



Minutes of Knights of Columbus – Council #11937 – April 07, 2016



Knights of Columbus
 Council 11937
 Unapproved Minutes
 April 07, 2016 – 7:45 p.m. Meeting
 Members Present – 26

Attendance:

| Officer | Name | Present |
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| Grand Knight | James Stambaugh | Yes |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Will Peirson | Yes |
| Chancellor | James Kleineck | No |
| Treasurer | Danny Ortega | Yes |
| Advocate | Kenneth Sheets | No |
| Recorder | Tyler Conroy | Yes |
| Warden | Jonathan Stanley | Yes |
| Inside Guard | Oneyedikachi Ndu | No |
| Outside Guard | Matthew Aguirre | Yes |
| Financial Secretary | Ryan Murphy | No |
| Lecturer | Sammy Argumaniz | Yes |
| Trustee 1 – year | Randall Talley | Yes |
| Trustee 2 – year | Perry Purcell | No |
| Trustee 3 – year | Frank Vera | No |
| Chaplain | Fr. Ikeckwu A. Ndu | Excused |

Opening Prayer: Prayer was offered by the Deputy Grand Knight.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge to the Flag was conducted.

Opening Ode: Chapter sang the “Opening Ode” together to open the meeting.

Corrections to last month’s minutes: The council agreed to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Report of the Admissions Committee and Reading of Applications: Mario Perez is a new member. Please welcome him. The Council voted in Mike Dammen & Derek Radi to be accepted into the council at the next First Degree ceremony. The next Major degree will be with Council #11716 at Prince of Peace in Plano on 4/9 at 8:00AM. We have 3 members prepared to attend. Brother Matthew also discussed the potential of having a First Degree team here at our council.

GK report

- **Thank You and Recognition for your recent sacrifice:**
 - Read thank you letter, STA StVdP
 - We had our 19th annual KofC Fish Fry, Friday March 18th, another huge success again and yielded largest funds raised so far both gross +\$7K and net +\$3K, successes: more donations, Mother’s Assoc help, raffle, shorter lines, food preparation Thu, food/beverage menu, TV, volunteers through entire event, thanks to George E, Alan, Ray, Ryan, Andy E, Jeff L, Gagnon, Gus, James K, special thanks to service line, Larry F & sons, Frank, Talley, Ndu, Dylan, Godwin, most important special thanks to cooking crew Rafa, Will, Ed, Perry, Danny, Sammy, Larry S, Bob Sturgeon, special thanks to Sat clean up Rafa, Ed, Talley, Regitz
 - We volunteered to usher Holy Wednesday large confession lines at Fr. John’s request, March 23rd, thank you Will, Danny, Godwin, Tyler, Regitz, Gagnon
- **Pre-Meeting Rosary:** Reminder we pray the Rosary for the Unborn before each monthly general meeting at 7pm in hallway, courtyard, or meeting room
- **Annual DUES are DUE:** Jan-Dec 2016 calendar year, only \$50, largest source of fundraising & charity
- **Upcoming STA Parish/KofC Movie Night:** Fri Apr 8th at 6:30pm, STA athletic field, need projector(Ryan?), need audio(Holter/Ed?), need grill(Holter), need tents/tables/extension cords, need volunteers to cook and serve refreshments, need safe badge and nametag/shirt, Will with details

- **Upcoming our Council's 1st degree:** Cancelled for both Monday, April 11th and Monday May 9th, May 10th, May 11th, 7:30pm start, drama room/cafeteria reserved, please attend, need to send candidates to other 1st degree for April, we are exploring our own 1st degree team, Matthew with details
- **Upcoming Council Happy Hour and Recruitment Mixer:** 2nd Wednesday of month at 6:30pm, but will be Apr 20th, at Bowl & Barrel, please attend with candidates/spouses at casual environment, Naab with details
- **Upcoming Ordination of Brother Martin Castaneda:** Sat Apr 16th at 10:00am, Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in downtown, please attend/support, he is 1of3 seminarians we support each year and a member of our council, James with details
- **Upcoming Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner:** Sat Apr 16th at 6:00pm, Irving Convention Center, there are raffle tickets to buy in support, no table this year, James with details
- **Upcoming CRHP retreats:** Men's Sunday Apr 24th & Women's Sunday May 1st, St Anne's Hall, help with breakfast 8am and teardown 3pm, need 4-5 volunteers, need nametag/shirt, Matthew with details
- **Upcoming Triathlon:** Sunday May 22nd, Joe Pool Lake/Lynn Creek Park, early start time/carpool, yields \$70 per volunteer to charity acct, required to have 12-14 volunteers at race, Rafa with details
- **Upcoming 5th Sunday Rosary:** Sun May 29th, 4:30pm start at 5pm Mass, council will lead a rosary for STA parishioners every 5th Sunday in a month, need 2 volunteers, need nametag/shirt, next dates Jul 31st, Oct 30th
- **Upcoming STA Youth Group cookout:** Sun May 1st, STA Lower School at 4pm, need volunteers to cook burgers, need safe badge and nametag/shirt, Talley with details
- **We plan to begin the retention process:** In April and try to drop non-paying members, need 6-8 volunteers to help Rafa

Unfinished Business

- No Unfinished Business

New Business

- **Serving as an Officer:** Must be 3rd degree, Need new slate of officers for May, also need anyone interested in director positions, descriptions passed out & will include in minutes, and need any current officer/director/interested to see me after meeting
 - Elected: GK, DGK, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, IG, OG, 3rd Trustee
 - Appointed: FS, Lecturer, Chaplin, All Directors
- **Serving as a Director:** Need/want to appoint director roles for next Fraternal year, most positions come with small budget and plan 1 event, mostly communication to council, descriptions passed out & will include in minutes, please see me after meeting
 - Current Directors are: Membership, Pro-Life, Safety, Retention
 - Future Director positions are: Program, Church, Community, Council, Youth, Family, Public Relations, Recruitment, Fish Fry, Triathlon
- **First Degree Team:** Brother Marc proposed forming our own 11937 First Degree team. The council voted to re-start a First Degree team. One of the requirements is to have a set of First Degree books which the council received back in 2005. If anyone knows where these First Degree Books are, please contact Brother James.
- **Volunteer Shirts:** The council voted to spend approx \$350 to order new volunteer shirts.
- **Stroke Scan:** Brother Talley asked for volunteers to help make pulpit announcements for Stroke Scan on 6/18 & 6/19.
- **Burgers for Religious Ed:** Brother Talley asked for volunteers to help cook burgers for the Youth Religious Education program on 5/1.
- **Gift Card Program:** The council sells gift cards for various organizations (Dicks, Academy, Walmart, Tom Thumb, Etc.) and receives a small amount of the money. This has been a very successful fundraiser that involves us spending money at the places we usually spend money.
- **STAMA Jump Hour:** STAMA is sponsoring a Jump Hour and has asked for some volunteers on 4/23 from 10:00AM-11:00AM
- **Social Media Presence:** Brother Sammy asked that the council take a quick picture of the group after the meeting for the Council's Facebook Group. Supreme clarified that there are some rules about using the KC emblem and would like to review them after the meeting.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary Report: Current Balance is \$12,700, which includes the deposit from the Fish Fry. Only 30% of current members have paid their membership dues for the 2016 year. Please pay your dues on time. If anyone has any questions or issues with dues, please contact Brother Ryan.

Safe Environment: Brother Larry discussed getting up to date on Safe Environment clearance. Every council member volunteering at any parish event must be Safe Environment cleared and should wear their badges while volunteering. The next class at St. Thomas will be on 5/16 at 7:00PM. There will be a renewal class on 4/10 at 10:00AM. Anyone needing to renew can take the online renewal class. The Family Movie Night will be a very high profile event. Please be sure to wear your current badge if you plan to help with these events. Please contact Brother Larry or Michelle Sheets at the Church Office with any questions.

Pro-Life Report: No Pro-Life Report for this month.

Report of the 4th Degree: No report of the 4th Degree

Field Agent's Report: Brother Marc discussed some common misconceptions about life insurance, the "war clause," and the high ratings of Knights of Columbus insurance programs. Please contact Brother Marc with any questions about KC Insurance.

District Deputy Report: Brother Reed Discussed membership. We are currently 11 members and one insurance policy short of our "Star Council" quotas. Brother Reed suggested ordering some medallions for the Major Degree, and also mentioned that we should be able to get a first degree team together for 5/10 or 5/11. Brother Reed mentioned the honor of being an officer in the Council and discussed the election process. Brother Reed will be the co-chairman of the 2017 State Convention here in Dallas and asked for assistance with helping to organize the event. Please contact Brother Reed if you are interested in helping.

Prayer Intentions for Council #11937

For an Unassisted Brother, Sick, or in Distress Only

For our politicians, both at the Local, State and Federal level

For our American Soldiers, Police Officers, Fireman, First Responders

For our Clergy

Violence against Christians in the Middle East and Africa

All Planned Parenthood employees – for conversion to abandon all abortion actions

Wanda Stambaugh – depression

Anthony Stambaugh – on ACTS retreat

James Stambaugh – personal intention

Charles Campbell

Kelly Harris

Nevada Hill

Paul Caudal

Roger Dailey

Michael Medved

Marty Murphy

Tommy Magnum

Adriana Liberto

Connie Adams

Jeter Family

Kristine Dugan

Julie & Harrison Lee

Danny & Ramon Aguirre

Vincent Lara

George Nettles

Emily Fritz

Cathy Weaver

Steven Kristophel

Michelle Jackson

Dr. Patrick Martin

Dearly Departed/Deceased Only

For the unborn or aborted

Madeline Boedocker

Rusty Thompson

Robert Manning

Sam Lee

Frank Argumaniz Jr.

Good of the Order: Brother Sammy spoke to the importance of carrying our cross with the dignity that Christ showed us.

Thank you and God bless you!



Officer's Description

Grand Knight

The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle.

Deputy Grand Knight

The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee and also a member of the Advisory Board charged with overseeing the council's sponsored Columbian Squires circle.

Chancellor

The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee and a member of the Columbian Squires circle ceremonial team.

Recorder

The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence.

Financial Secretary

The financial secretary is appointed by the supreme knight, upon recommendation of the council. His main area of responsibilities is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from council members. He also handles supply orders for the council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer, and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme Council.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

Advocate

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting, and Robert's Rules of Order.

Warden

The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Inside Guard

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

Outside Guard

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door.

Lecturer

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Board of Trustees (1st year, 2nd year, and 3rd year)

The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two and one-year trustees, respectively.

Chaplain

The chaplain is the spiritual advisor of the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on religious matters. The grand knight appoints a priest in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese to serve as council chaplain.