

## Fr. Richard E Gubbels Council 15603

# MEETING MINUTES July 24, 2017

## I. Call to Order – Steve Crann



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 – Tony McKillip

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.)

Tony reported that all present had a valid card.

**Opening Prayer** – Father Larry Hoffmann



Father led the opening prayer.

## III. Pledge of Allegiance – Steve Crann

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.



## IV. Roll Call of Officers

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



Position:	Officer:	Present/Excused:
Chaplain	Fr. Larry Hoffmann	P
Grand Knight	Steve Crann	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Jason Madison	P
Chancellor	Nate Meier	P
Recorder	Paul Moritz	P
Treasurer	Jim Roths	P
Financial Secretary	Greg Schwaller	E
Advocate	Tom Joensen	E
Warden	Tony McKillip	P
Inside Guard	Chuck Geest	P
Outside Guard	John McPherson	Е
Trustee	Jamie McNaughton	Е

Trustee	Bruce Mehlhop	P
Trustee	Steve Wieneke	P
Lecturer	Paul Carlson	P

## V. Special Presentation by Nicole Lindsey

Nicole addressed the membership and explained how she came to be called to enter the sisterhood. She noted that she will be entering the convent in Ann Arbor, Mich. on August 28. There will be a reception for her on August 19 in the gym after 5:30 mass.

VI. <u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u>— The Worthy Recorder has provided the minutes from our last official meeting on May 22nd, 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.

Bob L. moved and Dave Clark seconded that the minutes be accepted. All were in favor.

VII. <u>Rosary Check</u> - 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.

All present had a rosary. No dollars collected.

## VIII. Grand Knight's Report – Steve Crann

a. Knight of the Quarter

Tom Carpenter was honored as Knight of the Quarter. He has done a lot of work for the parish behind the scenes including planting trees, mowing, grading the playground, maintaining the detention basin, watering, etc.

b. Annual Calendar of events.

Steve covered the highlights of the calendar including the CPID Drive, meal tentative dates, etc. Jason will do a Signup Genius for the Drive. The CPID State Fair date is on August 12, time from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

c. Annual Budget

Steve, Greg S., Jason met and finalized the budget. Steve handed out copies to all present. The budget has only minor changes from last year.

- d. Membership Update:
  - New 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members
  - Readmission
  - Transfers
    - David Jones

David Jones is a new transfer and he was present at the meeting. Father Adam provided a transfer, a Scott Chiateto (sp). Jamie needs to verify the scheduled dates for the First Degree ceremonies with Steve C. so he can finalize those dates on the calendar. In the meantime, pop up events will be held if needed.

- e. Committee chair appointments
  - i. Openings

Steve previously called for reports from all committee chairs and attempted to have a meeting with the chairs. However the date of the meeting was miscommunicated and it will need to be rescheduled in the near future. Ben Ledyard is resigning from the Youth Committee Chair.

- f. Next Officers Meeting: Sunday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym Steve reiterated that the officer meetings will be held in the gym from now on, not in Room 121. The correct date for the next meeting is the 13th, not the 14th.
- g. Next Business Meeting is Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Gymnasium.
- h. Stay after meeting for liquid refreshments and fellowship free will donation. The community committee provided snacks and refreshments for our meeting tonight. Next month, August 28th, will be the Culture of life's turn to bring refreshments.

Paul Moritz handled the refreshments tonight. The Community Committee is scheduled for refreshments next monthly 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

Father Larry spoke of Nicole's commitment and her spiritual growth since she joined St. Luke's. He noted that we as parish members can "take ownership" in having one of our own commit to being a sister. He is delighted that we can help support her.

## X. Treasurer's Report – Jim Roths

a. Expenses: \$1157.40

b. Deposits: \_\_\_\_0

c. Checking: **\$6,562.85** 

d. Savings: \$852.35

e. Investments: \$3,367.15

Gary Olson moved, Bruce M. seconded to accept report from Jim. All in favor.

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.

## XI. Financial Secretary's Report – Paul Moritz (for Greg Schwaller)

- a. Expenses
- b. Communications
  - i. A donation from the Troxels of \$100 to the council for help moving

Nicole provided us a Thank You card for the \$500.00 donation the Knights made previously. Paul noted that there were no July bills beyond what Jim Roth already reported.

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 and Seconded, all in favor to accept brief report.

## XII. District Deputy's Report - Jamie McNaughton

Items for Discussion and Action

Joint grilling social with Elkhart

Jamie needed to leave the meeting near the start tonight. No report. Still need him to verify a date for joint grill celebration with Elkhart.

XIII. <u>Insurance Agent's Report</u> - Members that have an interest in meeting with an agent are to contact Steve or they can get in touch with our agent Nick Still directly.

Dave Jones will meet with Nick later this week. Call Steve or Nick if you have insurance needs.

## **XIV.** Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

Church - Brad Shell

Brad was not present, no other committee members reported.

Council – Rich Huber

Discussed chalices, as 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members receive a chalice when they pass away. These can be donated to a poor parish if desired. The widows or family members can decide. Something for us to consider in the future. Rich will bring forward some ideas in the future.

Family - Jim Roths

The Family Fun Night will be held in January again. It has been successful. No date has been set yet. He thinks it will again be held with the Free Throw Contest. The parish runs the New Member Bonfire every year. Jim noted that the Knights could help out or take over this event.

## Membership:

Recruitment – Jason Madison

Retention - Bob Lickteig

Exemplification – Bruce Mehlhop

Bob L. noted that the parish is approaching 500 families now. Lots of opportunities to garner new members. As folks come, be sure to welcome them and tell them what we are about.

Steve W. discussed the Ambassador's Program at St. Luke's. This is now being started by the Welcoming Committee. Use that format as a chance to make a plug to the man of the house to join the Knights.

Bruce M. said that he will do the exemplification ceremonies as they are scheduled.

Vocations – Dave Clark

Tom J. and Dave C. are meeting later this week and will come up with priorities. They will report at a future meeting.

Meal Fund Raising – Jason Hatch and Ryan Schon

- August Breakfast (Aug. 6th or 27th)
- Plans for the year
- Buying Beer

Jason Hatch was not present. Ryan Schon has asked to resign his duties as co-chair. Jason Richards will be taking over Ryan's role.

Jason R. reported that they still want an emphasis on the Chop and Chicken Dinner. Breakfast events could be focused on fellowship rather than on fundraising. They will pick a couple of key dates in each quarter for these and hope to build repetition for these meals. Maybe the first Sunday of each quarter, possibly replacing the Coffee and Donut events on those dates.

Steve recommended delaying the first breakfast from August 6<sup>th</sup> since it is so close. Jason noted that they had not moved forward with that event yet as they had not received verification from the officers.

Jason has 10 to 12 cases of leftover beer from the Deaconate Meal that he would like to sell to the Knights. That is a lot of beer. It was decided to get details – where will the beer be stored? Is it warm now?

## Youth – Ben Ledyard

Ben Ledyard is looking for a replacement. The date for the Free Throw Contest will be determined by the state contest schedule. The Family Fun Night will be coordinated with it. There will not be rooms available for the Spelling Bee this year, given that the classrooms are occupied by school students. It was motioned that Steve contact the regional spelling bee rep, and inform him of this. It was noted that Granger has open classrooms and maybe could be used as a substitute. Seconded by Father Larry. All in favor.

#### Community – Matthew Schmitt

Matthew not available, with new baby at home. Paul Carlson has been in the loop with Matthew on Habitat planning. We have been asked to sponsor a house for a family that has been in a refugee camp for 17 years. This will be their first home. Location is 1343 McCormack Street in Des Moines. The build events will be in September and early October. They are looking for work crews on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Need 5 on Wed., 5-10 on Sat. Paul will be putting out the call for help on those events. Also will need somebody to provide lunch for those events.

Wreath sales dates are on the calendar. Last year we had 60 orders and bought 50 more. Sold all of those too. Sales are early but that is the program (done selling by Halloween). We made \$1,300 last year.

Culture of Life - Bob Lickteig Or Jimmy Becker

• 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Flag Sales

Bob Lickteig asked that the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Flag Sales be suspended. Agape Pregnancy Center will again be the recipient of a reverse collection. That will occur in the first couple of weeks of October.

#### XV. Unfinished Business

a. Follow up on end of year celebration

The Officers put on the event this year by providing the light meal and drinks. Nice event and nice mass.

b. Follow up on Bike Walk Run

A thank you note was received from Kelly Royal. Steve W. reported that the event went well and was not difficult to run. The hot dog cooker is hard to clean up, however.

c. Moving Fr. Adam Follow up

Moved brewing equipment Monday, balance of stuff on Tuesday.

Father Adam will relate his thoughts and ambitions for the council as he gets to know us better.

Name Badges

There are still badges available, tell Steve C. if you need one.

## XVI. New Business

a. Reception for Nicole Lindsey on August 19th 2017

All are welcome to attend. After 5:30 mass. Donation checks can be put in the collection baskets as long as they are in an envelope and have Nicole's name on it.

b. End of season Golf Banquet

Steve has verified the dates and times with Eric Bryan.

- c. CPID (Tootsie Roll Drive)
  - i. State Fair
  - ii. Stores

Our shift at the Fair this year will be starting on Saturday morning, Aug. 12. Good time as it will be busy then. Jason is contacting the store managers to verify permission. Store dates will be Sept. 7-10. Signup Genius will be done by Jason.

New Item: Steve C. will need to organize the root beer floats for the kids on Back to School Night. Date not known yet.

## XVII. 3 Month Look Ahead – Scheduled Ceremonies

Nothing Scheduled by state yet

## 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?

- 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. John Kahler Having trouble with cancer in lower back
- j. Tom Manderscheid wife's friend has tumor removed from brain
- k. Gary Glenn friend's grandson having seizers and operation on brain as well as friend and wife involved in auto accident and death (past Grand Knight).
- 1. Jason Hatch's brother-in-law Crisis of Faith
- m. Brett Kenyon Marita diagnosed with breast cancer for third time
- n. Doug Cox's Dad (Don Cox) knee surgery
- o. Steve Crann's father passed away suddenly
- p. Ben Ledyard's father passed away
- q. Steve Crann's brother in-law battling disease issues
- r. Jamie McNaughton back surgery in May
- s. Curtis Knepcock laser eye surgery
- t. John Kenlein father is battling blood disorder, brother is battling pancreatic cancer
- u. Adam Royal grandmother placed in hospice
- v. Gary Glenn wife's brother-in-law diagnosed with 4th stage colon cancer
- w. Wayne Johnson Stepfather passed away
- x. Bob Lickteig Difficulty with birth of grand-twins

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?

Steve Crann and Paul Carlson – new daughter and granddaughter

Father Larry toured Iowa State Parks – recommended others do the same, take time out when you can and enjoy what life has to offer.

## XX. <u>Closing Prayer - Prayer of an Iowa Knight</u>



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