

## **Knights of Columbus Council 5604 Meeting Minutes**

February 1, 2024

The Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Grand Knight James Vanderhorst

Opening prayer was offered by Fr. Rafal

Grand Knight James Vanderhorst led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guest: Michael Williams

Roll Call of Officers: 9 Present, 1 Vacant, 2 Excused, 1 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 Joe Barnes and seconded by Joe Fontel. Minutes passed.

Chaplain's Report: The Knights do a lot for St. Joseph, and it is appreciated. Mass in parish center. Church being painted to be completed 2/16. Father talked about the gospel for that date and Jesus gave his disciples the authority to go out and spread the gospel. Could you imagine being sent into Bradenton to preach the gospel.

Grand Knight Report: There will be a Gala for the school on February 10, 2024. For future donut Sundays we will sell the donuts in the church. Using just the parish center alone is not working. The church is being painted so the Fish Fry on February 16 and the Pancake Breakfast on February 18 are being cancelled. Joe Norrison has had to step down as the inside guard for medical reasons. Setting up a committee to plan for next year's programs and events. If you want to be on the committee please contact the GK. Thank everyone for all their help last month,

Correspondence – Andres Cordero, Brian Nguyen, Bridget Olsen

Financial Report: Treasurer Vince Colonnese provided the report. Beginning Balance \$15,155.04 Current Balance \$15,469.76. Any correction to the Treasurer Report? Motion to accept the Treasurer Report by Al Connizzo Second by Larry Locascio

FS Report: David Brown read the 10 vouchers totaling \$2,014.72. The trustees signed off on the vouchers.

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

Transfer Form 100

Other Reports: GK James Vanderhorst

Community Director: Vince Colonnese – The poster contest in December. Kids liked it and had 40 kids. Regional Spelling Bee on hold may just go to State. Basket Free throw in gym. January 17.

Faith Director: Will McCracken-- Monday Night Bible Studies Jesus and the Eucharist Study 6:00pm  
Jesus and the Eucharist Bible Study begins on 1/22/24 – (7) session-study on Mondays from 6:05 to 7:35pm  
in the O'Donnell Room. The Three Forgotten Gifts from Heaven Study begins on 1/26/24  
- (3) session study on Fridays from 9:30am to 11am in the Large Meeting Room.  
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Frank Dewane is Tuesday 3/19/24 at 6:30pm. Rehearsal Day is Thu 3/14/24  
from 5pm to 6:30pm. I will let you know more details soon.  
First Communion Mass is Saturday May 11 at 1:00 pm. VBS is June 3-7  
Youth Summer Camp this year is Camp Veritas on the week

Family Director: Patrick Hussey –Thursday Feb 8 Family Gathering Night.

Life Director: Michael Furlong – Firstly, the Sarasota 40 Days for Life Kickoff is Saturday February 10th at Church of St  
Patrick, 7900 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota. Time: 8:00 mass and Holy Hour in the church, 10:00 – 3:00 Event in the parish  
center (includes lunch).

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sarasota-40-days-for-life-781470879437> Click on “Reserve a Spot” on the  
top right-hand side of the page. Or email Rich Owens at [40DFLSarasota@gmail.com](mailto:40DFLSarasota@gmail.com)

Registration closes Saturday February 3rd as the lunch order needs to be in by the 4th.

If you register and it turns out you cannot attend, please let Rich Owens know so your lunch order can be cancelled.

Ramona Treviño, Outreach Director for 40 Days for Life is our afternoon keynote speaker. She has an amazing story of  
conversion of heart to share with us!

We have two other speakers of note. In the morning will be Dr Karen Liebert, Medical Director of Community Pregnancy  
Clinics Inc, who will join Rich in a “What to Say When” session. And in the afternoon, Jennifer Carey, CEO of Sarasota  
Medical Pregnancy Center who will explain to us the many services SMPC provides. “Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center  
provides cost-free medical, behavioral health, and educational services and support to all expecting mothers and their  
partners.”

You will not want to miss this exciting and informative conference.

Lastly, you may recall that the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops sent out a prayer prior to the Florida Supreme  
Court hearing on the case challenging Florida’s 15-week abortion ban.

Now, in a recent note from Jeanne Berdeaux, she said, “In case you haven’t heard, the pro-aborts exceeded their goal  
today with 911,122 certified petitions (needed 891,523) and 17 Congressional Districts (needed 14). The Florida  
Supreme Court is supposed to hear oral arguments on February 7 – interestingly, on the day we are at the Capitol across  
the street for Catholic Days at the Capitol. We need to storm heaven starting today but especially that day, that they  
disqualify the amendment due to the misleading wording. If that doesn’t happen, pray for a miracle!”

I have modified the bishops’ wording by adding the bolded phrase.

“Lord, we entrust our state to you and commend to you the seven Supreme Court Justices of Florida. Please grant them  
clarity, wisdom and courage as they hear arguments in this landmark case challenging Florida’s 15-week abortion ban  
**and in the Court’s review of the wording of the pro-abortion constitution amendment to be put to the voters in  
November.** May they judge according to truth and right reason to usher in a new era of greater protection for the  
unborn. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask that the sacredness of every human life be promoted and  
protected both in our laws and in our culture. Amen.”

Please join in praying this updated prayer every day!  
Pancake Breakfast – David Wagner –

Coffee And Donuts – Next Coffee and Donuts

THIS MAN IS YOU - Miguel Rodriguez Saturday 7:00am KC hall. Please ask someone to come with you This is for any man just not Knights.

KCIC – Joseph Funtal- KCIC was very successful.

Tootsie Roll Drive –Looking for more locations

Lenten Fish Fry – Paul DeLorenzo – Cancelled Feb 16, first fish fry is Feb 23.

Bocce Ball – Larry Locascio –Closed till April

Fourth Degree: Next Assembly Meeting will be Thursday, February 22, at 6:15PM at ST. Joseph KC Hall. Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church Parrish.

Field Agent -- Ron Moliterno Talked about annuities minimum rate will be 3%.

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. Had district meeting new program Council Accounts send charity checks directly not through the state. Various survey dues and Audit 1295.

Unfinished Business: -. Was Coats for kids check cashed from last year. It was cashed.

New Business: Look for new inside guard. Talked about St. Joseph Dinner. I am forming a committee to put together upcoming events and dinners for next year. I have Larry, Jim, Miguel, and Dennis.

Deputy Grand Knight --no report

Bills were approved and signed.

Grand Knight Summary: The next Officer Meeting February 27. The council Meeting will be held on March 7, 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. Tom Hankett, Peg Scalise, Deb Southerland, Joe Norrison, Edmond Francois, Ray Reimer, John Sullivan,

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

The meeting closed at 8:10PM