



**Knights of Columbus
Council #1221
Business Meeting Minutes
March 14th, 2024**



Call to Order

Thursday, March 14th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Warden's Report on Membership Card

Bro. Dan Gulley: All present are current members.

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer was said by all.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Reading of and Approval Minutes of Previous Meeting

- The meeting minutes for February were sent out via email and placed at the bar prior to the meeting for review. The minutes were read and accepted by all.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Jeremy

- The first reading for mass today from the book of Exodus: *"The Lord said to Moses: go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it, sacrificing to it, and crying out 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.' The Lord said to Moses 'I see how stiff-necked this people is. Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation.' But Moses implored the Lord, his God, saying 'Why, O Lord, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and exterminate them from the face of the earth? Let your blazing wrath die down; relent in punishing your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.' So the Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people."* I thought about this particular reading, so Moses goes up on the mountain, spending 40 days in prayer and fasting. While he's up there in prayer, God tells him about the wavering of his people, the same people who had been freed, walked through the Red Sea, seen mighty deeds, watched the plagues, and seen God do amazing things in their midst. He's fed them, cared for them, and yet here in midst of all of this, they have started to turn to their own devices. They're wondering what

happened to Moses and start trying to take things into their own hands by making this molten calf and start to worship it. The Israeli people, in many ways, were in a pretty good place. They'd moved into the desert, they'd been freed, they were fed, they had a relationship with God, and yet, in the midst of that sort of place, they get sidetracked, they start to turn to their own devices and what they can do for themselves. I thought about that in light of our own council. This is a very good group. This is my 6th year with the council at some level. I've watched great leadership. I've watched the council hall be completely renovated (it looks wonderful. Our enrollments are good, our bank accounts are good, our numbers are good, our engagement is good, we've won Star Council, we have all of these wonderful things going on for us, and they're all good. Hear that, they're wonderful. But at the same time, we have to make sure that we don't allow the awards, the engagement, the activities, the bank account, those things to become what is most important in our lives. As a council, we're here to form Christian men in fraternity and charity to recognize our relationship with God and with one-another. And lest we make a golden calf out of the looks of our council, our bank accounts, the numbers of people that we newly register in our council, we need to make sure that its truly about that community, that fraternity, that people that is in worship of God. And so what does that look like? Some basic ways are if we're spending time at the council, but not going to Mass, we need to attend to it, like we've made the council somehow a God. If we're coming to the council and are engaged in activities, but are not engaged at our parish, we need to be attentive to it. If we're coming to the council and praying, but not helping our families in prayer, we need to attend to it. Again, the council is a good thing, a great opportunity to be doing outreach to the community, raising funds for charitable institutions in the community, but it must not become a God, a golden calf. It must be a place that facilitates our relationship with the Lord our God and His Church, Jesus, the sacraments, and the scriptures. And so, lets keep the right things in the right order. Moses was away for a few days, and the people start to go astray. Its very easy for us to spend time here and miss the proper goal of our lives as Christian people, which is to love our Lord God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Grand Knight's Report: WGK John Vernia

- February was busy, as always
- Fr. Lampert was here on Tuesday, was very well received in the community and had an excellent crowd
- Polar Plunge had 2 Knights participate (Bro. Matt Lincoln and Bro. Charlie Archer), raising almost \$1700 for Special Olympics
- Fish Fries
 - Have been very well attended
 - Thanks to everyone that volunteers, helps set up, run it, clean up, etc

Deputy Grand Knight's Report: DGK Ron Webber

- No report this month

Treasurer's Report: Bro. John Kaiser

- At the end of February, the General Fund has \$75,466, the Gaming Fund is at \$27,213 and the CBC Fund has \$97,420. There was no updated report this week.
 - *(For new members, CBC stands for The Columbia Building Corporation*

which is a separate entity from Knights of Columbus 1221. Each 1221 member is also a shareholder in the CBC)

- All bills are paid and up to date.
- Fish fry revenue will be coming in

Balloting for Membership: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- New Members for the month of February:
 - Gary Coombs (SMK)
- New Members for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year:
 - Brenden Kelly
 - David Harbeson (Holy Family)
 - Luke Naville
 - Joseph Naville
 - Jon (Mike) Bartley
 - Jeff Greenwood (reinstatement)
 - Dominic Morales (transfer)
 - Stephen Fernung (SMK)
 - John Nies (reinstatement)
 - Joseph Hackney (SMNA)
 - Chris Didelot (SMK)
 - Gary Creamer (SJPII)
 - Gary Coombs (SMK)

Financial Secretary's Report: Bro. Matt Lincoln

- 2024 dues have been mailed out
- 110 members have not paid their dues (about 25% of the council)
- Need 2 more members to make our goal for '23-'24

New Business:

- St. Elizabeth Charities – would like for us to be a sponsor (anywhere from \$1,000-\$10,000) for their gala event
 - Motion made to donate \$5000, seconded, and rejected
 - Motion made to donate \$1000, seconded, and approved
 - Attendees (couples) will be expected to also make a personal contribution

Report of Service Program Committees:

- **Program Director: Bro. Greg Brodfurher**
 - No report this week
- **Community Director: Bro. Kevin Kruer**
 - No report this week
- **Family Director: Bro. Rob Davis**
 - No report this week
- **Culture of Life Director: Bro. Mark Court**
 - No report this week
- **Vocation Director: Bro. Greg Brodfehrer**

- No report this week
- **Faith Director: Bro. Ben Wissel**
 - Tuesday (March 19th) at Holy Family – Stations of the Cross
 - RSVP – support for vocations program
 - State/Supreme will help refund part of donations to RSVP
 - Several local men and women pursuing holy orders that we can support
 - Motion made to spend \$500 for each person
 - Bro. Worden recommended that we have our brothers check in periodically with our seminarians and sisters
- **Health and Service Director: Bro. Ron Webber**
 - No report this week
- **Public Relations Director: Bro. Chris Gahagen**
 - No report this week

Report of the Fourth Degree:

- No report this week

Insurance Field Agent Report – Bro. Phillip Weise

- At the meeting this evening, given a high-level overview of our fraternal benefits package
- Plan to be here every so often to review benefits
- April 2nd – will be hosting a fraternal benefits evening at the council, including financial planning

District Deputy Report – Bro. Greg Brodfehr

- district35@indianakofc.org
- In the next two weeks, we need each member to invite one person to become a Knight (or at least approach them about joining the Knights)
- State Convention
 - Need another delegate to attend with WGK, as well as two alternates
- April 2nd – Fraternal Benefits evening at 8 p.m. here at the council

Good of the Order

- Prayers for the good of the order
 - Bro. Mike Albers
 - Pat Bryne
 - Wife of Bro. Mike Worden

Closing Prayer

- The Hail Mary was said by all.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Submitted by: Recorder, Dustin Jones, March 14th, 2023

Attested to by: WGK, John Vernia, March 14th, 2023