

Knights of Columbus Council 15603
Business Meeting – February 28, 2022
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

20 brothers present.

2. Opening Prayer

By GN Jason Richards

3. Pledge of Allegiance

By GN Jason Richards

4. Rosary and Badge Check

By Tom Judge. All present were in good standing.

5. Chaplain's Report

Father was not present.

6. Grand Knight's Report

Still looking for a Brother to take on the role of Chancellor. We now have a new Financial Secretary – Jason Hatch. This is pending the application passing and the required form being submitted to State.

Our council held an exemplification two weeks ago. The new and improved ceremony was utilized. One new member who transferred and advanced to the 3rd Degree was honored. The ceremony was held in the church.

Drake Concessions – This has turned out to be a very successful fund raiser for our council and the other councils who volunteered to work the games. The last game for this season was yesterday. It was Drake vs. Bradley, a women's game. The men's games are much busier than the women's games. We made about \$600 just on the Drake/UNI Men's game that was earlier in the month. Thanks to Tony McKillip for leading our council's efforts for these games.

Next Officer's meeting is Monday March 7th at 7:00 pm.

Next Business Meeting will be Family Night. March 28th. Wives and kids are welcome once again.

The 4th Degree Council is asking for officers to be in their assembly, as currently all leadership roles are by 5038 representation. March 14th is the next 4th Officers At that meeting there will be an army officer to present. As an FYI, the 4th Degree leaders are trying for a guest speaker for all upcoming business meetings. The May meeting will include officer elections.

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on April 30th just head of the annual state convention in Coralville.

April 4th on a Monday is when the Bishop will speak on divine mercy with a mass. At 7:00 pm. At OLIH.

Jason has sold a decent amount of raffle tickets. Jason still has them to sell yet.

7. **Approval of Treasurer's Report** as presented by Mike Rorty

Expenses of \$290 was for to recent refreshments and breakfast expenses incurred.

The deposits were mostly from recent dues submittals.

Our funds are now going into the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa.

Motion to approve the report was by Tom. Seconded by Jason. No questions. Motion passed.

8. **Approval of Financial Secretary's Report**

No Financial Secretary report was submitted as Jim Roths recently resigned and moved away. Second notices for delinquent dues were sent out before Jim Roths departed.

9. **District Deputy's Report**

Dennis Westover resented. The State will take over hounding non-payers of annual dues. This is expected to help with state awards as these non-payers will not reflect on the councils as they do now. Same process will be used overseas in the future. Some councils have paid for all members in the past. That will no longer be done.

Audit: More changes coming but not aware yet what those will be. Hopefully there will be more information by the April convention.

Dennis gave Jason a book on the St. Joseph ICON (which will be here March 14th to the 19th). It comes with a script if we want to do the program that goes with it.

Another icon, the Silver Rose, will be coming later this year as well. Show folks that we are devoted to our blessed Mother and St Joseph. Ukraine is a highly Catholic country, so praying to the ICON at this time would be appreciated.

10. Insurance Agent's Report

Rob Ryan presented. Thanks to 5 members who participated recently in the insurance program. Things are going well financially recently. Rob is very appreciative of our council's participation. Rob noted that we may be getting a new agent who would replace him here at our Council. He is bummed about that.

11. Unfinished Business

40 Cans for Lent. The notice will be put in the bulletin and the parish e-mail notification starting next week. Bins will be put in the narthex and signs put up as well for the donations. After lent is over, the donations will be distributed to the Catholic Charities Outreach Center and the Catholic Worker House.

Fish Fry. The fry will be on April 8 from 4:30 to 7:00. Drive thru service will be included. There have been a couple of meetings for planning the event. Planning is going well with the next planning meeting on Wed. March 9th at 6:30 pm.

Pilgrim ICON. Chris is leading this effort. It is tough to schedule with so much going on. He is looking for help to lead the event. OLIH did one. It took 45 minutes. Chris will need to approach Father for permission. Could have it on a Saturday morning. But there is adoration and confessions. Chris will talk to Fr. Ken or Fr James about trying to incorporate this into that.

3 Month Look Ahead.

- The above ICON will be here from March 14th to the 19th.
- April 3rd is the date for the Golf League Dinner. We will have it at OLIH due to our gym being busy on Sundays per Father.
- The Fish Fry will be right after the Golf dinner. A signup Genius will be coming out for helping with that.
- 4/24 Breakfast will be getting organized in the near future.
- State Convention is from 4/29 to 5/1. There will be a 4th Degree on that Friday. See state web site for details. Ryan and Jason will be delegates.
- The Blue/Red mass will be on May 19th per Tom Judge. Time will be at 5:30. There will be a 4th Degree Honor Guard.

- Scholarship applications are due on April 26th per Bob L. The web site has the applications.

12. **Prayer Intentions.** In addition to the those listed in the agenda:

- Tony McKillip's mom who is struggling with Co[vid].
- Bill Magnani, father-in-law of Bob L. who is in failing health.
- Tom Judge who has back surgery schedule for the end of the month.
- Monsignor Ralph Simonson is hospitalize with afib per Tom Joenson. He has been a priest for over 60 years.
- The people of the Ukraine.

13. **Special Expenditure.** Chris discussed the Knights initiative named the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. The national committee will match donations up to \$500,000 for direct aid to the people of the Ukraine. He suggested that our council donate to this fund. After a brief discussion, Paul motioned to donate \$500 from the un-budgeted proceeds we will receive from the Drake Basketball Beer Sales. Patrick seconded. Motion passed.

14. **Good of the Order.** Positive Chapter News:

- Chris's son had his first child on 2/2/22. He is doing well in spite of being born early.
- Dave Clark's grandson was the 11-year old divion of te Free throw Contest and will Advance to the Regional competition in Boone next month.
- Jason Richards will be an uncle again shortly.

Adjournment: Dave Clark provided refreshments after the meeting.