



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

**Fr. Richard E Gubbels Council
15603 MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2016**

I. Call to Order – Paul Moritz



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?
(Response: Worthy Grand Knight, I vouch that all present are in possession of a current membership card.)

III. Opening Prayer – Father Larry Hoffmann



IV. Pledge of Allegiance – Paul Moritz

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. Roll Call of Officers

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



Attendance – 36

<i>Position:</i>	<i>Officer:</i>	<i>Present/Excused:</i>
Chaplain	Fr. Larry Hoffmann	P
Grand Knight	Paul Moritz	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Crann	P
Chancellor	Jason Madison	E
Recorder	Nate Meier	E
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	E
Trustee	Jamie McNaughton	P
Trustee	Bruce Mehlhop	P
Trustee	Steve Wieneke	P
Lecturer	Paul Carlson	P

VI. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Nate Meier** The Worthy Recorder has provided the minutes from our last meeting on September 26, 2016. Are there any additions or corrections to these minutes? Do I have a motion to accept these minutes as presented/corrected? Do I have a second? All those in favor say “I”. All those opposed same sign.
Moved – Dave Clarke
Second – Mike Gatzke

VII. **Rosary Check** Dave Clark of the Vocations Committee will check to see if the members have their rosary. Any Knights who forgot their rosary will be subject to a \$1.00 fine. Proceeds from the Rosary Check will be donated to the Pennies for Heaven projects.
\$2 collected for Rosary Check

VIII. **Grand Knight’s Report – Paul Moritz**

- a. Knight of the Quarter (July/August/ September)
Terry Kruse
- b. Family of the Quarter (July/August/ September)
See next meeting
- c. Membership: New 1st Degree Members
None. Working on a few potential new members. Joe Price, Transfer from St. Marys (1st) in attendance tonight.
- d. New 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degree Members
None. 5-6 transfers in progress.
- e. Readmission
- f. Next Council Officers Meeting is Sunday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom 121.
- g. Next Council Business Meeting is Monday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke’s Gymnasium
- h. Stay after meeting for liquid refreshments and fellowship – free will donation. The Culture of Life Committee provided snacks and refreshments for our meeting tonight. The Church Committee will provide snacks and beverages for the November 28th meeting.

IX. **Chaplain’s Report – Father Larry**



Please let the 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

Fr. Larry - Knightsline – New edition of “Building the Domestic Church” available as a lead into Advent. Get copies for families. www.kofc.org/familyfullyalive

X. **Treasurer’s Report – Jim Roths**

- a. Expenses: \$1,125.64

- b. Deposits: \$2,295.07
- c. Checking: \$14,247.69
- d. Savings: \$579.17
- e. Investments: \$2,355

A healthy discussion was initiated regarding the budget and maintaining a limited amount of money in savings in order to provide the most organization support as possible. The budget is planned accordingly at this time to maximize Council’s external support.

Are there any questions about this report? Do I have a motion to accept this report as presented? Do I have a second? All those in favor say “I”. All those opposed same sign.

Moved – Paul Carlson

Second – John

XI. Financial Secretary’s Report – Greg Schwaller

- a. Expenses - **\$1,177.33**
- b. Communications - **None**

Are there any questions about this report? Do I have a motion to accept this report as presented? Do I have a second? All those in favor say “I”. All those opposed same sign.

Moved – Bruce Mehlhop

Second – Bob Lickteig

XII. District Deputy’s Report - Jamie McNaughton

Items for Discussion and Action

2nd and 3rd at All Saints this coming Sunday, January at St. Lukes

Looking to build a 2nd and 3rd Degree Team in the District

District Warden position is open and looking to fill if anyone is interested

XIII. Insurance Agent’s Report - Members that have an interest in meeting with an agent are to contact Paul or they can get in touch with our agent Nick Still directly.

- a. Possible Rescheduling of Knights Family Dinner and Benefits Program (November 28th to January 23rd) - **Discussion will occur at the next Officer’s meeting**

XIV. Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

Church - Brad Shell

Council – Rich Huber

Family - Jim Roths – **No report**

Membership:

Recruitment – Steve Wieneke

Retention - Bob Lickteig

Exemplification – Bruce Mehlhop – **No report**

Vocations – Tom Judge

- Work Day at the Rectory – **Many hands made quick work at the Rectory and at the Troxel home.**

Meal Fund Raising – Jason Hatch and Ryan Schon

Youth – Ben Ledyard

Community – Matthew Schmitt

- Christmas Wreath Sales

Wreath sales are lagging behind previous years (2014 – 95, 2015 – 140, 2016 – 51) with the last regularly scheduled sales this upcoming weekend (Oct 29-30). Warm weather, several competing sales, no donuts were all mentioned as possible reasons for lagging sales. Vlad presented an idea to improve the sales pitch by being a little more forward and have a “display” wreath to make us easier to identify as the salesmen. Discussion on purchasing 100 wreathes to extend sales for a few more weeks. Breakeven point is ~61 wreathes if 100 or purchased. Following the discussion a motion to order 100 wreaths was made by Steve Wieneke and seconded by Jamie McNaughton. Motion carried by a vote of council members in attendance.

Culture of Life – Bob Lickteig

- COL Reverse Collection Follow-Up – October 8th and 9th

Good collection response - \$ value will be reported at the next meeting

XV. Unfinished Business

Update on construction and purchase of new charcoal grill – Photos from Tom Judge - **Ongoing Knights Baseball Caps – Mike Gatzke – 48 ordered, 17 reservation unpaid, 7 unclaimed available for \$20**

Keep Christ in Christmas – Greg Schwaller – **RE and School children will participate and judges will be needed for the posters. Contact Greg directly.**

Slumberland Bed Deliveries - Dec. 12 2016 at 8:00 am

XVI. New Business

Purchase of Roasters – Jason Hatch – **4 purchased for future events**

Wood Carving for Raffle before Christmas- Jim Roths – **Nativity Scene purchased from Olive Wood Religious for the raffle. Proposed raffle dates of Nov. 5-21 with ticket price of \$10/ticket.**

Silent Auction Item for Pasta Dinner – **Pasta admission \$3,500, Auction \$6,500, and Expenses \$600**

Recording of Volunteer Hours – **See emails and record hours online**

Identification of Benefitting Organizations for Fund Raising Events

XVII. 3 Month Look Ahead – Scheduled Ceremonies

- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony on November 6, 2016 at **St. Luke’s**
- 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony at **St. Luke’s** – January 8th
- 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony, October 30, 2016 at All Saints in Saydel
- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony, November 3, 2016 at Holy Trinity in Des Moines
- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony, November 8, 2016 at West Des Moines
- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony, November 8, 2016 at Des Moines Saint Ambrose

- g. Degree Exemplification Ceremony, November 17, 2016 at Waukee
- h. 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony, November 20, 2016 at Elkhart
- i. 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony at Altoona– December 4th
- j. 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony, December 5, 2016 at OLIH

XVIII. Good of the Order - Paul Carlson

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?

Paul reminded the Council of upcoming Holy Days of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Gave a good presentation of the meaning and history of these Holy Days.

- 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 - Illness
- g. Fr. Bob Shoemann – Health issues
- h. Deacon Dan McGuire – Eileen Dennis - Cancer
- i. Bob Lickteig – Uncle Tom in bad health
- j. Tom Gates – Diagnosed with melanoma in right eye, having radiation treatments
- k. John Kahler – Having trouble with cancer in lower back
- l. Tom Manderscheid – wife’s friend has tumor removed from brain
- m. Cogdill Family Friend – 30 month old child (Drew Becker) has cancer, finished chemo, bone marrow transplants, and radiation. Has 6 months of immunotherapy starting in December.
- n. Jim Isobaker – Pam had cataract surgery, recovery
- o. Tom Carpenter – brother-in-law passed away
- p. Gary Glenn – friend’s grandson having seizures and operation on brain as well as friend and wife involved in auto accident and death (past Grand Knight).
- q. Jason Hatch’s brother-in-law - Crisis of Faith
- r. Brett Kenyon – Marita diagnosed with breast cancer for third time
- s. Gary Glenn – Brother In-law passed away.
- t. Steve Wieneke – Friend on rotary, Damon Miller, has rare blood infections and has moved from intensive care to rehab center. Insurance company not willing to cover rehab despite repeated requests.
- u. Terry Kruse – Brother Fr. Tony Kruse health issues

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

XIX. Good for the Order – Paul Carlson

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

Greg Schwaller – Gary Olson has been a member for 25 years and has been recognized as an Honorary Life Member.

**Matt Schmitt – His wife is expecting their 1st child coming in April
Go Cubs Go**

XX. Closing Prayer - Prayer of an Iowa Knight



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.