



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Fr. Richard E Gubbels Council
15603 Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2015**

I. Call to Order – Steve Wieneke 7:00pm

Brothers, we are about to open this council in the first section. All persons not having received the honors of membership in the first section shall please retire from the chamber. The doors shall now be closed and the guards assume their positions.

II. Warden’s Report on Membership Cards – Mike Gatzke

Worthy Warden, do you vouch that all present are in possession of a current membership card or are invited guests for a special recognition? (Response: Worthy Grand Knight, I vouch that all present are in possession of a current membership card or are special guests that have been invited.)

III. Opening Prayer – Father Larry Hoffmann

IV. Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Wieneke

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

V. Recognition of CPID Recipients. The following representatives attended our meeting and were presented checks for participating in CPID this year. Janet Fisher from Mosaic, Blair Rosenburg from Candeo, and Allison Piazza from Easter Seals of Iowa.

VI. Roll Call of Officers – Steve Crann

Officers are to remain standing until The Worthy Recorder calls your name.

<i>Position:</i>	<i>Officer:</i>	<i>Present/Excused:</i>
Chaplain	Fr. Larry Hoffmann	P
Grand Knight	Steve Wieneke	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Paul Moritz	P
Chancellor	Jason Madison	P
Recorder	Steve Crann	P
Treasurer	Jim Roths	P
Financial Secretary	Greg Schwaller	P
Advocate	Tom Joensen	E
Warden	Mike Gatzke	P
Inside Guard	Chuck Geest	P
Outside Guard	John McPherson	P
Trustee	Bob Lickteig	P
Trustee	Jamie McNaughton	P
Trustee	Bruce Mehlhop	P
Lecturer	Dcn Dan McGuire	P

VII. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Steve Crann

The Worthy Recorder has provided the minutes from our last meeting on September 28, 2015. We did not conduct a business meeting on October 26, 2015. Are there any corrections to these minutes? None. Do I have a motion to accept these minutes as presented? Mike Gatzke. Do I have a second? Nate Meyer. All those in favor say "I". All those opposed same sign. The minutes are approved as presented.

VIII. Grand Knight's Report – Steve Wieneke

- A. Membership: New 1st Degree Members = James McNaughton and Mitchell Geistkemper. Congratulations and welcome!
- B. New 2nd and 3rd Degree = 0
- C. New Transfers = Rich Huber. Congratulations and welcome to our council.
- D. New 4th Degree = 0
- E. Knights of Columbus Council Batting Challenge Recognition
 - i. Received commemorative Bat from Supreme and showed it to members.
- F. Recruitment Incentive Challenge extension – December 31, 2015
- G. Next Council Officers Meeting, December 14, 7:00 p.m. St. Luke's School Library
- H. Next Council Business Meeting, December 28, 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Gymnasium. Do members want to meet?
 - i. Mike Gatzke moves that we have no meeting.
 - ii. Nate Meyer seconds.
 - iii. Motion was approved. We will not have a business meeting in December 2015.
- I. Stay after meeting for food, drink and fellowship – Free will donation. Council Committee is to provide snacks and drinks after the January 25, 2016 meeting.

IX. Chaplain's Report – Father Larry - Look for the 365 days of Mercy app.

Please let Chaplain know if you have noticed a person whom you think would be a good candidate for the priesthood, deaconate, or religious life. Let us now stand and join in a Prayer for Vocations: God of love, your Spirit dwells in our hearts. Inspire more persons of faith to serve your Church through vowed religious life, deaconate, and priesthood. Guide us along with parents, families, and friends to encourage them to embrace the vocation to which you call them. Amen

X. Treasurer's Report – Jim Roths

- A. Expenses: _____ \$10,936.60
- B. Deposits: _____ \$88.00
- C. Checking: _____ \$341.84
- D. Savings: _____ \$500.05
- E. Investments: _____ 0

Are there any additions/corrections/questions about this report? None. Do I have a motion to accept this report as presented? Paul Carlson. Do I have a second? Brett Kenyon. All those in favor say "I". All those opposed same sign. The report is approved as presented.

XI. Financial Secretary's Report – Greg Schwaller

A. Expenses are as follows.

- i. \$142.53 to Bruce Mehlhop for the 4 Burner griddle (donation expense)
- ii. \$7,920.67 to State Council (donation expense)
- iii. \$36.95 to Greg Schwaller for the "How to Pray the Rosary" (operating expense)
- iv. \$650.00 to Scrip for the Agape Pregnancy Center (operating expense)
- v. \$100.00 to Scrip for the Steak/Chicken Dinner (operating expense)
- vi. \$54.24 to Bob Lickteig for the Steak/Chicken Dinner (operating Expense)
- vii. \$262.20 to Supreme (operating expense)
- viii. \$132.52 to Jason Hatch for the Steak/Chicken Dinner (operating expense)
- ix. \$200.00 to State Convention KofC (operating expense)
- x. \$35.29 to Jason Madison for the beer brewing expense (operating expense)
- xi. \$1820.00 to the Decatur Country Rotary Club for the Christmas Wreaths (operating expense)
- xii. \$132.52 to Jason Hatch for the pancake breakfast (operating expense)
- xiii. \$150.00 to Change Cash for the pancake breakfast (operating expense)
- xiv. \$63.60 to Bert Geerdes for November refreshments (operating expense)
- xv. \$19.97 to Brad Shell for November refreshments (operating expense)

B. Communications

- i. None to report

Are there any additions/corrections/questions about this report? None. Do I have a motion to accept this report as presented? Bruce Mehlhop. Do I have a second? Jason Hatch. All those in favor say "I". All those opposed same sign. The report is approved as presented.

XII. District Deputy's Report - Jamie McNaughton

- A. Big congratulations on highly successful CPID campaign.
- B. Start looking into what and who we want to nominate for awards at the State Convention.

XIII. Insurance Agent's Report - No agent was present and no report was provided.

XIV. Officer and Committee Chair Reports

Church - Brad Shell – Nothing to report

Council - Nate Meier – Nothing to report

Culture of Life - Bob Lickteig

A big thank you to all for the \$1,500.00 donation made to the Agape Pregnancy Center.

Family - Jim Roths

Family Fun Night will be held on January 16th

Looking for volunteers to bring soup and other side dishes of food and desserts.

There will be games including a basketball free throw shooting contest, large JINGA, and more.

Youth – Ben Ledyard - Knights basketball free throw competition kit has been received and team to facilitate this event are making plans and will advertise it soon.

Membership (Recruitment, Retention, Development, Degree Advancement, Exemplification Ceremonies - Jason Madison, Bob Lickteig and Bruce Mehlhop. All members are encouraged to seek out and invite fellow Catholic gentlemen from our parish to consider joining our council. Member Testimonials about why they joined the Knights and why it is beneficial to advance in degree levels. We ran out of time to do this.

January 10, 2016 – 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification will be hosted at St. Luke's. Steve Wieneke will solicit volunteers to help run this event. Degree team is confirmed and invitations to neighboring councils have been distributed. Jason Hatch will prepare the meal for degree team and refreshments for after both ceremonies.

Vocations – Tom Joensen - Nothing to report.

Publicity/Public Relations – Mike Gatzke

Mike has published an updated directory. Let Mike know of any changes.

Fund Raising Projects - Jason Hatch - Nothing to report.

XV. Unfinished Business

Culture of Life – Agape Pregnancy Center Results – Bob Lickteig

Christmas Wreath Sales and Distribution Results – Jason Hatch

139 total wreaths were sold. Netted \$1,124

Pancake Breakfast Results – Jason Hatch

Great turn out. 165 people served. \$500 net profit. Thanks for all who helped work and support.

Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest – Greg Schwaller

Still need judges and volunteers. See Greg if interested. Anticipate judging week of Dec 7th.

Will make announcements of winners at mass and display all drawings in the Narthex.

Academic Scholarship Policy & Application – John M, Bob L, Jim R.

Were looking for awarding 2- \$250 Scholarships hopefully Spring 2016.

Ideas of making an investment account to fund this purpose long term.

Much discussion. Members are asked to provide their input. Will bring topic back for more discussion and approval during the January meeting.

Degree Exemplification Ceremonies (1st & 2nd & 3rd) – Bruce Mehlhop

All members are reminded to report all Volunteer hours by Dec 31st. - Steve Wieneke

XVI. New Business

Family Fun Night (January 16, 2016) – Jim Roths and Ben Ledyard

Slumberland Bed Mattress Deliveries (December 7, 2015) - Steve Wieneke

Think about if our council would like to pick up organizing this project next year.

State Bowling Tournament (February 27-28, 2016) in Sioux City. – Jamie McNaughton

Men's CEW at OLIH (January 29-31, 2016) – Paul Moritz

XVII. 3 Month Look Ahead – Exemplification Ceremonies - Steve Wieneke

A. First Degree Exemplification, December 7, arrive 5:30 pm, OLIH, Ankeny

- B. First Degree Exemplification, December 10, arrive 6:30 pm, West Des Moines
- C. First Degree Exemplification, December 13, arrive at 12:30 pm, St. Theresa's, Des Moines
- D. 2nd & 3rd Degree Ceremony, January 10, 2016 , arrive at 12:30 pm, St. Luke's, Ankeny

XVIII. Good of the Order - Deacon Dan McGuire

Before proceeding to the Good of the Order, let me ask: Does any Brother present know of a member of this Council, or an unassisted Brother of the Order, sick or in distress?

- A. All unemployed and underemployed Brother Knights;
- B. For a Culture of Life;
- C. For our parish - Saint Luke the Evangelist;
- D. All of our Military Service Women, Men and their families
- E. All of our departments of public safety (police, fire fighters, etc.)
- F. Gary Olson – Brother's illness
- G. Msgr Jerry Stessman and Fr. Bob Shoemann – Health concerns
- H. Doug Cox – Father's illness
- I. Ben Ledyard
 - i. Father's illness
 - ii. Sister Jenni Bivona illness
- J. Brett Kenyon – Mother has cancer
- K. Tom Judge – Aunt Julie Judge serious illness
- L. Bruce Mehlhop – Brother-in-law Dale Hanson brain tumor radiation & chemo
- M. John McPherson – Passing of Johns Mother
- N. Jason Hatch's brother-in-law - Crisis of Faith
- O. Bill Gorius – Father is in stage 4 with cancer
- P. Richard Timmerman – Great Grand Daughter Pippa Kay pre-mature baby in NICU
- Q. Jim Brady – Pat's Mother Jenny Irvin in poor health
- R. Deacon Dan – Eileen Dennis, Brain tumor.

Let us now observe a moment of silence for the Good of the Order.

XIX. Good for the Order – Deacon Dan McGuire

Does any Brother present have any positive news, accomplishments, deeds, etc. which he would like to share?

Jamie McNaughton, Son James asking for 2nd and 3rd degree.

Lecturer Moment - Deacon Dan McGuire

Look up the works of mercy both Corporal and Spiritual.

XX. Closing Prayer - Prayer of an Iowa Knight – Deacon Dan McGuire

Heavenly Father, You are the author of life and source of grace. Without you, we are nothing, and with you, all things are possible. Guide us that we may humbly serve your people. Bless us with your grace that the work of the Knights of Columbus will make a difference, in that small part of the world, you have entrusted to us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in union with the Holy Spirit, as one God forever and ever, Amen.

XXI. Adjournment

I now declare this meeting adjourned. 8:31pm