

# Minutes of the Knights Columbus Council 5604

Meeting July 06, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by Grand Knight James Vanderhorst.

Opening Prayer was offered by our Chaplin FR. Rafal. Let us pray for the success of our meeting. Let us pray for new ideas, for each of us so we may continue to do great thing for the church, for the world, for our family. Our Father.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Grand Knight James lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognized Dignitaries: GK recognized FR. Rafal, DD John Hansen, DW John Kreger

Guest tonight - none

I am going to go out of order for a second, so we can do Unfinished Business. We need to finish our elections of Officers. Brother Larry Locasico will conduct the election. We will fill the vacancies from last month's elections:

Advocate - Michal Sutherland

Inside Guard - Joseph Norrison

Outside Guard - Joseph Funtal

Three Year Trustee - Jeff Stano

Approve the Minutes from prior meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were transmitted to members and posted on the website. Any discussion on the minutes? Motion to approve by Al Connizzo second by Brother Larry Locasico the minutes were Approved.

Chaplain Message Fr. Rafal: Thank you brothers, I was just thinking about what I am going to say today to you? But when we look at the reading for this week, especially the first reading, they are the readings of Genesis not the story of creation, but the story about Abraham and Isaac and how each put their trust in God, so I want you to think about it today. How am I trusting in God? Am I trusting him in me really in my daily life? It is not going to be easy. Sometimes brothers you know, because when everything goes smoothly, and everything is Ok, that's easy part. But when something happens in our life, you know, just our relationship with God is not the best. Our relationship with our wives? With our children, it is not the best sometimes and my trusting God that everything will be all right. When we find out something about our health you know, just sometimes we struggle with our health, you know, am I trusting God? You know, when we are not on the same page, especially as one group of guys. Because each one of us is different, you know, we have different personalities. Am I trusting God that everything will be all right? That will come together as one group. You know that is an important thing, so I want you to think about it today. You Know, Abrahams trusting obedience is a model for us. We know that he sacrificed his own son, Isaac for God, he said. Lord this is what you have commanded of me. This is what I am going to do for you. I am going to sacrifice my son for you because I love you, I trust you. Abraham is our father in faith, and we need to learn from Abraham. So, he may ask us to let go of something or someone we love. For example, a child moving away perhaps, or a job or a home, a cherished dream. But he also promises to provide for whoever we are, just as he provides for Abraham. Jesus teaches a similar lesson when he says whoever wishes to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my shake will find it you see my brothers, our life is a gift from God, but we must always hold it loosely. When we are called to lay down part of our life, for instance, we can be sure that God will be with us

to help us to make up for whatever are losing, he promises to bless us as we cling to him amid all. So, think about look back over your journey with God, and ask yourself, hasn't he provided for you? Hasn't he shown you his faithful love? Hasn't he provided himself worthy to be trusted with your Isaac in your life, with the thing that you must sacrifice in your life. Brothers do not be afraid to surrender your life to your father. And when we do our best, when we come together, when we pray, when we receive the sacraments of the church, he will provide for us.

Thank you, everyone. God bless you.

Grand Knight Report: Grand Knight James, I want to thank everyone for your support last year. We will continue to be a great council. **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.** I am looking forward to working with the new Officers and Program Directors.

Installation of Council Officers will be on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass all are invited to attend.

**THIS MAN IS YOU** is being introduce to our church Friday night July 7<sup>th</sup> in the PC at 7:00 pm. This will be 1 hour information session and will be facilitated by two of our Brother Knights Miguel Rodriguez and Paul Delorenzo, please support this event, more info to come.

Ordination to the Priesthood Daniel Scanlan. The Ordination will take place at 11:00 am, on Saturday, July 15, at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W. Venice. Our council is presenting Daniel with a card and \$250.00. All are welcome to attend.

We are going with a new style calendar for our council. I think you will like it. And we will keep updating as we go along. The new calendar will be posted on the Council web page as well in the Newsletters.

I am asking that each council officer and including myself to call each member of the council to help update addresses, emails, cell phones, and wife name. This will help with Dennis texting monthly updates, monthly newsletter and assisting the FS in getting dues out.

Saturday July 8 at 7:30 am Special Olympic at Bowlero lanes 4280 Cortez Rd. Any help with be appreciated.  
Sunday July 9 & July 23 we will host Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30 & 9:00 Masses.

Monday Nights Bible study being again Monday, July 10 in the PC large meeting room.

August 1-4 is the Supreme Convention in Orlando. Your help is needed.

August 8th Back to School cookout. The Knight are grilling burgers, etc., all food and drinks will be provide. We will need Brothers to facilitate the Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, along with the Lenten Fish Frys. We are seeking a Membership Director.

Correspondences: Andres Cordero - Card received saying "Thanks."

Financial Report: Treasurer Vince Colognes – Brother Vince provided his report, Beginning Balance \$15,139.65. The Current Balance for the month \$14,895.25 Any discussion on the Treasurer Brother? Will McCracken made the motion to approve the report and second by Brother Joesph Funtal. The motion was passed by the council.

Financial Secretary Report: FS David Brown read the five vouchers. If you currently owe membership DUES, please pay asap.

Membership Report: GK James Vanderhorst noted we have two new members to read in, William Chason and Jeffery Doolittle, and one transfer Samuel Lesak. Brother Larry Locascio made a motion to accept these new

members. Second by Brother Jeff Stano. Motion passed.  
Our membership is 224 members.

Other Reports: Tom Reese -

Community Director Vince Colonnese – I have nothing going a right now. I have the dates for my programs for the year. I still must meet with Ms. Suddath. Soccer will be on Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Faith Director: Will McCracken Calling All Men! That Man is You! On (Date), 2023, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, there will be a one-hour information session on That Man is You! (TMIY), at (Parish Name and Location). TMIY is a Catholic program that honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Since its inception, more than 100,000 men have been involved in TMIY. The transformative effects in participants have been most evident in helping men become better husbands and fathers, strengthening them in virtue, and in increased parish participation. This information session is open to all men, whether you are a member of (Name of Parish where Information Session is taking place) or another parish. It is being promoted by the Evangelization Department of the Diocese of Venice and is supported by Bishop Dewane. Come to the information session on Friday, July 07 at 7:00 pm and find out more.

Family Director: Patrick Hussey – Planning the monthly fellowship for Knights and families, I suggest Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for this month's event. Hamburgers / hot dogs, etc... with dominoes & Bocci Ball following the event. Location: K of C Hall.  
I will provide the catering / food and what we need inside for dominoes & the court for Bocci ball.

Life Director: Michael Furlong – Short video on Human Trafficking.

Fourth Degree: Next Assembly 1860 Meeting July 27<sup>th</sup>. at 6:15 pm at St. Peter and Paul.  
Insurance Agent: Brother Ron – No Report

District Deputy Report: Worthy John Hansen:

“I bring you greetings from Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, the supreme officers, the board of directors, and our new state deputy, Rick Hughes. I have just a few things. I just came back from the organizational meeting this past weekend, brothers, where all the district deputies and state officers and directors met. Many are coming back with a lot of information which I will share with your Grand Knight and a couple other officers when we have my district meeting. We do have a new Regional Director this year his name is Robert Gallery, he is from Cape Coral. One thing they did do, we now actually have one additional district they are calling District 90. They pulled all the suspended councils out from underneath the district deputies and put them in their own district underneath the regional director's title. For Safe Environment protocols, your Grand Knight, Program Director, Faith Director, and Community Directors are all the ones who need to be safe compliance so you should be if you haven't received notification, you should be receiving that to go through the compliance protocol, the training and the two that need to have background checks done.

Unfinished Business: We have this merger between us and merging with Sacred Heart. We have been taking all their members that wanted to transfer into our Council. There were thirty-five members still on the

membership roster. We are going to vote tonight not to go with the merger with Sacred Heart Council 8037, If they want to transfer into our council, they can but we are not going with the merger. So, any discussion on this before we vote on it. All in favor of merging with Council 8037 signify by raising your hand. Opposed raise your hand. Council 5604 voted not to merge with Council 8037

Weekend retreat for women planned for September 16th & 17th in the Parish Center. Welcome is a program developed by the group Dynamic Catholic that helps people discover what is missing in their faith lives and what to do about it. This group would like help from the Knights of Columbus with the meals. What is needed is: We need at least three people per meal to set up, serve, and clean up. We will provide all the food and food will be served buffet style. Saturday September 16, we need coffee and tea set up by 7 AM. The women will arrive at 7am. Breakfast is served from 8:30- 9am. Lunch is served from 12:30- 1:00pm. Dinner is served from 6- 6:30pm. Sunday September 17. We need coffee and tea set up by 7am. The women arrive at 7am. Breakfast is served from 7:25- 7:50am. Lunch is served from 11:25- 12:05pm. No dinner meal is planned. We have the entire Parish Hall reserved and will have use of the kitchen. Volunteers should arrive about a half hour before the meal to set up. If the Knights can help us with this in any way, it would be appreciated. If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you and God Bless.

Becky Stano 303-548-141

New Business:

Deputy Grand Knight Report: I discussed a partnership with Travis Persinger, Account Manager for the Bradenton Marauders. He shared information regarding some options for discounted group rates. This is what he shared: We have a 30-person minimum for our hospitality on the Party Deck (3B line) and Boardwalk (beyond the Right Field wall). Each ticket is \$35. This includes your own private area for the length of the night, unlimited food and Pepsi products, a Bradenton Marauders hat, and if it is a fireworks night, wristbands to go onto the outfield grass for the fireworks show post-game. We do have two hospitality suites on the second level that are of a smaller size but are at a flat rate price. Both are on press rows and have their own elevator as well as indoor/outdoor seating with a private balcony, an upgraded food menu to choose from, as well as the ballpark staples such as popcorn, crackerjacks, and peanuts. The 15-person suite comes in at \$675 and includes fifteen tickets and food. The 25-person suite comes in at \$1125 and includes twenty-five tickets in addition to the food. We do have many groups and businesses that rent out both suites to grab all forty tickets for their evening with us instead of using the Party Deck due to the upgraded features with those areas. The Grand Knight and I are looking at prices for seats in the outfield or stadium. We would like to hear any thoughts or feedback you may have.

Deputy Grand Knight  
Keith Green

Good of the Order: GK James recognized the outstanding accomplishment of:

Family of the Month: None

Knight of the Month: Migual Rodriguez

Reflection: Tom Reese – Knight Knowledge postponed due to the length of the meeting.

Grand Knight Summary: The next Officers and program Directors will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00pm in the KC Hall. Council Meeting will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. in the KC Hall. No Columbian Meeting.

Closing Prayer: Pray for Brother Knights – Joe Norrison, John Sullivan, Phil Indovina.

Fr. Rafal offered the closing prayer, and we recited a Decade of the Rosary.

Grand Knight James officially closed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Food and Fellowship after the meeting.