

Knights of Columbus Meeting  
Fr. Joseph Boylan, Jr. Council #15175  
12/1/2015

The Council was called to order at 7:00 pm with 17 members present

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present; A – Absent):

Chaplain (Father John Steffen)	P	Financial Secretary (Jeff Furler)	P	Inside Guard (Buddy Wallace)	P
Grand Knight (Jeff Lopez)	P	Treasurer (Tim Abel)	P	Outside Guard (Martin Culik)	P
Deputy Grand Knight (Joe Klingler)	P	Lecturer (Martin Culik)	P	Trustee (Tony McCauley)	P
Chancellor (Dan Lamboley)	A	Advocate (Open)	-	Trustee (Rich Staley)	P
Recorder (Luke Filosa)	P	Warden (Terry Cochran)	P	Trustee (John Fruin)	P

The Opening Prayer was the “Our Father”.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present.

The minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting were sent via email to the membership and provided at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Martin Culik and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Staley. The motion passes by a vote of those members present.

**The Grand Knight reported as follows:**

- Thank you note and plague from the Miracle League for our support of a team.
- Thank you from the Jesus House and to Martin Culik and his team on the collection and donation of 451 coats. A picture was sent to Father Tom on this year donation to show him the legacy of the program he started in the parish.
- Mass of Remembrance was hold in November turnout was low; however, it was a great tribute to our deceased family members.
- Pancake Breakfast yielded 268 plates. A final accounting will be presented at our next meeting.
- Thank you to Rich Staley who lead the fifth Sunday Rosary on Sunday, November 29.
- Thank you to Tony McCauley who helped with the delivery of aluminum cans to the recycle center. The cans netted \$184.80 for the council.

**The Chaplain reported as follows:**

Father John thanked the Council for our work to the parish and the Universal Church.

**The Treasurer reported as follows:**

Beginning Balance \$20,167.50

**Cash Receipts:**

Council Dues	\$ 210.00
Special	\$ 170.00
Misc.	<u>\$ 1,141.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,521.00

**Cash Disbursements:**

St. Patrick Church of Merna – Golf Outing tithing	\$ 775.53
Susan G Komen – memorial Jeralyn Benjamin	\$ 50.00
Commerce Bank – Gus Lloyd Catholic Books	\$ 197.83
IL State K of C Charities Vocation raffle	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,223.36

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Special Funds – ID Drive	\$ 100.09
Special Funds – Vocation Raffle	<u>\$ 280.00</u>
Balance (available)	\$ 20,075.05

- A motion to approve the November 2015 Treasurer’s Report as presented was made by Martin Culik the motion is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Rudin. The motion passes by a vote of those members present.

Financial Secretary’s report:

- Billing is up to date.
- Two training videos were recently received.
- Dues will be sent soon. Reminder that dues can be paid via the on-line giving site on the Parish website.
- Discussion on cleaning up our membership roster. There are some council members who have moved out of the area and no longer participating including paying their annual membership, and there are some members who have neglected to pay their annual membership fee. There are expenses for each member on our roster paid by the council. Having members who do not pay their membership fee lessens the ability of the council to work efficiently. Dan Froehlich made a motion which was seconded by John Fruin. Alan McDowell offered an amendment to the motion. The amendment was accepted by Dan Froehlich and John Fruin.

The Grand Knight called for a vote on the amended motion that read as follows: The Financial Secretary shall be given authority to accept an amount equal to 50% of any past due membership fee of two years or more to bring the council member fees current. The council member will provide the Financial Secretary with a signed letter granting the Financial Secretary the instrument necessary to remove the member from the council roster should membership dues fall in arrears at the conclusion of any future dues paying year. The Financial Secretary may also allow the member to spread his payment over a 6-month period.

The motion passed by vote of members present.

**The Chancellor reported:**

- We will hold a 1<sup>st</sup> degree between 9 am and 11:00 am masses on Sunday, December 20, 2015.

**The following committees reported:**

Activities – Joe Klingler

- Poinsettia delivery to senior members of the parish will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2015 starting at 8 am.
- December 15, 2015 we will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Knights Christmas Dinner for you and your spouse. Social hour begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6:15. Sign-up will be through a sign-up genius invite.

Programs – Martin Culik

- Brother Troy Morris will be the featured speaker tonight talking about his trip to Uganda.
- First Friday will be this coming Friday, December 4, 2015. Mass at 7 am followed by coffee, juice donuts and brief message from Clergy. Attendees will be on their way to work by 7:45 am.
- First Friday in January will not be held since it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Vocation Raffle – John Fruin

- John reported we sold 35 books. Raffle will be held this Saturday, December 5, 2015. Good luck!!

**Unfinished business was taken up and disposed of as follows:**

- Sonogram machine - still waiting to hear
- ID Drive checks have arrived. We will plan to distribute the Tootsie Roll ID Drive checks at the January meeting.

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- Terry Cochran reported on the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. We had a total of 232 participants, 35% of participants did not complete an entry form a trend that seems to grow each year. Terry completed press releases for the Pantagraph, Knightline, Catholic Post, and Columbia Magazine.

**The following new business was brought up:**

- Jeff will be setting up a sign-up genius soliciting help at the Christmas Eve Masses. Help is needed with the collection baskets and book distribution.
- Planning meeting will be scheduled in January to plan for the next 6 months.
- Semi-annual audit will be scheduled in January.
- Fish Fry planning meeting will be scheduled in early January. Ash Wednesday is February 10, 2016. We will again be looking for 4-5 groups to partner with us to make desserts and bus tables for a donation to their organization.
- Dan Froehlich made a motion to make a \$500 Christmas donation to Tom Bernhardt of our parish who is in the seminary. The motion is 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Klingler. The motion passes by a vote of those members present.

**Under Good of the Order:**

- Thank you to Terry Cochran for the work on the nativity scene. The corner of Empire and Towanda Barnes looks great. Also, thanks to Alan McDowell for working to get the sign next to the nativity scene.
- Martin Culik spoke about the US Conference of Catholic Bishop website and their Political Action Committee.

Closing Prayer with was the "Hail Mary".

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Luke Filosa, Recorder