

Knights of Columbus Council 5604 Meeting Minutes

December 07, 2023

The Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Past Grand Knight Al Connizzo.

Opening prayer was offered by Fr. Rafal

Past Grand Knight Al Connizzo led the Pledge of Allegiance

Recognized Dignitaries: FR. Rafal, DD John Hansen, DW John Krger

Guest: Jim Okun transferring to our Council

Roll Call of Officers: 8 Present, 1 Vacant, 4 Excused 2 Absent

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting: The Minutes of the prior meeting were transmitted to all members via email and posted on the council web page. Is there any correction to the minutes? Motion made by Jeff Stano and seconded by David Brown. Minutes passed.

Chaplain's Report: The Gospel for today is building your house on solid ground.

Grand Knight Report: I want to thank everyone for your support and helped this past month. Especially with the Solemnity Christ the King Procession, Manatee and Sarasota Foster Kids breakfast with Santa, and selling Nativies Silhouettes. Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Saturday, Dec. 16 Spaghetti Dinner. We will need help with cooking, setting up, serving, and cleanup. I will be reaching out to some of you to be part of the Procession.

I hope to see a lot of you next Thursday for our Christmas Party with the Ladies of St. Joseph. KC Hall

I wish everyone a Blessed, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Correspondence - Andres Cordero sent a thank-you note for all the support of the council.

Financial Report: Treasurer Vince Colonnese provided the report. Beginning Balance \$12,732.64 Current Balance \$13,353.78. Any correction to the Treasurer Report? Motion to accept the Treasurer Report by WILL McCracken Second by Jeff Stano.

FS Report: David Brown read the 9 vouchers totaling \$2,742.56. The trustees signed off on the vouchers.

Membership Report: Stan Koci - Balloting of Candidates for Admission - None

Transfers Form 100 James Okun transferring from Texas and Tom Betty Transferring from Maryland.

Other Reports: Jeff Stano

Community Director: Vince Colonnese - State Soccer Challenge Saturday, Basketball Free Throw Jan. 10 or 17. Regional Spelling Bee State Spelling Bee Feb. 3

Faith Director: Will McCracken- Monday Bible Studies – Began on Sep 11 until May 20th – These studies are hosted by the Knights please attend them.

Dec 16 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Dance presentation at 3PM - Procession at the 4pm Mass. Spaghetti Dinner after the 4:00 mass.

"What We Believe" September 11/23 - December 11/23—Ascension What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith

Family Director: Patrick Hussey -- Thursday Dec 14th Family Social night 6:00pm will be our Christmas Party with the Ladies of St. Joseph's, A- L Cover Dish, M-Z Desert.

Life Director: Michael Furlong - Brothers, there is great need for more pro-life presence and voices to help women and girls who are at risk of aborting their pre-born children. There is currently a shortage of counselors and prayer warriors to be present on Tuesdays and Wednesdays on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood in Sarasota. That facility is the southwest Florida headquarters of Planned Parenthood, and it is the largest abortion center in this region. More than 20 other Planned Parenthood facilities get their orders from this monster that is only a few miles away from here.

Most women who have their pre-born children aborted (murdered in the womb) do not want to do it, but they feel it is the only option available to them. They feel that they have to choose between keeping the electricity on or keeping their baby. Women are continually bombarded with messages that they need to be childless if they want to be successful. They are told that a child will get in the way of a high school or college education, and a career in the workforce. The truth is that while it may be difficult, it is not impossible. The men in their lives don't want to be responsible for the children they helped create, and so they say it's the woman's choice if she has an abortion, but if she keeps the baby he will kick her out of their house or apartment. Families are disowning daughters who get pregnant while still in high school or college. These women and girls feel completely helpless and compelled into ending their children's lives in order to improve their own lives or merely to survive the current hardships they are dealing with.

Women and girls deserve better than this! We do have better options for them, and most of them are completely free! We have pregnancy resource centers that help a woman through her pregnancy providing prenatal care, diapers, baby food and formula, baby clothes, and much more that are donated by generous people. We have maternity homes for pregnant women and girls who need a place to live so they can keep their baby if their family or boyfriend throws them out. We have organizations that provide food and other resources for mothers and their babies. There are thousands of these places in our country, many more of these than there are abortion centers, but the abortion industry - and it MOST CERTAINLY is an industry- doesn't want this information to be known.

You can help, even if the only resource you are able to give is volunteering your time. Please consider either becoming a Sidewalk Advocate for Life counselor, a prayer warrior, or simply holding a sign that says something like "We will help you. You don't have to do this today".

To volunteer your time on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood in Sarasota, contact James Kurt at jameskurt@gmail.com

Pancake Breakfast - David Wagner - David Wagner Dec. 10th and Jan.7th after 7:30 & 9:00 Masses. Dec. 17 Faith Formation Pancakes only GK James will provide the Pancake Mix. We will need some help that day.

Coffee And Donuts - Next Coffee and Donuts January 14th after 7:30 and 9:00 Masses.

KCIC - Joseph Funtal- The Knights will begin taking orders after weekend Masses in October through November.

Tootsie Roll Drive - Will start in January. Need a chairperson.

Lenten Fish Fry - Paul DeLorenzo -

Bocce Ball - Larry Locascio -Every Wednesday evening at 6PM.

Fourth Degree: Next Assembly Meeting will be Thursday, December 21, at 6:15PM at ST. Joseph KC Hall. Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on March 9th at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church Parrish.

District Deputy: Worthy John Hansen—I bring you greetings from Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, the Supreme officers, the Board of Directors, and State Deputy Rich Hughes.

Unfinished Business: -

New Business: There was a discussion about the purchase of a complete set of new medals for \$452. It was pointed out that this had to go before the Officers meeting first. That will be done in February.

Deputy Grand Knight --no report

Bills were approved and signed.

Grand Knight Summary: The next Officer Meeting in January will be canceled. The council Meeting will be held on January 4th, 2024 at 7:00PM in the KC Hall and the Columbian Meeting will be at 6:15PM in the same location.

Closing Prayer: Closing prayer by Fr. Rafal

Intentions for the sick. Joe Norrison, Edmond Francois, Ray Reimer, John Sullivan,
Brian Manning, Deacons Son

Fr. Rafal led the council in a Decade of the Rosary

The meeting closed at 7:47PM