

**Knight of Columbus Council 11809**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes, May 11,2023**

- 1) Meeting called to order @ 6:00 PM with 35 Member in attendance.**
- 2) Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3) GK Kluch reviewed the upcoming June calendar quickly, noting that Fr. Bill will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 11<sup>th</sup> (more later in the meeting) and also welcoming a new member to our Council, Mark Curtis.**
- 4) April Meeting Minutes were reviewed by GK Kluch with a motion by Ed Hoover and seconded by Carlos Alexander to approve them. Minutes were unanimously approved by Council.**
- 5) Chaplain Report: Lecturer and Faith Director, Rich Stone reflected on stories of conversion in place of this month's Supreme Chaplain's Challenge from the novel "All roads lead to Rome". Rich presented the short video version of Fr. Calloway's conversion to our Faith. The full length version is available on the Supreme Website for those interested. Rich noted that this video is worthwhile watching and will help us to shore up our Faith as dedicated Knights!**
- 6) Grand Knight Report:**
  - A. Jake Kluch had Bob Conen announce the upcoming Slate of Officers for next month's Council Election. Most of the Officers have agreed to serve another year. A copy of the Slate is attached to these Minutes for Council Review. GK Kluch noted that there are a couple of Director Positions still open: Life Director and Family Director, both of which are under the "Faith in Action" Programs. This vital program is mentioned in this month's Supreme Chaplain Challenge by Archbishop Lori. Please step up and help our Council to grow going forward! Contact Bob Conen or Jake Kluch if you show any interests in these Program Director Slots!**
  - B. GK Kluch expressed a large thank you to all Council/Ladies Auxiliary members for the following help this past year:**

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**Food Drive Helpers: Jim Andrews, Richard Benjamin, Mike & Sue Ward, Dave Lara, Joe & Debbie Shanks, Bob Binder, Dennis Hirth, Ed Kubala, Larry & Elsie Loseke, Dave Porta, Jim & Deven Michel, John Frelich, Mike Hug, Joe Kowalkowski & Fr. Bill Fournier. Fr. Bill also announced that we collected 2560 lbs. of food with \$835 in donations from the April 20<sup>th</sup> Drive. Congrats to all the Food Drive Folks!**

**Bernadette's Brew Helpers: Tom Metzger, Mike & Sue Ward, Dave Porta, John Heep, Rick Stone, Greg Werner, John Melcarek, Joe Kowalkowski, Cary King and Bob Conen.**

**Officers, Directors and Czars: Fr. Bill (Chaplain/Community Director) John Heep (Trustee/Membership Director) Greg Jude and Ray Perrault, Jim Michel (Recorder and Raffle Ticket Sales Remote Coordinator) Mike Ward (Treasurer and Vocations Director) Bob Charlebois (Financial Secretary) Bob Conen (Advocate, Raffle Ticket Co-Chair) Bob Binder (Chancellor) Fred Malcolm (Warden) Cary King (Public Relations and Webmaster) Deven Michel (Inside Guard) Ken Blick (Outside Guard) Rich Stone (Lecturer and Faith Director) and Jim Geffre (Raffle Ticket Czar).**

**C. GK Kluch reviewed the remainder of the May/June Calendar:**

**Mother's Day – May 14<sup>th</sup> Prayer Cards to be handed out at Masses  
AZ State Convention – May 19-20<sup>th</sup> .**

**Bernadette's Brew – May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Officer's Meeting – June 5<sup>th</sup> McGivney Room**

**Membership Meeting – June 8<sup>th</sup> 6 P.M., Rosary 5:30 P.M.**

**Fr. Bill's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – June 9<sup>th</sup>. June 11<sup>th</sup> celebration after masses.**

**Water Drive- June 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30A.M.-12:30 P.M. at OLL and Posse Lots.**

**D. Raffle Ticket Sales Total as of the Meeting Date was \$11,520 which was short of last year by \$4284. After much discussion about our donations to the three designated recipients (Valley View Food Bank, First Way Pregnancy Center and Our Lady of Lourdes) it was decided,**

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based upon a motion by Bob Conen and seconded by Bob Coates to make the donation to each @ \$2000 with the shortfall being made up from Council Fish Fry proceeds for this year. Council approved unanimously.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike Ward presented his report for April consisting of the following: Income: \$165 in dues collected, \$2913 net Fish Fry Income with Significant Expenses: \$200 Seminarian Support and \$200 for the State Convention. Mike noted that we did receive a thank you from Jeff Pooley (fellow Knight and Seminarian for his Holy Land pilgrimage, \$200 donation). Mike did mention that there are future expenses of \$400 for our donation to Mother Teresa's Charity and the need for tent frame replacements (\$500) which will be discussed under new business.
8. **Financial Secretary Report:** We have met our Goal of 12 new members for the 22-23 Council year. John Heep is actively working at Vistancia once a month on new members. Fourth Degree Exemplification next month (June 10<sup>th</sup>) was mentioned as well.
9. **District Deputy Report:** Again, the Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at St. Helen Church, Glendale. We have 109 members of our Council who are Third Degree and should be able to make their Fourth Degree, help is needed!
10. **Unfinished Business:** Gary Kwapiszeski, our local Insurance Agent, spoke to the Council briefly on the merits of Annuities purchased from the Knights of Columbus. They are tax deferred and there are no hidden fees, all \$'s go directly into the K of C annuities fund and if they are held for 10 years or more, there are no surrender fees involved as typical with annuities sold in the general insurance market. There are many other financial products available to us and we should not let our age determine the possibility of investing in one of these vehicles.

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Please feel free to contact Gary (480-701-1305 or [gary.kwapisziski@kofc.org](mailto:gary.kwapisziski@kofc.org)) regarding any of your insurance needs.

- 11. New Business: GK Kluch named Bob Conen, Fr. Bill, Ken Blick and Mike Ward as top Raffles sales people this Council year. Congrats!**
  - A. Officer recommended considerations for the AZ Convention:**
    - 1. Donation to St. Joseph's Youth Camp be raised to \$800 (\$300 increase from last year's \$500 total). Council discussed with a motion from Bob Conen to increase the donation and Bob Coates seconded the motion with Council unanimously approving. Bob Coates also donated an additional \$800 so the Council could hit the Gold \$1600 level donation for this worthy cause. Attaboy Bob!**
    - 2. Donation for the ASAP program suggested at \$500. After discussion on this great program to assist women with their pregnancy needs, Ed Hoover motioned to donate the \$500 suggested amount with Carl Jarvis seconding the motion. Council approved this unanimously.**
- 12. Influence and Support: Mike Ward reported that the Ladies Auxiliary have selected their Officers for this coming year. They will have no meetings now till September.**
- 13. Good of the Order: Prayers for Debbie Shanks, Gail Perrault, Jim Michel's Brother John and Vittoria Heep. Debbie and Gail are recovering nicely. Keep them in your prayers! Also, the following persons are awarded Knight of the Month and Year, Rich Stone Pat, Jim & Deven Michel, Family of the Month and Year! Congrats!**
- 14. Meeting Adjourned with Fr. McGivney Prayer @ 6:55 P.M.**

**Jim Michel, Council 11809 Recorder**