



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

**Fr. Richard E Gubbels Council
15603 Meeting MINUTES
April 24, 2017**

I. Call to Order – Paul Moritz Start @ 7:04pm 25 attended



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.



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

- VI. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The Worthy Recorder has provided the minutes from our last meeting on March 27, 2017. Are there any additions or corrections to these minutes? Do I have a motion to accept these minutes? Do I have a second? All those in favor say “I”. All opposed same sign.
- Motion – Paul Carlson, 2nd – Tom Judge Minutes approved

- VII. **Rosary Check** – Brother Tom Judge 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.
- \$1 donation

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

- Knight of the Quarter (January - March)
 - No update
- Membership Update:
 - Next scheduled 1st Degree Exemplification at St. Luke’s is on May 7
 - 4th Degree Exemplification was on April 22nd at Saints John and Paul in Altoona.
 - Tom Judge and John McPherson made 4th Degree
 - New Member – Shane Vannome (not present)
 - Readmissions - None
 - Status for Star Council Designation
 - Every Knight charged to use flyer to go talk to a new member to join
 - Get your “Ask” on!
- Next Officers Meeting: Sunday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. in Classroom 121.
- Next Business Meeting is Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke’s Gymnasium.
- Thank you card and donation (\$100) from Jack and Deb Troxel for moving home furnishings to storage.
- State Convention April 8 – 9 in Dubuque (Follow Up)
 - Dues increasing \$1.50 per year
 - Steve Crann and Paul Moritz attended
 - Learned a lot and wives enjoyed the event
 - One state member who was up for election for state position respectfully declined nomination due to a calling from God to become a priest
 - Next year it is in Davenport, record number of 4th degree member inducted
- Received 500 VIP points from State Council to use on badges and aprons
- Stay after meeting for liquid refreshments and fellowship – free will donation. The Vocations Committee provided snacks and refreshments for our meeting tonight.

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

X. Treasurer's Report – Jim Roths (big welcome back for Jim)

- Expenses: \$2,984.96
- Deposits: \$1,538.14
- Checking: \$6,255.20
- Savings: \$852.37
- Investments: \$2,355.00

○ Investment is due May 9th, plan to renew for another year, add \$1,000 for the next year

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.

- Motion – Bruce Mehlhop, 2nd – Jack Troxel Motion passed

XI. Financial Secretary's Report – Greg Schwaller (See attachment at the end of the minutes)

- Expenses
- Communications
- Dues Payments

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- Motion – Steve Weinke, 2nd – Rich Huber Motion Passed

XII. District Deputy's Report - Jamie McNaughton (Not Present)

- Items for Discussion and Action
- Council Award

XIII. Insurance Agent's Report (Not Present)

- 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.

XIV. Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

- Church - Brad Shell
 - N/A
- Council – Rich Huber
 - N/A
- Family - Jim Roths
 - N/A
- Membership: N/A
 - Recruitment – Steve Wieneke
 - Retention - Bob Lickteig
 - Exemplification – Bruce Mehlhop
- Vocations – Tom Judge
 - N/A
- Meal Fund Raising – Jason Hatch and Ryan Schon
 - Fat Tuesday Meal Proceeds to go towards social with St. Marys (Elkhart) council
 - Chop and Chicken Dinner – Friday. April 28th
 - Menu – chicken breast, pork chops, salad, homemade biscuits, ice cream, wine & mushroom sauce, whisky & cream sauce, and cherry bourbon glaze
 - Ticket Sales

- Placemats and Table Tents from Nick Still
 - Golf League Kickoff Dinner – Follow Up
 - Great turnout and many compliments on the food
- Youth – Ben Ledyard
 - N/A
- Community – Matthew Schmitt
 - N/A
- Culture of Life – Bob Lickteig
 - N/A
 - 4th Degree Flag Sales
 - Iowa Right to Life – Event in the Capitol Rotunda (Follow Up)

XV. Unfinished Business

- New Grill Use Policy - Officers are reviewing proposal by the Trustees
 - Take up at next officers meeting, come forward at next month's business meeting
 - Motion to post to internet, Moved-Rich Huber, 2nd - Bruce Mehlhop, Motion passed
- Council Name Badges - Still have funds for additional badges – Greg S.
 - Pass around signup, still have funds for more badges
- Corporate Communion Mass on May 7th – Jason M.
 - Still need help for alter server and Eucharistic minister
- Bread for the World Congressional Letter
 - Attending all church committees to draft up letter

XVI. New Business

- Scholarship Committee – Jim R.
 - 2017 Award
 - \$500 to Kaitlyn McNaughton-joining UNI in the fall
 - All children and grandchildren of 3rd & 4th degree members of council #15603
 - Applicants will be going into their junior or senior year
 - Certificate of Deposit
- Renewing of Vows: Father's Day Weekend (June 17/18)
 - Helps with achieving Star Award Certification
 - Done during mass
- Bereavement Policy (See attached)
- Suggestion to follow up with Dick Timmerman's widow to ask for help and assistance
- New aprons were ordered for upcoming K of C meals
 - 8-10 of them, will be stored at church, policy will be discussed at next officer meeting

XVII. 3 Month Look Ahead – Scheduled Ceremonies

- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony at St. Luke's on May 7th
- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony at Des Moines Christ the King on May 15th
- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony at West Des Moines Sacred Heart on May 15th
- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony at Waukee on May 18th
- 1st Degree Exemplification Ceremony at Altoona on June 4th
- 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony at St. Theresa's in Des Moines on June 4th
- 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony at St. Francis of Assisi, West DSM on June 11th

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?

- All unemployed and underemployed Brother Knights;
- For a Culture of Life;
- For our parish - Saint Luke the Evangelist;
- All of our Military Service Women, Men and their families
- All of our departments of public safety (police, fire fighters, etc.)
- Gary Olson - Brother - Illness
- Fr. Bob Shoemann – Health issues
- Deacon Dan McGuire – Eileen Dennis - Cancer
- John Kahler – Having trouble with cancer in lower back
- Tom Manderscheid – wife’s friend has tumor removed from brain
- 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).
- Jason Hatch’s brother-in-law - Crisis of Faith
- Brett Kenyon – Marita diagnosed with breast cancer for third time
- Jim Roths – heart surgery
- Doug Cox’s Dad (Don Cox) – knee surgery
- Steve Crann’s Dad – cancer has returned
- Ben Ledyard’s father passed away
- Rich S. sister in-law (Jolen Choise) admitted to hospice
- Steve Crann’s brother in-law battling disease issues
- Jamie McNaughton – back surgery in May
- Curtis Knepcock – laser eye surgery
- Brother Knight - father is battling blood disorder, brother is battling pancreatic cancer

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

- Pope John Paul II – blessed the fields of Iowa
- Pope Benedict – improved the efficiency of energy around the Vatican
- Pop Francis – has written an encyclical
- Be thankful for spring and the budding growth

XIX. Good for the Order – Paul Carlson

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

- Matt Schmidt and wife’s baby was born on Saturday, April 22nd

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 7:48pm

KNIGHTS COUNCIL 15603 - BEREAVEMENT POLICY

When a Brother Knight of our council passes away, Council 15603 will take the following actions. The Council Committee will take the lead on organizing and completing these tasks:

1. The Knight's name will be submitted to the Perpetual Society.
2. Nick Still will be contacted so that he can provide his financial / insurance review services for the widow / family.
3. A \$50.00 donation will be made according to the wishes of the widow / family.
4. Follow-up contact will be made with the widow / family afterwards to offer any assistance in this time of need (lawn care, handyman services, cleanup, etc.).
5. Consider holding an annual memorial meal and mass for the widows / family members. This could be combined with our annual insurance benefits meal.

Monthly Expense Report

3/27/2017 through 4/24/2017

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
OUTFLOWS				-2,758.06
Donation Expense				-1,000.00
Other Donation Expense				-1,000.00
4/3/2017	262	Nicole Lindsey - Sisterhood		-500.00
4/10/2017	269	University Of Northern ... Katylen McNighton		-500.00
Operating Expense				-1,758.06
Other Operating Expense				-1,758.06
3/28/2017	258	Sysco	3/26 breakf...	-447.72
4/2/2017	259	Scrip		-65.64
4/2/2017	260	Wees Tees	Shirt order	-55.00
4/3/2017	261	Greg Schwaller	name tags	-195.25
4/10/2017	263	UPS Store	posters and...	-117.47
4/10/2017	266	Jason Hatch	3/26 breakf...	-13.71
4/10/2017	267	Ryan Schon	3/26 breakf...	-63.27
4/10/2017	268	Still Agency	Advertizing	-300.00
4/24/2017	270	Scrip	chop/chick...	-500.00
		Refreshments	Tom Judge	- 67.80
OVERALL TOTAL				-2,758.06