

Knights of Columbus

Business Meeting

Date: August 1, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** GK at 7pm
2. **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Rafal
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by: GN Dennis Dolson

Recognize Dignitaries: Fr. Rafal, ,

Guest:

Roll Call of Officers: Grand Knight – Dennis Dolson ___P

Deputy Grand Knight – Jeff Stano _____Ex

Chancellor – Miguel Rodriguez _____Ex

Recorder – Michael Furlong _____P

Treasurer – Vince Colonnesso Jr. _____P

Advocate—John Sinclair _____P

Warden – Joe Norrison _____Ex

Inside Guard – Joe Funtal ___P

Outside Guard – Dom DelPrete _____P

One Year Trustee – Larry Locascio. _____P

Two Year Trustee – James vanderhorst _____Ex

Three Year Trustee – Al Connizzo. _____Ex

Chaplin --- Fr. Rafal - ___P

4. Approve the Minutes from prior meeting: The Minutes of the previous meeting were transmitted to all members via email and posted on the council web page. Are there any Correction to the minutes? Motion made by Michael Williams, second by Pat Mcinerny.

Vote: minutes passed.

5. Chaplin's Report: The parish is doing well. The bishop visited us yesterday and is happy with what we are doing. He blessed the new modules for the school and the new school bus. Last year school enrollment was 287 souls. Current enrollment is 317 souls. It had been as low as 160 in the past. - September 23rd is the Feast of St. Padre Pio. On the 29th we will have the Holy Mass. We will use the Padre Pio chalice. Knights of Columbus are asked to be at the Mass. More details should be available by our next regular Knights business meeting. Thank you for your support and everything you do at the parish.

6. Grand Knights Report:

This past week I have been on edge, and I did not know why. Then yesterday I remembered this feeling from my high school days. The first week of school we would have a pep rally. They would bring all the students into the gym and there would be a lot of noise and cheering. It was for the football team. The coach would come out and introduce the players and go on to talk about the season. The new players and how

great the season would be. Based on that it dawned on me I'm the coach and I want to get the new season started.

August 4: going away party for Bridget in the parish center starting at 8:30 AM.

August 9: Back to school Picnic, 10:30 AM at the Parish Center.

August 20: Back to school night, 6:00 PM at the Parish Center

August 25: Installation Ceremony for officers

October 5: Family Diner after 4:00 PM Mass

Starting in September our various programs start, and they will be explained later in the meeting.

Please regularly attend our council meetings if you are able. We routinely have things that require a vote, and we need people there in-person to vote.

That concludes my report.

Correspondence: Letters of thanks from seminarians Bau Nguyen and Andres Cordero

7. Financial Report: Treasurer Vince Colonnese provided the report: Beginning Balance \$18,243.80. Current Balance \$16,148.75. Any correction to the Treasurer Report? Motion to accept the Treasurer Report by Joe Barnes, seconded by Michael Williams.

FS Report: FS David Brown read the report: 6-Vouchers, for \$587.97 and the trustees signed off on them.

8. Membership Report: One new member signed up but needs to be initiated via a virtual Degree Ceremony due to the lack of available in-person ceremonies at this time.

9. Other Reports: Program Directors----

Faith Director: Phil Coit: Aug. 9th, school meet-and-great. Aug, 20th, Back-to-School Night; Knights not needed for it, but should have a recruitment table there.

Community Director: Vince Colonnese: Sept. 18th, soccer challenge. Need help from 4 or 5 Knights. We may host the district event, so, **we need a big turnout of Knights for representation.**

Family Director: Patrick Hussey: N/A

Life Director: Michael Furlong:

- Aug, 13th in the Parish Center, our parish Respect Life Rep. will give a presentation about what we need to know about Amendment 4. This amendment would cause irreparable harm, and we may not forgive ourselves if we don't do everything in our power to stop it. It would erase all of the currently present regulations that protect women, such as requiring proper sanitary standards to be enforced at abortion facilities. Without that, the medical instruments and implements would not be required to be cleaned after use on a patient. This amendment specifies no government interference. That means that NO LAW can be made about abortion. It exists for the purpose of the abortion industry to get around the pro-life legislature and governor in Florida. If it is voted into law, the only way to counteract it would be to pass another amendment that could nullify it. That would take years – if not decades- to

accomplish. Many women will be harmed and many babies will die if this amendment passes!

- There was a live blasphemous mockery of Leonardo da Vinci's painting our Lord's Last Supper. There was a man painted blue who had exposed genitalia, and he was inches away from a child – a young girl – who looked like she is only 8 years old! The person standing in the place of Our Lord was a morbidly obese lesbian who posted on social media that this was intended to be “a new gay testament”. Not surprisingly, that post was soon deleted, as was the entire official video of the performance. That incident happened at the 2024 Olympics opening ceremony. It was not merely an imitation of a painting of Greek “gods”, as some “art experts” would have us believe. That idea is being pushed in the media due to the worldwide backlash from Christians, non-Christians, and even from non-religious people. That painting of Greek “gods” being referenced is itself deliberately intended to be imitating The Last Supper. Anyone who says that the incident at the Olympics was not intended to be the same idea is either uninformed of the facts, or they are deliberately “gaslighting” to make anyone opposed to the incident appear to be stupid. The parties doing the latter are aware that most people do not know the facts because only those who have an art history degree are likely to know these things. Here is a link to an informative article about this incident: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/blog/gaslit-by-the-olympic-torch>
- Scholarship opportunity from the organization called Victims of Communism. Highest awards are \$3,000. Runner-up awards are \$500. High school and home-schooling children are eligible. There will be a workshop regarding this on Saturday, Sept. 7th. A

representative from that group – who is a Brother Knight at Our Lady of the Angels – will be visiting us at our Sept. 5th business meeting to inform us of the details.

Committees:

This Man Is You --- Miguel Rodriguez: N/A

Pancake Breakfast --- Jeff Stano: N/A

Coffee and Donuts --- Jeff Stano: N/A

Tootsie Roll Drive --- John Diedam: N/A

Fish Fry --- Paul De Lorenzo: N/A

Keep Christ in Christmas --- James Vanderhorst: N/A

Bocce Ball --- Larry Locasio: N/A

Car Show --- Joe Norrison: N/A

Fourth Degree: Next Assembly Meeting will be August 22,2024, at 6:15 PM, at Ss. Peter and Paul.

Field Agent: Worthy Ron Moliterno: N/A

District Director: John Hansen: N/A

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business: None

Bills Not previously approved:

12. Good of the Order:

Recognize outstanding accomplishments: Honored Father Rafal for his anniversary of being ordained a priest.

Members: Steven A. Johnson was given his 3rd Degree Member Certificate

Knight of the Month: Tom Reese

13. Lecturer Reflection. Knight's Knowledge: Brother Tom Reese informed us of the **Proper Protocol** [or Frodo-call ;)] of the Knights of Columbus meetings.

Brother Phil Coit asked what the source of this information is. Brother Tom Reese directed us to see the Knights of Columbus website for the information.

14. Grand Knight Summary: The next Officers Meeting will be held August 27,2024 at 7 PM, in the KC Hall. The next Columbian Meeting at 6:15PM and the Council Meeting will be held on at 7 PM, September 5, 2024, in the KC Hall.

15. Prayer for the sick:

Former DD Joe Scalise and Peg, Joe Norrison, Edmond Francois, John Sullivan, Phil Indovina, Ed Baron, Phil Coit, Jim Geueke's son Joey, Susan Furlong, Joseph Furlong, Past Grand Knight James Vanderhorst

Closing Prayer: Led by Father Rafal; Our father... One decade of The Holy Rosary...

16. **Adjournment.** Meeting Closed At: 7:58 PM