

Knights of Columbus Council 11809
Membership Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2022
See attached Slide Presentation for Reference

- 1) Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 PM with 32 Council Members in attendance.
- 2) Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) August Membership Minutes were corrected (Toni Conen correction) and motioned to approve by Larry Loseke, seconded by Bob Coates with unanimous Council approval. (Slide 7)
- 4) Chaplain/Lecturer: (Slide 8)
 - a) Rich Stone reflected on the “Into the Breach” Video Series and Archbishop Lori’s thoughts on Reconciliation and how it goes hand in hand with the Eucharist to overcome the “Breach” or sinful habits in our lives. Improving our prayer life in conjunction with reception of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation become concrete steps to defeat temptation and sin. Rich spoke of how our Council can become a support group for us all and warning us to beware of our surroundings at all times! We should be surrounding ourselves with good people living Christian Lives daily!
 - b) Fr. Bill picked up on the Sacrament of Reconciliation giving us a history lesson on how the Sacrament developed from a public session in the early Church Communities with the penitent receiving a long penance to perform, in some cases, years depending on the Sin that was confessed down to the more modern version of the private session with a Priest (being the representative of Christ here on Earth) that we know today. The Sacrament remains a spiritual ritual through the Church and has this in common with the historical aspect of it.
- 5) Grand Knight’s Report
 - a) GK Kluch mentioned he is still searching for a Life Director for our Council and is speaking to someone at this present time. (Slide 9)
 - b) Jake mentioned a Thank You from the Military Chaplain for our recent Council contribution of \$250 for their Scholarship fund.
 - c) GK Kluch presented an emotional presentation on the Christus Vivat Program and the results of our recent donation to their intern scholarship program. Many activities were mentioned including trips to nursing home, participation in Stations of the Cross, working with the Little Sisters of the Poor and studying the Theology of the Body where these young folks see the image and likeness of God in all that they meet! (Slides 10-14)
 - d) Jake mentioned the upcoming Mother Teresa Movie at our local theaters, Oct 3 & 4th. He will look into a group purchase of tickets and get back to us. (Slides 15 & 16)
Rich Stone also spoke at this time regarding the upcoming Rosary Celebration (Oct 16th) and EWTN Family Day (Oct 1st). Both events at the Phoenix C.C. Rich also mentioned that Fr. John would be on an upcoming “Women of Grace” show on EWTN soon.

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- 6) Special Events: (See Calendar on Slide 17)
 - a) Food Drives: Sept 15th at both OLL and Posse Parking Lots 8AM-1:30PM.
 - b) Valley View Food Bank now at R.H. Johnson \$ Stardust in the Community Hall (this is not a Knights sponsored event but under the auspices of OLL) Mondays 9AM-1PM.
 - c) Fraternal Benefits Night : On Line affair Sept 15th 5:30PM (We need 7 members to attend).
 - d) Bernadette's Brew: Sept 18th after both the 9 and 11AM Masses (Winter Schedule).
- 7) Upcoming Events: (Slides 18 & 19)
 - a) Oct 1st-EWTN Family Day, Phoenix CC, 8AM-4PM
 - Oct 3-4th- Mother Teresa Movie at local theatres
 - Oct 10th- Officers Meeting Fr McGivney Room
 - Oct 13th- Membership Meeting
 - Oct Weekends- After all Masses at OLL-Tootsie Roll Drive (CIPD Drive)
 - Oct 13th- Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower
 - Oct 16th- AZ Rosary Celebration- Phoenix CC
 - Dec 15th- Toy Drive
 - Dec 17th- Breakfast with Santa
 - Dec 19th- Coats 4 Kids Drive
- 8) Membership: Jake Kluch introduced new and transferring members to be voted upon:
 - a) Dennis Hirth, Quentin Hebert, Ralph Flores, Paul Malcolm and Thomas Walsh. Fr. Bill motioned that these members be accepted and Ray Perrault seconded the motion with unanimous approval by Council. (Slide 21)
- 9) Treasurer's Report: Since Mike Ward was not present, GK Kluch presented the report:
 - a) Significant Income= \$105 Dues
 - b) Significant Expenses= \$31.95 Bank Services
\$1068.00 Coats 4 Kids
\$ 328.00 Supreme Fees

\$136.00 over budget for Coats 4 Kids covered by anonymous donation of \$140.00.
(Slide 20)
- 10) Membership and Financial Secretary: (Slide 21)
 - a) New and Incoming Transferred Members were mentioned above and voted on.
 - b) One member transferred out of Council.
 - c) New Membership Director: John Heep will be forthcoming with planned membership actions. New monthly Vistancia drive to be announced as well.
 - d) Rich Stone's motion for a \$400 donation to purchase a Rosary Canopy to be covered under new business.

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11)D.D. & Fraternal: D.D. Joe D'Andrea had to leave early. (Slide 22)

- a) Insurance Rep Gary Kwapiszeski spoke on Insurance and its Benefits:
 - i) Fr. McGivney created the Knights with Insurance as an important cornerstone to protect the Families of Knights who had passed away without any financial coverage.
 - ii) Knights Insurance now covers five important aspects:
 - Life Insurance
 - Disability Insurance
 - Long Term Care
 - Retirement Annuities
 - Investment Vehicles such as the new Series E Savings Bond, as one option.Must not run out of money since retirees are living longer today!
 - iii) Gary also mentioned the upcoming Benefits On Line Meeting to discuss important financial options for us all on Sept 15th @ 5:30 PM.

12)Faith: (Slide 23)

- a) Rich Stone already spoke of the AZ Rosary Celebration, Oct 16th and his reflection on the "Into the Breach" at the beginning of the meeting.

13) Faith and Community: (Slides 24-26)

- a) GK Kluch introduced Ken Blick and Jim Andrews as our new Council Family Directors.
- b) Discussion on Coats 4 Kids, Global Wheelchair, and Special Olympics activities by Joe Kowalkowski with more details to follow.
- c) GK Kluch mentioned that Mike and Sue Ward were awarded Family of the Month for July.

14)New Business;

- a) Rich Stone proposed a \$400 Council contribution towards purchase of a Rosary Canopy to be shared by three other local councils (of which the \$1600 total cost will be shared by all four participating councils). Bob Coates made a motion to approve and Bob Conen seconded the motion with unanimous approval by Council.

15)Closing Prayers and Meeting adjourned @ 7:15PM.