

**Knights of Columbus Council 11809  
Membership Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2022**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM, 24 in Attendance**
- 2. Opening Prayer and Pledge to Allegiance (Slides 4 & 5)**
- 3. July Membership Meeting Minutes were clarified with John Melcarek motioning to approve with Joe Kowalkowski seconding the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously by Council vote. (Slide 7)**
- 4. Chaplain Fr Bill Fournier spoke on Supreme Chaplain Lori's topic of Humility. He stressed two points: (Slide 8)**
  - a. Moving the attention off ourselves and on to the Lord.**
  - b. Focusing on our gifts and recognizing they come from the Lord in order to build His Kingdom! Very thoughtful comments!**
- 5. Lecturer Rich Stone spoke on the following:**
  - a. October 1<sup>st</sup>. EWTN Family Celebration at the Phoenix Conv. Ctr.**
  - b. Rosary Celebration, Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 2PM-4:15PM at Phx. Conv. Ctr.**
  - c. Brother Rich suggested we use the OLL Bus and bring a contingent of our Council Members to the Rosary Celebration. A great idea!**
  - d. Rich also followed on Fr. Bill's Humility topic, mentioning Bishop Dolan's Installation Homily focusing on the same with three points:**
    - i. Being Good every day of our Life**
    - ii. Loving one another**
    - iii. Being Blessed as the Lord mentioned "highly favorable"**
  - e. Rich concluded with a short lesson on the folding of our hands at the Mass "Lord's Prayer" and not holding our hands and arms out as does the Celebrant. He is the only one to do this and we are to fold our hands during the prayer as do the altar servers. Never too old to learn!**
- 6. Grand Knights Report:**
  - a. GK Kluch stressed the need now for the following positions to be filled: DGK, Life Director and Family Director. We need folks to step up! (Slide 9)**
  - b. The following Correspondence was reviewed: (Slide 10 & attached)**
    - i. Wheelchair Donation Thank You Letter by Joe Kowalkowski.**
    - ii. Benevilla Donation Thank You Letter by Mike Ward.**
    - iii. Diocese Phoenix TV Mass Thank You letter by Jake Kluch.**
  - c. Upcoming Events: (Slide 11 and Calendar attached)**
    - i. Zeke Spanelli Birthday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**
    - ii. Toni Conen and Carolyn King Services Aug 10<sup>th</sup> (10:30) & Aug 13<sup>th</sup> (10 AM)**
    - iii. Council Officers Installation Mass/Dinner, Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 4Pm Mass/Dinner. This is also Blessed Fr. McGivney Liturgical Memorial. Great timing!**
    - iv. Bernadette's Brew, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> after 9AM Mass, Volunteers needed.**

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- v. **September Events: (Slide 12)**
  - vi. **Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: Officers and Membership meetings consecutively 2PM Fr McGivney Room moved to OLL Conf Room and 6:00PM for each Meeting with Rosary @ 5:30 PM for the Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.**
  - vii. **Food Drive, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at both the Posse and OLL Parking Lots. Dave Lara and Joe Kowalkowski need your assistance for set up and tear down on that day. Contact either man.**
  - viii. **Bernadette's Brew, Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed.**
  - ix. **October, November & December Events: Summary (Slide 13)**  
**October Weekends Tootsie Roll Drive, Spiritual Adoption Shower, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> AZ Rosary Celebration, Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Turkey Drives, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Widows Luncheon, TBD, Veteran's Celebration, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Coat 4 Kids & Toy Drives, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> and Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- 7. Treasurer's Report: (Slide 14 & attached) Significant notes by Mike Ward:**
- a. **\$105 income from Dues in July, significant expenses: Bank Svcs. = \$31.95, Coats 4 Kids check \$1068.00 and Per Capita Dues to Supreme: \$328.00. Note: Another check for \$1068 will be written to Joe Kowalkowski to buy additional coats. Our budget was \$2000 so the additional \$136 will be taken from another budget category to cover this additional need as per Mike Ward.**
- 8. Financial Secretary: Jake Kluch mentioned the following for this report: (Slide 15)**
- a. **Two new members: Dennis and Quentin Hirth were welcomed to the Council.**
  - b. **One new form 100 for Don Colamesta who was followed up on from a contact at Biscuits Café. Don met Jim Michel there after noticing his KofC shirt emblem. Nice story and shows how membership can grow from a simple meeting in the field! Pays to advertise!**
  - c. **Honorary Life Members Ken Blick and Fr. Bill Fournier were announced to Council.**
- 9. Faith in Action: (Slides 17-20) Brother Rich Stone discussed again the AZ Rosary Celebration on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at the Conv. Ctr. Additionally, Seminarian Support and Water Drives were discussed to add to our Columbian Award Points.**
- a. **GK Kluch mentioned that the Family of the Month Award will be presented at the Officers Installation Dinner.**
  - b. **Additional mention again on the Tootsie Roll Drives, Ultrasound and Christian Refugees Programs.**

**10. Unfinished Business: Second Vote on 2022-23 Council Budget introduced by GK Kluch (See Slides 21 &22 with attachments).**

- a. Bob Conen motioned to approve the attached Budget with Fr. Bill seconding the motion which was approved by Council unanimously.

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- b. Certain points were made by GK Kluch regarding the budget:

- i. Budget based upon collection of 100% of 22-23 dues.  
ii. Certain income not shown on budget is considered pass through from raffles, tootsie roll, food and water drives throughout the year.

**11. New Business: (Slide 24)**

- a. Regarding the upcoming installation dinner, GK Kluch recommended that the Council cover the cost of 10 Guest Dinners @\$25 or a total of \$250. Joe Kowalkowski motioned that we approve this recommendation and Rich Stone seconded. Motion was approved by Council with a unanimous vote.  
b. Motion was made by Joe Kowalkowski to table any vote on Aid and Support after Pregnancy Program (ASAP Program) donation to the next Business Meeting.

**12. Influence and Support: (Slide 25) GK Kluch mentioned the following:**

- a. Ladies Auxiliary to install their Officers after Our Council at the Saturday Installation Mass/Dinner Ceremony, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.  
b. Porters of St. Joseph: GK Kluch mentioned more info coming soon from Fr. John.

**13. Good of the Order: GK Kluch mentioned the following again: (Slide 26)**

- a. Family of the Month Award will be presented at the Officers Installation Dinner.  
b. Services for the wives of Bob Conen (Tori) and Don King (Carolyn). Conen service was the day before and King service coming up Saturday.  
c. Discuss briefly on the humility of Blessed Fr. McGivney and how we can learn from him.

**14. Closing Prayer and Adjournment 7:30 PM**

Jim Michel, Council #11809 Recorder