

## **Knights of Columbus Council 11809**

### **Membership Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2022**

- 1) Meeting called to order @ 6:05 PM with 33 Council Members in attendance.**
- 2) Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3) GK Kluch read the October Membership Meeting Minutes with Larry Loseke motioning to accept them as read with Jim Riff seconding the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously by Council.**
- 4) Council Chaplin, Fr Bill, spoke on an associated topic to the Monthly Challenge of Supreme Chaplain Arch Bishop Lori which centered on Fasting and working with the Coats 4 Kids/Food for Families Programs. Fr Bill's topic had to do with Suffering (closely aligned topic to Fasting) and how we can offer up our Suffering to the Lord when we are faced with it in our lives. He spoke of two people and the contrast of these two folks accepting or not accepting their individual Suffering. The first was a lady named Adele who was always happy in the midst of her Suffering while she offered up prayers for those around her in the throngs of pain and misfortune. The second lady was named Jesse who was always in a bad frame of mind and did not accept her Suffering well. She complained most of the time and was the complete opposite of Adele. Fr. Bill stated that he thinks of these two folks many times as he focuses on the subject of Suffering and on the fact that we should pray for others as we face our own individual times of pain. Fr Bill mentioned how he prays for a fellow parishioner, Don Schmidt, who suffered many strokes in his advanced years whenever his allergies plague him. We should all focus on the value that Suffering can bring to ourselves as indeed the Lord did Suffer on his way to the Cross! We need to pray for others as we accept our Crosses of Suffering! Much to think about!**
- 5) GK Kluch informed the Council that Joe Kowalkowski will be stepping down effective December 31, 2022. Joe is our Warden and Community Program Director leading the CPID, Food Drives, Coates 4 Kids, etc. Joe and his wife, Harriette will be greatly missed and we thank them for their years of generous service to our Council! Jake mentioned at this point that we need to fill the following officer positions: Deputy Grand Knight, Life Director, Community Director, Program Director and Warden. It is time to step up Brother Knights!**

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- 6) GK Kluch presented the Council By Laws and the need to update them Article by Article. There was much discussion on Article 1 which centers on Council Annual Dues. GK Kluch presented the idea of raising our dues to \$40 which was followed by discussion both pro and con on the raising of them. Bill Kelly motioned to include the \$40 dues in the new By Laws and Fred Macolini seconded the motion. The Council approved this unanimously. Council was instructed to review all of the suggested changes, deletions and corrections with all members being sent a copy. These changes to the By Laws to be examined and approved at the December Membership Meeting**
- 7) GK Kluch distributed the November and December Special Events Calendars (attached). He emphasized the following dates on both Calendars:**
- a) Veteran's Day Celebration- November 11<sup>th</sup> at OLL with Joe Shanks in charge.**
  - b) "People Raising Ministries" – K of C Table in Madonna Hall with Jim Andrews and Bob Charlebois manning the table, Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> after the Masses.**
  - c) Turkey Food Drives, Wednesday and Thursday, November 16-17<sup>th</sup> at both the Posse and OLL Parking Lots, 8AM-2PM. Sign-up sheets provided by Joe Kowalkowski, help is greatly appreciated!**
  - d) Weekend Masses, November 19-20<sup>th</sup>, Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Council Members. Rich Stone to check on this date for the function.**
  - e) Council Officers and Membership Meetings December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> respectively.**
  - f) Toy Drive and Coats 4 Kids, scheduled for Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at Valley View Food Bank (10771 W. Peoria Ave, Sun City) 9AM. All are welcomed! This year Council Members led by Joe Kowalkowski will be collecting after all Masses (OLL and Vistancia) the next few weekends to raise money for Gift Cards which will be distributed with the Coats to children on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Valley View Food Bank. Gift Cards for various Merchants (\$20 denomination) such as: Theatres, Restaurants, Fast Food, Walmart, Target, etc. are also encouraged. Cash donations are also acceptable! Great time of year to remember the ones who are in need of a warm Christmas!**
  - g) Breakfast with Santa is on hold unless we can find someone to run this event. Also, we want to change the focus from Santa to Jesus Christ.**

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- 8) Keeping Christ in Christmas- Jim Andrews and Ken Blick will run a Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest this year. Children (not Parents) are encourage to do the work. Jim and Ken will introduce the contest (rules) after upcoming Masses at OLL and Vistancia. There will be two levels by grades: 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Two prizes (\$25 and \$15 Gift Cards) will be presented to winners as first and second prizes in each grade level. Judging to be done by select Council members with the winners being announced the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- 9) Treasurer's Report: GK Kluch read the monthly (October) report for Mike Ward (attached). Significant Income showed a pass through of a Full Circle Donation totaling \$192.00, which was expensed. Other income of Dues, Donations and 50/50 totaling \$101. Expenses included Food Drive Food for workers, Council supplies, equipment and bank fees totaling \$420.**
- 10) Financial Secretary Report: Bob Charlebois introduced the three new Council Members who completed their Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degrees: Don Colamesta, Carlos Alexander and Quentin Hebert at St Clare of Assisi on October 26<sup>th</sup> also attended by Jim Michel, Deven Michel and Dwight McMichael. We continue to work on our 12 new member goal for this year as well as collection of dues, which are overdue, totaling over \$1000!**
- 11) District Deputy: GK Kluch mentioned the Mid-Year State Council Meeting in Tucson and Bob Charlebois volunteered to attend this valuable meeting for Jake since he will be out of town. Bob will present a report on this meeting to Council at the December Membership Meeting. Jake also reminded Council of the Upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at Holy Spirit Church, Tempe on January 14, 2023.**
- 12) Community and Faith: Reminders on the Coats 4 Kids Program in December. Upcoming Turkey Food Drives in November, Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest in December.**
- 13) Unfinished Business: Motion made by Bob Miller and seconded by Bob Coates to approve the 1/3 share (\$247.86) cost to purchase the Eucharistic Canopy was unanimously approved by Council.**
- 14) Ladies Auxiliary: The October Spiritual Adoption was very successful and the Ladies appreciate all of our help in contributing to it!**
- 15) Good of the Order: Prayers for Herb Strider (undergoing Surgery), Gail Perrault**

**and Joe Kowalkowski, keep all in your prayers!**

**16) Meeting Adjourned & Prayer for Fr. McGivney's Canonization at 7:25 PM.**

**Jim Michel, Council 11809 Recorder**