheelchair Fund and the fact that we have donated one wheel chair previously this year. Possible Columbian Credits could be achieved with the above activities. Since Joe K. will be the Community Director this Fraternal year, all future activities such as Keep Christ in Christmas and various upcoming Food and Water Drives will fall under his auspices.
- 11. Unfinished Business: (Slide 25)
  - a. Brother Ward mentioned that the State's Share of Raffle Proceeds this year totaled \$45k and will be split among Nine (9) Pregnancy Centers @\$5k each. This was discussed on the phone call regarding the State Budget with Brothers

Michel and Ward and State Secretary Tom Kato. Mike feels that no additional funding is needed at this time for the Pregnancy Center due to the donation from State and we will review again in the Spring around the Easter Season.

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- 12. New Business: (Slide 26)
  - a. Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget was confirmed as earlier approved.
  - b. Motion from the floor to approved the Officers Installation Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM Mass with Dinner (catered) to follow was done by Brother Zeke Spanelli and seconded by Fr Bill Fournier.
  - c. Future Events to be tabled till next Membership Meeting. Event list to be sent to all membership.
  - d. The P.O. Box rental motion was withdrawn since we will use the OLL address.
  - e. Brother Mike Ward motioned from the floor regarding approval of the following four (4) Council Members to be approved as Council Check Signers going forward: Brothers Jake Kluch, Ray Perrault, Mike Ward and Bob Conen. This motion was seconded by Brothers Rich Stone and Cary King. Council approved the motion unanimously.
- 13. Influence and Support: (Slide 27)
  - a. Ladies Auxiliary support going forward was briefly mentioned.
  - b. "Porters of St. Joseph", a protection program organized by the Diocese will be offered in September to all participating members in Parish affairs since the Knights cannot be involved with protection per se of the Parish and its activities.
    Fr. John will be providing more information on this soon.
- 14. Good of the Order: (Slide 28)
  - a. Three Council Members have recently lost their Spouses: Bob Conen, Jerry Schuld and Don King. Please keep them in your prayers and stay tuned for upcoming liturgical services.
  - b. Honorary Life Membership has been granted to Dave Porta.
  - c. Dwight McMichael is recognized for 25 years of service.
  - d. Kaitlyn Eaton Family mentioned in prayers for this month.
  - e. Jerry Schuld Family award as Family of the Month, distinguished service to our Parish for many years. Keep Peggy Schuld in your prayers!
  - f. GK Kluch requested prayers for his Brother-in-Law who recently passed.

- **15.** Reminder of Calendar Events by GK Kluch (Slide 29)
  - a. Bernadette's Brew on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 16. Closing Prayers and Adjournment @ 7:20 PM (Slides 30-33)

Jim Michel, Council 11809 Recorder