

1. **The August 13, 2019 Council meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by Deputy Grand Knight Murphy**
2. **Warden's Report on Membership Cards by Dan Cincoski**
3. **Opening Prayer offered by Deputy Grand Knight Murphy**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
5. **Roll Call of Officers**

Office	Name	Present (P)
Chaplain	Vacant	Vacant
Grand Knight	Eugene Dust	A
Dep. Grand Knight	Tom Murphy	P
Chancellor	Greg Pulles	P
Recorder	Jim Grube	P
Fin. Secretary	Ed Hagerty	P
Treasurer	Mark Mertens	P (8:36 PM)
Lecturer	Marty Dehen	P
Advocate	Tom Silver	P
Warden	Dan Cincoski	P
Inside Guard	Tom Lee	A
Outside Guard	Pat Karn	P
Trustee 3 Year	John Rode	P
Trustee 2 Year	Dave Stumpf	p
Trustee 1 Year	Bill Swing	P
Present: 12 Absent: 2		

6. Non-Officer Council Members in Attendance (members present for votes): George Brockway, Earl Forrence, John Kniefel

7. Knights of Columbus Guests: Bill Swing also attended in his role as District 53 Deputy.

8. Opening Ode: The Council elected to dispense with the opening ode.

9. Chaplain's Report: None

10. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Council **approved** the record of the Council finances and actions of the July 16, 2019 General Membership meeting.

11. Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications: No report

12. Balloting for Membership (new, readmission, reapplications, transfers):
No action was taken.

13. Initiations: None

14. Grand Knight's Report: Refer to items #23, #24 and #27.

15. Treasurer's Report: The Council account balance was \$7,369.28 as of August 13, 2019. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was **approved**.

16. Financial Secretary's Report: Total Receipts reported for the period: \$500.00; Total Disbursements reported for the period: \$1,651.64 (2 vouchers: \$751.64 and \$900.00). **Motion** to accept the Financial Secretary's report was **approved**.

Motion to pay the Council bills was **approved**.

The semiannual audit, due August 15, is available for Trustee signature after the meeting.

17. Grand Knight Reading of Treasurer's Receipts, Financial Secretary Vouchers for Deposit – See Financial Secretary's Report #16.

It was noted that the Council had yet to receive a bill from Forster's Catering for the post-District 53 Officer Installation dinner of July 11th.

18. Report of Auditors and Trustees – No report

19. Chancellor's Report on Vocations – No report

20. Service Program Committee Reports

- Program Director: Dave Stumpf – No report
- Faith Director: Earl Forrence – No report
- Vocations Chairman: Tom Silver reported
- Community Director: John Rode – No report
- Life Director: Pat Karn reported that the Holy Name rummage sale gross income was over \$18,000, the highest total ever. The net income is expected to exceed \$17,000, again the highest total ever, once all bills are received and paid. The previous highest net income was \$15,000+. Pat also reported the Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners took two truckloads and many car loads of leftover items for their use/distribution.
- Health Services; Dr. Stephen Johnson – No report
- Public Relations: Matt Mamura – No report
- Family Director: Jim Grube – No report
- Membership Director: John Rode – No report
- Recruitment Committee 1: Dan Cincoski – No report

Recruitment Committee 2: Dave Stumpf – No report

Recruitment Committee 3: Mark Mertens – No report

- Retention Committee: Ed Hagerty reported that 11 Council members have not yet paid their 2019 dues.
- Insurance Promotion: Tom Murphy – No report
- Chaplain: Not assigned
- Lecturer: Marty Dehen – No report

21. Report of the Round Table Chairman – Not applicable

22. Report of Standing Committees – No report

23. Unfinished Business

1. 137th Supreme Knights of Columbus convention: It was noted that Dan Cincoski, Tom Silver and Bill Swing participated in the convention activities. Bill indicated the opening Mass was an enriching event. Dan served at the convention hotel, and Tom served at the convention registration. All agreed the attendees were very cordial. Bill participated in the bus trip to La Crosse, WI on August 4th to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe along with 17 others.

2. Holy Name golf outing: It was reported that four people have signed up for the September 4th event, making them eligible for the \$200 stipend offered by the Council.

3. Brainstorming from July meeting:

October activity: It was noted that the Council had tried a number of activities to strengthen the social ties of the members, generally with little success. The Council is to consider an open event instead of a formal meeting.

Lecturer's talk event: Marty Dehen expressed support for presentations to both the Council and Parish in general.

John Kniefel, formerly of the Owatonna Council, noted his former Council had its own meeting hall which gave it much more flexibility in terms of space use. Within its own environment the Council was able to have a number of social events annually, all well attended. Council meetings regularly had a program presentation as part of the meeting schedule.

George Brockway, formerly of the Waconia Council, noted his former Council also had its own meeting hall and a park with a pavilion. He also noted that because of the facilities, Council meetings were attended by 50 to 60 members. George noted the Council had a Lecturer series that was well received by the members.

The general feeling of the Council members present was that we could have a 30 minute formal meeting followed by a one hour presentation for either Council members or the Parish as a whole.

Feedback on Bulletin and Newsletter submittals: Members agreed the news items are good and worth continuing.

Status of flags: Both the Vatican flag and United States flag, having first been reported missing by Father Steve have been found in the storage room and will be returned to the Gathering Space at the end of the Council meeting.

4. Fall Fest update: Dan Cincoski reminded the members the Fall Fest will be September 14th. The KC's will again be responsible for the food booth. The food will be the same as last year and the sale/distribution will be unchanged. Bill Swing will send out an email blast to the Council seeking volunteers to sign up for cooking/food preparation, grilling, sales and cleanup.

5. July 11th Mass and officer installation: Bill Swing noted that one of the councils has expressed reservation with the \$300 each Council paid for the after ceremony dinner. During discussion there was general agreement that the dinner started later than desirable and discussion ensued regarding how to move activities along. At the same time there was concern regarding the cost if it is to continue. While some favored a more light food and beverage approach, there was no agreement. Bill reported the issue will be revisited at an upcoming District meeting.

The 2020 installation Mass/ceremony will be held at Saints Peter & Paul in Loretto.

6. Elevate Life sponsorship: Deputy Grand Knight reported that Maury Wolfe sent an email thank you to the Council for its sponsorship of a hole at this year's Elevate Life golf outing. Maury indicated approximately \$71,000 had been raised at the time of the email.

7. Update of annual rosary needs: Earl Forrence reported he had distributed 55 glass bead rosaries for the NPH service trip, indicating we have approximately that number left for distribution. Earl also noted that approximately 130 glass bead rosaries will be needed for the 2020 Confirmation class, approximately the same as the 2019 class. Marty Dehen reported he generally orders 500 plastic bead rosaries for distribution to the Passion Play (9th grade) group over a number of years. He noted that he has a contact who makes the rosaries and that the Council normally gives the person a stipend to cover the costs of the materials and time taken to make the rosaries.

Earl was asked to put together a report on the anticipated annual needs (fraternal year) from the various organizations, including the Adoration Chapel, so one order to each supplier can occur annually, avoiding handling/delivery costs that occur when orders are placed on an occasional basis.

24. New Business

- 1.** Council supplied refreshments at Council meetings: Limited discussion ensued on the subject. Deputy Grand Knight Murphy invited members to contact Grand Knight Dust with any comments.
- 2.** Access to & training on Supreme website: Bill Swing noted the Council members have interest in three sites: the Supreme site; the State site; and, the Council site. Discussion ensued regarding those who need access to the Supreme site, noting that the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Financial Secretary need access for sure. It was noted that Grand Knight Dust may not have received credentials for access to the site, so Bill Swing will follow up with Grand Knight Dust.
- 3.** Council website and email box: Bill Swing queried the members on who has accessed the Council website. A number of members indicated interest in training on how to access and use the site for postings since we now have a different archive approach to document storage and availability. A future training session will be organized by Bill.
- 4.** 1st Degree schedule: See District Deputy Report #27
- 5.** Council calendar and fraternal year planning: John Rode reported that a calendar meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 PM August 15 at his house.
- 6.** Parish Life Committee: Earl Forrence reported a Parish-wide retreat has been scheduled for September 27 and 28. He indicated it is likely the Council will be called upon to support the Parish in some way.
- 7.** Special needs welcome back picnic: Earl Forrence reported that FrankRenshaw seeks Council support for the August 24th picnic. Three or four members are needed for food preparation and cooking beginning at 3:00 PM. The meal will be served after the 5:00 PM Mass, so additional helpers will be needed for service and cleanup. An email blast is to be sent out seeking volunteers for the activity.

25. Report of the Fourth Degree – No report.

26. Field Agent's Report – District Deputy Swing reported the Field Agent position remains vacant, and calls should go to General Agent David Goedtke:

Phone: 507-720-1652
David.goedtke@kofc.org
12 South Marshall Avenue
Springfield, MN 56087

27. District Deputy's Report: District Deputy Swing submitted a written report for August, 2019. Following are the subjects addressed in his report.

1. Membership: District Deputy Swing reported the Council had a net gain of four members over the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 fraternal years with a net loss of three insurance members reported over the same two year time.
2. Fraternal year reporting & Star Council review: The calendar of report due dates was presented.
3. Faith in Action programs: District Deputy Swing summarized the required programs under the four faith-in-action categories: Spiritual Reflection (Faith), Consecration to the Holy Family (Family), Homeless Assistance (Community), and Novena for Life (Life). He also reminded members that “featured programs” count towards two programs on the Columbian Award application. He encouraged members to review program details at www.kofc.org/faithinaction.
4. State Council on membership: The State Deputy has indicated each council must schedule a membership drive, complete with a plan for membership or a plan on closing due to inactivity.
5. State Council on suspensions: The State Council will be sending out a plan for dealing with suspensions.
6. First Degree schedule:
 - Wayzata – September 9, 2019
 - Loretto – October 17, 2019
 - Medina – November 12, 2019
 - Long Lake – December 5, 2019
 - Golden Valley – January 14, 2020
7. Metro area Major Degree schedule:
 - September 9, 2019** – St. John Vianney Seminary, St. Paul with 1st Degree at 12:30 PM, 2nd Degree at 1:30 PM and 3rd Degree to follow. Contact Jim Eddleston at 952-895-9808
 - October 12, 2019** – St. Timothy, Blaine with 1st Degree at 9:00 AM, 2nd Degree at 10:00 AM and 3rd Degree to follow. Contact Terry Wagner at 612-275-1458.
 - October 26, 2019** – St. Joseph the Worker, Maple Grove with 1st Degree at 9:00 AM, 2nd Degree at 10:00 AM and 3rd Degree to follow. Contact Pat Farrelly at 763-218-3816.

8. District Deputy August 2019 visits: Long Lake August 1st, Wayzata August 12th, Medina August 13th.

28. For the Good of the Order

- Christopher “Kip” Walker and wife Susan
- Dick and Mary Alice Hargarten
- Jerry and Joanne Sisk
- George Laurance
- Tom Silver
- Kim Mertens (Mark Mertens’ wife)
- Paul Silver (Tom Silver's brother)
- Bill Rudolph
- Davone Yang and his family
- David Novack and his family
- John Rode’s mother Virginia
- Father Steve and Father Colin
- Friends of the Knights of Columbus
- Those suffering from the effects of natural disasters
- Those preparing for marriage
- Those in troubled marriages
- The unborn and pro-life
- Prayers of thanks for Pope Francis
- All Bishops, Priests and Religious
- The canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney
- The unemployed and those seeking work
- Troubled youth
- In thanksgiving for prayers answered
- For all Brother Knights and their families in need of our prayers
- Candidates for vocations
- Police officers
- Armed Forces
- All 1st responders

29. Closing Prayer: The closing prayers were offered at 9:08 PM.

30. Closing Ode: The Council dispensed with the closing ode.

31. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Closing Reminders:

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Grube, Recording Secretary