

## Minutes of the Knights Columbus Council 5604 Meeting August 5, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. by Grand Knight James Vanderhorst.

Opening Prayer: Our Chaplain Fr. Rafal leads us in the Lord Prayer

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Grand Knight James Vanderhorst

Recognized Dignitaries: GK recognized Father Rafal, DD Joe Scalice and Guest

Minutes of the previous meeting were emailed out and posted on our web site. Tom Hackett made motion to accept and second by Tony Cane and the motion passed unanimously

Chaplain Message given by Fr. Rafal Parrish is doing well and we are ready for school year. July and August were very quiet -

We will celebrate mass every week with the students - Bishop is totally on board, because the kids will be defenders of the faith. Listening and preaching is easy - application is hard.

The Gospel of the day – Matthew 16: 13-23” Who do men say that the Son is?” - “who do you say I am” Should be center of your life.

3 things - keep trusting, Keep trying and be humble won't be easy we are challenged each day and I appreciate you bringing your faith to the knights.

Pray that all people will have faith and that everyone will believe in Jesus.

Jesus reaches those by who he shows the example -

For faith to take root unbelievers they need to see our example.

Grand Knight Report: Grand Knight James, I would like to personally thank everyone of you for your dedication and hard work this past year. I feel that we have an extraordinarily strong and active council and will accomplish many great things this year, and with your dedication, talents, and hard work. I know that we will have great Officers for this year.

We made Star Council, our council has earned the Columbian Award, and the Founder's Award. We need to recruit and get more catholic men into our parishes and our church. We need our church, and we need to bring back our members. The Catholic Church lost about 50% parishioners over the last couple of year. Most young Catholics are leaving the church at the age of 21.

All Officers and Program Director will be receiving their Fraternal Planner for 2021-2022 and the Faith in Acting Guild booklet.

Credit Card for the council to order items from Supreme. Due to Supreme wanting all orders paid when order no more billing the councils for supplies when order. Council Officers do not use a debit card but a credit card.

We have a District Organization meeting at Peter and Paul on Saturday August 14th at 9am - Joe will have more information.

Special Olympics is looking for volunteers for the bowling on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Monday the 9th will grill hot dogs for the parents and students at 10:30 to noon in school yard -

a letter was read from Dr Suddarth. Please let Jim know if you can help grill the food.

I am looking for a Chairman for the Tootsie Roll drive.

Our next Officers Meeting will be Aug. 31, at 7pm. in the KC Hall All Officers and any brothers.

Our next Council Meeting will be Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. at 7pm. and a Columbian at 6:15pm.

Correspondence reader by Recorded Andrew Minor.

Financial Report: Treasurer Vince Colonnese - Balance \$11,189.81 at the beginning of the month - balance at the end of the month - \$9,752.79

Vince Also presented the budget for next year 2021-2022 and he made sure that there is a buffer in the budget so that the account doesn't go to zero.

Financial Secretary - David Brown read the vouchers and the trustees signed off on them - he reported that dues are coming in and we have 210 members - we need about 70 more to pay their dues.

Membership Report: GK James - Balloting of Candidates for Admission

New Members - John Green from Peter and Paul - Mike Sutherland proposed and Tom Hackett seconded and he was approved

Richard Andrade was present to present his reapplication and he was proposed by Mike Sutherland and seconded by Tom Hackett and he was approved.

Other Reports: Community Director: Vince Colonnese - Presented his report - several events are coming up as school starts -

Soccer Challenge - September 15th at 3:15 Wednesday right after school.

Essay Contest - October 28th -

Spelling Bee - Nov 3rd - need judges

Poster contest will be before Christmas and Basketball will be Jan 12th.

Faith Director: Will McCracken -Delivered the report - Jesus is on fire!! The theme for the season is "The Liturgy of the Word" In Person and Duration: Mondays from September 13th to Dec 6th from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Parrish Center. Other studies are also available and will be out through email. The Men's retreat will be in Tampa from Sept. 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>.

Family Director: Bart Natolie - Families and prayer and have a fellowship on Sunday after the 5:30 mass and want to meet with new youth director Erica Lesak - We need a family Prayer night.

Life Director: Michael Furlong - the Chancellor gave the report that we contact our rep about passing the Hyde Amendment and thankfully it passed.

Committees:

Honoring our Veterans – Al Connizzo – No Report

Pancake Breakfast – David Wagner Dates are approved – 1<sup>st</sup> event will be Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

Tootsie Roll Drive - needs a Chairman.

Fourth Degree: Mike Sutherland gave the report - the next meeting will be August 26th at 6:15 at the hall. He also read aloud the invitation to the Military ball. It was proposed that we place an ad in the program of the ball for \$100 - proposed by Mike Sutherland and seconded by Tom Hanket and it was passed to purchase the ad.

Insurance Agent: Worthy Ron Moliterno - not present - no report.

District Deputy: Worthy Joe Scalise - Joe discussed the District Organization Meeting and the importance of the knights being visible in the church so that we can encourage our parishioners to come back. He mentioned that some younger people have been joining because they are looking for something.

Our Council made Star Council and we also helped Our Lady of Queen Martyrs make star council as well.

We ask that you help with the Special Olympics on August 7th from 8 to noon at the bowling alley - wear your shirt and wear a mask.

D.D. Joe is hoping to have the leadership of the councils sit with other councils at the district meeting so that they can develop relationships in the district and build better communications. He urged that all get safe environment training and that he is as well.

All forms need to be sent to the state.

And we want to make it easier for everyone to join a council as we build it back since we have lost 50% of our membership as a church.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: We need to look at the Facebook page and make sure that it is up to date  
We discussed bills not previously approved.

Good of the Order: GK James Recognized the outstanding accomplishment

Family of the month - Vince Colonnese Family

Knight of the month - David Brown

Silver Shield award - Will McCracken

Other Awards - new members - James Gates, Giordano Scarano, and third-degree brother - Giorgio Ferrari.

Reflection: Tom Reese - Knights Knowledge - was postponed as the meeting was running long.

Grand Knight Summary: Next Officer meeting will be Aug 31st and the Council meeting will be Sept 2nd at 7pm with the Columbian Meeting starting at 6:15pm.- enjoy fellowship tonight.

Closing Prayer: GK intentioned for sick or distressed member and family - Please pray for Mike Cotter, Tom Reese's Dad and Phil Indevino

Father Rafel closed the meeting by leading us in a Decade of the Rosary.

The meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

