December 3, 2024, Business Meeting

Knights of Columbus – Father Joseph Boylan, Jr. Council #15175

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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| Chaplain (Father Schultz) | A | Financial Secretary (Dave Blaser) | P | Inside Guard (Derek Price) | A |
| Grand Knight (Kurt Gibson) | P | Treasurer (Bryan Gomolchak) | P | Outside Guard (Darren Carr) | P |
| Deputy Grand Knight (Phil Olinger) | P | Lecturer |  | Trustee (Guy DiCiaula) | A |
| Chancellor (Shawn Long) | P | Advocate (Rich Staley) | P | Trustee (John Fruin) | P |
| Recorder (Brock Selkow) | A | Warden (Jake Newman) | P | Trustee (Tony McCauley) | A |

The opening prayer was the “Our Father.”

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present.

**Chaplin/Parish Report:**

* Jeff Lopez reported three items of interest
  + All parishioners are encouraged to read the decree from the Bishop concerning the formation of the new parish.
  + After January 1, 2025, the parish will begin encouraging online giving in lieu of the use of envelopes. Those currently using envelopes will be able to continue to do so. Contact the church office if you have any questions.
  + This Advent season, all the parish priests in town are “joining forces” to hold community reconciliation. More information about this opportunity can be found in the church bulletin.

The minutes of the November business meeting were posted online at [www.kofc15175.org](http://www.kofc15175.org). The council had the chance to review those and approved them at the December meeting.

MOTION: Shawn Long

SECOND: Jeff Lopez

Motion carried.

**Grand Knight Report**

* Thanks to all who helped with the following recent activities:
  + Jim Stangel leading the Coat Drive
  + Joe Klingler, Rich Thomas, and Ed Larsen for braving the elements for the Nativity set up
  + Joe Klingler spearheading the Church grounds clean up
  + Tim Abel and Jeff Lopez anchoring efforts for Breakfast with St. Nicholas
  + Shawn Long overseeing the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest
* As a reminder, the 6 month planning meeting covering council events for the first half of 2025 will be held on December 10th (6:00 p.m. Shamrock Shed). A meal will be provided for attendees.
* Recently, Father Schultz, Tom Kretz (Grand Knight of the Downs council) and Kurt Gibson met to discuss ways both councils can provide leadership in the broader parish community during the coming months of transition for the two churches. Council members should expect more opportunities to interact, socialize, and work with the Downs council.

Treasurer’s Report



No questions were raised to the Treasurer concerning the above report.

MOTION: Joe Klingler

SECOND: Tim Abel

Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary Report**

Financial Secretary Report:  December 3, 2024

* Member Report
  + 119 Members (72 Associate / 41 Insurance / 6 Inactive)
    - One member less than November report as the Supreme report now reflected death of Charles Burns on 10/1/2024.
  + 113 Active Members
  + Membership breakdown:
    - 74 active members with 3rd degree
    - 22 active members with 4th degree
    - 17 active members without 2nd, 3rd, or 4th degree
  + Included in membership totals:
    - 5 Honorary members
    - 12 Honorary Life
    - 1 Exempt member
* Member Dues
  + Dues notices for 2025 will be sent this week. Payment options will include checks payable to “Knights of Columbus 15175” as well as Paypal and Venmo. Prompt payment will eliminate the need for follow-ups by email, phone, and postal mail.
* December Birthdays:

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| Rich Staley | 12/5 |
| Chris “CJ” Stroh | 12/5 |
| Mike Mitchell | 12/12 |
| Rev. Dustin Schultz | 12/12 |
| Cory Hartke | 12/14 |
| Dave Blaser | 12/15 |
| Steve Glazebrook | 12/18 |
| Rich Vanderhoof | 12/28 |

**The Trustee’s Report**

* John Fruin reported that the semi-annual audit will be held on a to-be-determined date in late January or early February.

**The Chancellor’s Report**

* Shawn Long brought the entries from Corpus Christi for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. At the end of the council meeting, those members in attendance voted on the ‘best in show’ for each grade level contest. Shawn and Kurt will attend an upcoming morning assembly at the school to announce the winners and present the top 3 in each category a prize from the council.
* Kurt reported the council will host another ‘member drive’ social on Sunday, January 5th 12:30 p.m., following the tear down of the Nativity in front of the church. Council members are encouraged to invite possible candidates to come and meet other Knights and learn more about the council. The event will be held in the shed and wrap up around 3-3:30 p.m.

**Deputy Grand Knight Report**

* Programming for December
  + Monday Dec 2nd Nativity Setup 4pm
  + Tuesday Dec 3rd council business meeting 7pm
  + Tuesday Dec 3rd church grounds clean up 5pm
  + Tuesday Dec 3rd Knights of Columbus council meeting 7pm
  + Sunday Dec 8th Breakfast with St. Nicholas 8-11 am
  + Tuesday Dec 10th 6 month planning meeting 6pm at Shamrock Shed
  + Tuesday Dec 17th Knights of Columbus Holiday Dinner (social hour at 5:00 p.m.; dinner at 6:00 p.m.)
* Current programming for January
  + Sunday Jan 5th Tear down Nativity 11 am
  + Sunday Jan 5th Membership social (12:30-3:30 pm at Shamrock Shed)
  + Tuesday Jan 7th council business meeting 7pm
  + Sunday Jan 19th Right to Life Rosary (sign up genius forthcoming)
* Current programming for February
  + Tuesday Feb 4th council business meeting
  + Saturday Feb 8th TAPS at St. Pat’s

**Field Agent**

* No report

**District Deputy**

* District Deputy Mike Tomlianovich was in attendance and shared with the council three items:
  + A local seminarian – Angel Garcia – and his family are going through a challenging time after their home burned down. The worthy district deputy offered that any support the council can make to the family would be appreciated.
  + The council was encouraged to review the ‘Faith in Action’ programs supported by Supreme and see how any of those can be incorporated into the council’s offerings.
  + The council was encouraged to complete Form 10784 for any event conducted. Worthy District Deputy asked that a copy of any form the council completes be sent to him.

**Unfinished Business**

* Trustee John Fruin reported that the council sold 84 books total this year for the Vocations Raffle. The 84 total could grow some, depending on any late online books sold. John will report back with final numbers in January. This year’s drawings will be held the first weekend in December, and it is expected that the council will have net proceeds of approximately $540 this year.
* Jim Stangel reported via text that the coat drive has been another success. As of this meeting, over 600 coats had been collected with a few days left for donations. The 600+ coats marks an increase over the number from 2023.
* Tim Abel and Jeff Lopez provided an update on the Breakfast with St. Nicholas, which is scheduled for December 8th from 8-11 am. At the meeting, it was reported that over 200 people have signed up. Walk-ins will be accepted, although all walk-ins will pay a slightly larger fee than those who signed up in advance. A number of volunteer opportunities still existed as of the night of the meeting, and council members were encouraged to sign up as their schedule allows.
* Joe Klingler reported that planning for the council’s Holiday Dinner on December 17th are moving along. A sign-up genius will be sent out to council members on December 4th so members can RSVP, which is required. Just before dinner, checks will be presented to those groups who the council chose to support with proceeds from the Msgr. Ketcham Golf Outing and the annual ID Drive. A toy drive will also be a part of the evening’s festivities, and attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy. A social hour will be held from 5-6 pm on the 17th, with dinner following at approximately 6:15 pm. [NOTE: after the meeting, it was determined that a non-perishable food drive will be held in conjunction with the event, not a toy drive. All items will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.]

**New Business**

* Those in attendance heard a report from Kurt, Bryan, and members of the Finance Council concerning the proposed 2024-25 Council budget. The budget is projected to reduce the council’s cash on hand by just over $4,000. The council discussed the importance of considering new revenue streams in order to maintain a long-term healthy balance, doing a better job of recording preparations surrounding council events, and striving to generate more help from council members at events. It is expected that the Finance Committee will meet to consider other possible recommendations for the council as a whole to consider, which could include investing some of the council’s current balance. After discussion, the council voted to approve the budget, which can be found on the council website ([www.kofc15175.org](http://www.kofc15175.org))

MOTION: Buddy Wallace

SECOND: Rich Thomas

Motion carried.

* Tony McCauley reported via email that planning for TAPS at St. Pat’s is progressing well. The date for the event is Saturday, February 8th. Help will be needed, and a sign-up genius will be posted shortly for council members to sign up. At this time, 2 brewers have been secured, and Tony is working on finding others. During the update, the council discussed whether or not it had been considered to have people donate/buy tables as a way of raising more revenue at the event. It was suggested to Deputy Grand Knight Phil Olinger that he should mention this to Tony as time allows.
* After bringing the issue up in November, Jeff Lopez had no update on a possible dance class as a council event in February.

**For the Good of the Order**

* Jeff Lopez reported that, for the first time in 4 to 5 years, the checks from the ID Drive have been received.

**Prayer Requests**

* Joe Klingler offered an intention for safe travel to any and all traveling this holiday season.
* Darren Carr offered intentions for his grandparents who had recently passed away. Darren’s grandfather was a Knight of the Mendota council.
* Kurt Gibson offered an intention for his mother, who is in failing health.
* An intention for St. Mary’s seminarian Angel Garcia was offered by a number of council members.

**Motion to Adjourn**

MOTION: Rich Staley

SECOND: Joe Klingler

Motion carried.