

Knights of Columbus Council 11809
Membership Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2023

- 1) Meeting called to order @ 6:00 PM with 30 Members in attendance.**
- 2) Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3) March Minutes reviewed by GK Kluch with a motion to approve by Fred Malcolm and seconded by Jim Andrews. Minutes approved unanimously by Council.**
- 4) Council Chaplin, Fr. Bill Fournier, reflected on Supreme Chaplin's April Challenge of keeping Christ in our daily lives and participating in the Faith in Action Family Fully Alive program. Fr. Bill suggested we thank God every day for all that He does for us in providing Food and all the Blessings/Graces that are shown to our Families. He noted that we not become distracted by all the "noise" in life, making God the center of our daily routines.**
- 5) G.K. Report:**
 - a. G.K. Kluch thanked both Rich Stone and Mike Ward for the job they did in making this year's Lenten Fish Fry a success! Additionally, G.K. Kluch nominated Rich Stone for Knight of the Year from our Council and had Rich say a few words about the Fish Fry. Mike Ward also provided a report on the final proceeds from the Fish Fry which is attached to these Minutes. Mike will review when he presents the monthly Treasurer's Report.**
 - b. G.K. Kluch discussed the upcoming elections stating that the Council needs the following positions filled for the upcoming 2023-2024 year:**
Deputy Grand Knight, Trustee, Chancellor, Recorder, Life Director (Faith in Action), Family Director (Faith in Action) and Program Director. All other positions will be served for another year by the present Officers. Please contact Bob Conen if you want to run for any of these positions.
 - c. Raffle Ticket Sales Update: G.K. Kluch reported on recent sales activities and mentioned the discouraging news that if we just maintain present volume we will be down by over \$3400 compared to last year's total. (\$9,386 actual sales as of March 31st vs Goal of \$11,520 for the same period). Some of the reasons mentioned for our activity being down were; Fish Fry sales are done, one remaining Bernadette's Brew left (we cannot sell any additional tickets at OLL), Outdoor Markets only two left this year, Food Drive, one left, Bob's and Hole n' One & Bowling Alley Drives. Jim Michel mentioned that he did get in touch with Bob's and Hole n' One and plans on doing three drives over the next few Wednesdays. He will update us on that.**

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d. G.K. Kluch covered the upcoming April and May Events which are:

April 16th, Bernadette's Brew and Raffle Ticket Sales @ OLL

April 20th, Food Drive (Fr. Bill and Joe Kowalkowski) at OLL and Posse lots

May 8th, Officer Planning Meeting, 2 PM Fr. McGivney Room

May 11th, Member meeting, Rosary @ 5:30 P.M., Meeting @ 6:00 P.M.

May 21st., Bernadette's Brew

6) Treasurer's Report: Mike Ward covered the following Income and Expenses, (Report is attached to these Minutes):

Income: \$360 dues collected, \$3967 fish fry net income & \$100 Equip. sales

Expenses: \$192 for Kiosk Materials, \$315 Council website and \$381 Per Capita

Future Financial Issues: We will have to collect more dues since \$2175 is still owed. \$400 donation to Mother Teresa's Charity is also due.

7) Financial Secretary and Membership: G.K. Kluch mentioned we are tracking many members who have not been in touch with Council. Some of our members are recently deceased and we will continue to follow up and give a more concise record of actual members. John Heep is continuing his efforts at Vistancia.

8) District Deputy Report: Joe D'Andrea reported that we are very close to our Star Council award for this year. He also reported on the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification. Again, Joe emphasized the need for more members to step up and serve in our Council offices and noted that we need two Directors (Community and Program Directors) for our Council. Joe showed Council the Pinnacle Award that the State of AZ won last year.

9) Unfinished Business: The Mother's Day Flower presentation tabled last month was again discussed with a motion to approve or disapprove Jim Andrew's flower handout at the Masses that weekend. Dave Porta motioned to vote with Bob Coates seconding the motion. The vote ended with one abstention, one aye and the remainder of Council voting nay. Motion was not passed. Rich Stone discussed ways we could donate to a worthwhile Women's Charity and get more "bang for our buck". Rich suggested we table this motion to the next meeting and decide on an idea on which to use our funds.

Carlos Alexander mentioned that a ribbon or prayer card idea would also be a beneficial idea

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- 10)New Business: G.K. Kluch read a letter from Seminarian Jeff Pooley (fellow Knight) requesting support for his theological studies in Rome this Summer. After discussion on the merits of this request, Bob Coats motioned to support the Seminarian with a \$200 donation, Jim Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed with Council unanimously approving the donation.**
- 11)Ladies Auxiliary: Mike Ward reported that the Auxiliary was in the process of working on a slate of Officers for the coming year while cleaning up their by-laws.**
- 12)Good of the Order: G.K. Kluch announced that June 9th is Fr. Bill's 50th Anniversary of His Ordination and that brought forth a round of applause! Fr. Bill was nomination by Council for State Chaplain of the Year. Let's keep Him in our prayers! Also prayers for Recovering and Deceased Members & Families as per below:**
- Debbie Shanks, Gail Perrault, John Michel (deceased brother of Jim Michel), Victoria Heep, Kay Heep and Bob Conen.**
- Award Nominations:**
- Rich Stone, Knight of the Month and Year**
- Jim, Pat & Deven Michel, Family of the Month and Year**
- Dave Porta requested Council to support his efforts in opposing Governor Hobbs' Abortion Law. More to follow from Dave soon on this movement.**
- 13)Meeting Adjourned with Prayer for Fr. McGivney's Canonization@ 7:10 P.M.**

Jim Michel, Council 11809 Recorder

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