

## Good Samaritan Council Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2020

1. **The January 14, 2020 Council meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by Grand Knight Murphy.**
2. **Warden's Report on Membership Cards by Dan Cincoski**
3. **Opening Prayer offered by Grand Knight Murphy**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
5. **Roll Call of Officers**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present (P)</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Tom Murphy</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Dep. Grand Knight</b>	<b>Eugene Dust</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Greg Pulles</b>	<b>P (8:45 PM)</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Jim Grube</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Fin. Secretary</b>	<b>Ed Hagerty</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Mark Mertens</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Marty Dehen</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Tom Silver</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Dan Cincoski</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Tom Lee</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Pat Karn</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Trustee 3 Year</b>	<b>John Rode</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Trustee 2 Year</b>	<b>Dave Stumpf</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Trustee 1 Year</b>	<b>Bill Swing</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Present: 11 Absent: 3</b>		

6. **Non-Officer Council Members in Attendance (12 members present for votes):** Father Steve, Gary Schmidt
7. **Knights of Columbus Guests:** Bill Swing also attended in his role as District Deputy.
8. **Opening Ode:** The Council elected to dispense with the opening ode.

**9. Chaplain's Report:** Father Steve thanked the Council for the support it provides the Parish. Father was especially grateful for the members' efforts in directing parking for the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses and our continued financial support of Parish needs.

Father Steve indicated progress has been made on the review of the capital needs of the campus, noting that there is an extraordinary amount of deferred maintenance that has taken place and needs to be addressed soon.

Father Steve recalled for the Council his approach to Parish teachings – how to make better disciples of ourselves. We need to recognize that with the way our lives change in response to society we need to ask ourselves what it means to be a disciple. Toward that end, Father Steve indicated parishioners will soon be asked to fill out a “disciple maker index form” on-line. The form will be available on-line for approximately a month.

Father Steve advised that Archbishop Hebda is about to embark on a tour of listening sessions across the Diocese with a session scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Providence Academy. The session will begin with prayers and a teaching session by the Archbishop, followed by the listening session (more information will be made available as we get closer to February 11<sup>th</sup>). After Archbishop Hebda has completed the listening tour a Pastoral Plan will developed, with an expected late-2021 release date.

Father Steve closed his comments to the Council with a reminder of upcoming events:

Ascent Refresh – January 23, 2020 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Cana Dinner – February 8, 2020

Family Retreat – February 14-17, 2020

**10. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Council **approved** the record of the Council finances and actions of the November 12, 2019 General Membership meeting.

**11. Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications:** Dan Cincoski reported that Matt Pokorn has become an on-line member of the Knights of Columbus. Dan reported that Matt had gone through the RCIA program a couple years ago and has a desire to become active in support of the Parish. Matt will need to attend an exemplification ceremony before becoming a full-fledged Knight.

Jim Grube submitted a completed Form 100 application from Todd Polum.

**12. Balloting for Membership (new, readmission, reapplications, transfers):** Todd Polum was unanimously accepted for admission to the Knights of Columbus.

Matt Pokorn was unanimously accepted for admission to the Knights of Columbus.

**13. Initiations:** Dan Cincoski reported that he escorted Jim Halek to the major degree exemplification at St. Joseph's in Lino Lakes where Jim went through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

The goal is to get both Matt Pokorn and Todd Polum to attend the exemplification ceremony at St. Vincent's Parish in Brooklyn Park on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

Tom Silver read a thank you note from Father Colin that acknowledged receipt of the Council's financial support for his purchase of three chasubles.

**15. Treasurer's Report:** The Council account balance was \$7,173.14 as of January 14, 2020. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was **approved**.

**16. Financial Secretary's Report:** Total Receipts reported for the period: \$3,323.13; Total Disbursements reported for the period: \$1,408.28 (5 vouchers: \$12.00, \$150.00, \$100.00, \$247.82, \$898.46). **Motion** to accept the Financial Secretary's report was **approved**.

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

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

**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 – No report
- Community Director: John Rode – No report
- Life Director: Pat Karn – No report
- 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 there are 14 members who should be considered for suspension from the Council. Refer to #24 New Business, item #2 for more complete information on this issue.
- 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. Post event reviews**

- A. Special Olympic bowling (November 22-24) – Tom Silver reported he attended the bowling contest as a coach, with Jeff Silver attending as a participant.
- B. Special Needs Christmas party (December 6) – Tom Silver reported Frank Renshaw had coordinated the event and it was well attended.
- C. School breakfast with Santa (December 7) – Tom Silver reported Holy Name Principal Martha Laurent considered the event to be a success and asked the Council to consider supporting the event in 2020.
- D. John Algaier reception (December 7) – Tom Silver reported the reception was a success, with over 100 family and friends celebrating John's ordination. Council members joined with Serra Club members to serve and clean-up.
- E. Council Christmas party (December 10) – It was agreed a good time was had by all, but the numbers were significantly fewer (at approximately 24) than 2018 (at approximately 40). It appears that the \$25 per person cost (when added to a gift to exchange cost) may be a bit high. Consideration will be given to the cost in 2020.
- F. Christmas Eve parking (December 24) – A smaller turnout of Knights occurred, but the volunteers were able to keep everything in order for those attending the Masses.

**2. Fraternal survey** – Bill Swing explained the method by which the Council reports member activity, using an algorithm developed by deceased member Jim Seifert. After limited discussion, the Council elected to continue to follow the Seifert approach for the reporting of volunteer hours of the membership.

**3. Free throw contest** – On behalf of Joe Badalucco, Tom Murphy reported Joe has been coordinating the upcoming competition with the Wayzata Council. The local competition will occur at 5:30 PM on January 18, 2020 at Ave Maria Academy, 6950 West Fish Lake Road, Maple Grove. Tom advised that at this point the Council is not aware of any Holy Name of Jesus students who plan to compete. This is compared to approximately 30 students the Wayzata Council expects to participate. Regardless, an email blast will be sent to the membership seeking help on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Cinnamon bake sale** – Tom Silver reminded the Council that the baking and sale of cinnamon rolls will occur January 24-26. It appears Friday, January 24 is filled, leaving Saturday morning and afternoon, January 25<sup>th</sup> with a need (to approximately 3:00 PM). Ten Knights are needed on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. An email blast seeking volunteers will be sent to the membership.

**5. Churches of Rome presentation** – Chancellor Pulles reported to the Council that a presentation on the churches of Rome had been set for February 27 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The original concept had Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a dinner and the presentation. As Chancellor Pulles researched the dinner cost, it was clear the costs were prohibitive. Thus the dinner will be replaced with a wine and cheese social. District Deputy Swing reported that when presented to the other councils at the District 53 meeting, there was interest by the other councils. It was agreed the advertising for the upcoming presentation

should be modified, noting the new approach, and then the word should get out so a count can be developed before the event.

**6.** Charger for use with PayPal credit card reader – Both Grand Knight Murphy and Financial Secretary Hagerty have purchased chargers for the PayPal credit card reader.

## **24. New Business**

**1.** Upcoming changes in the three degrees of exemplification – Referring to #1 of the District Deputy's report (see agenda item #27), District Deputy Swing noted that the consolidation of the three degree ceremonies into one shortened ceremony is significant. Dan Cincoski reported that he had attended a recent major degree ceremony where it was announced the new version would be used effective the new year. This appears to contradict the postings on the State Council website that continue to recognize the three degree ceremonies at the upcoming ceremony locations. District Deputy Swing will contact the team contact for the January 25<sup>th</sup> ceremony at St. Vincent's Parish in Brooklyn Park and advise the District 53 councils of the exemplification status.

**2.** New rules for member suspension – Referring to #2 of the District Deputy's report (see agenda item #27), discussion ensued regarding the next steps the Council will be taking to trim the roster of those who are no longer involved in the Knights of Columbus. Financial Secretary Hagerty, Grand Knight Murphy and District Deputy Swing will collaborate on the next steps so we adhere to the requirements set out by Supreme.

**3.** Required programs for award eligibility – Referring to #3 of the District Deputy's report (see agenda item #27), District Deputy Swing noted that the Council must engage in a program from each of the four categories to be eligible for Star Council recognition or Columbian Award. It was noted that Tom and Jeff Silver's participation in the Special Olympic bowling competition met the needs of the Community category.

**4.** Recruitment at future Council events – District Deputy Swing noted the State Council expects our Council to advise it as to how we plan to "grow the Council". It was noted the upcoming Churches of Rome presentation of February 27<sup>th</sup> will be a good example of how we will approach recruitment. Chancellor Pulles noted he will offer commentary on the Knights of Columbus either at the beginning or end of the presentation.

**5.** Online membership process – Referring to #10 of the District Deputy's report (see agenda item #27) District Deputy Swing indicated only the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary have access to on-line applications filled out by potential Knights. The application includes a confirmation the applying person is a Catholic in good standing.

**6.** Record retention review – Bill Swing noted there has to be continued discussion on how long records need to be retained, and how to approach document removal when a document's record retention schedule has been reached.

**25. Report of the Fourth Degree** – Dan Cincoski reported that the Spring exemplification is to be the week after Easter in Walker.

**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](mailto:David.goedtke@kofc.org)  
12 South Marshall Avenue  
Springfield, MN 56087

**27. District Deputy’s Report:** District Deputy Swing submitted a written report for January, 2020. Following are the subjects addressed in his report.

**1. New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity** – This major change to the ceremonials will combine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplifications into a single 30 minute exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Members are encouraged to view the announcement by our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson: [Click Here](#) (33 minutes)

As the details are still being worked out councils are asked to continue using the existing degree ceremonies.

**2. New suspension rules** – The change requires a council to make three concerted personal attempts to contact a delinquent member before an “intent to suspend” is mailed by the Financial Secretary. Councils already following proper suspension procedures should not consider this much of a change, as while the form is new, the procedure is not.

**3. Required programs** – Four of the district’s councils received Columbian Awards last year. Unlike the leniency we experienced last year (the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the “Faith in Action” model), the State Council will be looking for the required Faith in Action programs in the SP7 (Columbian Award application). They are:

Category	Required Program	Abbreviated Description
Faith	Spiritual Reflection	Attend a retreat or day of reflection
Family	Consecration to the Holy Family	Invite families to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family
Community	Helping Hands	Help those less fortunate in your community
Life	Novena for Life	Conduct novena using KC cards, USCCB novena or other prayer

Details on these programs (and many others) can be found at [www.kofc.org/faithinaction](http://www.kofc.org/faithinaction). Councils are strongly encouraged to plan for such activities in the second half (January – June). Submit a [Fraternal Program Report form #10784](#) after completing each program.

**4. Church drives/recruitment** – Supreme and the State Council expect councils to submit plans for the second half of the fraternal year.

**5. First Degree schedule:**

Golden Valley – January 14, 2020 at 6:15 PM  
Wayzata – February 10, 2020 at 6:45 PM  
Loretto – March 19, 2020 at 6:15 PM  
Medina – April 14, 2020 at 6:15 PM  
Long Lake – May 7, 2020 at 6:15 PM

**6. Free throw competition** – Golden Valley will hold its local competition on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> in the Good Shepherd School gym. Wayzata and Medina will be holding their joint local competition on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ave Maria Academy Gym in Maple Grove. The District competition will take place Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Good Shepherd School Gym in Golden Valley. While the date & location for the regional competition are yet to be determined, the state contest is scheduled for Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> at the new Tech High School, 4200 33rd Street South, St. Cloud (not the Cathedral High School as previously reported.)

**7. District Deputy November Visits**

- Wayzata Council Meeting – January 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM
- Medina Council Meeting – January 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM
- Loretto Council Meeting – January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM

**8. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity** – Form #1728 is due to the State Council on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**9. Membership** – As of December, 2019 the District is at 52 percent of its goal of 23 new members (Long Lake – 8, Wayzata – 3, Golden Valley – 1).

**10. Processing on-line members** – The Financial Secretary and Grand Knight should continually monitor the “Prospect” tab under “Officers on Line” (no other officers have access to this.) If a prospect shows up, ensure that someone contacts the prospect (using displayed email and phone number) and schedules the date for his degree ceremony. Once the candidate achieves his degree(s), go back to the Prospect Tab to assign the “Ceremonial Date” and transfer the new member to the council, then go to Member Management to assign the ceremonial date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree fields as appropriate.

**11. Metro area Major Degree schedule:**

**January 11, 2020** – Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at 9:00 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at 10:00 AM and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to follow. Contact Dennis Cummings at 651-428-4929.

**January 25, 2020** – St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at 9:00 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at 10:00 AM and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to follow. Contact Pat Farrelly at 763-218-3816.

**February 22, 2020** – St. Timothy, Blaine, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at 9:00 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree 10:00 AM, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to follow. Contact Terry Wagner at 651-483-0814.

**12. Upcoming Webinars – Consider signing up early for these upcoming webcasts:**

- Tues., Jan. 14, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Developing your Half-Time Strategy to Win [REGISTER NOW](#)
- Tues., March 24, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Turning Your Clergy into Your Best Recruiters [REGISTER NOW](#)
- Tues., June 23, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Effective Change Over Meetings Bridge Council Action [REGISTER NOW](#)
- Tues., July 14, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CST: Council Officer Quick Start Fraternal Training [REGISTER NOW](#)

Past webinars can be viewed “on demand” by going to [Past KC Webinars](#)

**28. For the Good of the Order**

- Christopher “Kip” Walker and wife Susan
- Dick and Mary Alice Hargarten
- Jerry and Joanne Sisk
- George Laurance
- Kim Mertens (Mark Mertens’ wife)
- Paul Silver (Tom Silver's brother)
- Bill Rudolph
- Davone Yang and his family
- Eugene Dust
- Mary Dehen
- David Novack and his family
- Father Steve and Father Colin
- Father Mike Van Sloun of St. Bart’s Parish
- Friends of the Knights of Columbus
- Students in college
- 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
- For the canonization of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
- 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 9:17 PM.

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

**31. Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Closing Reminders:

Free throw competition – January 18<sup>th</sup>

Cinnamon roll bake & sale – January 24-26

Ascent Refresh – January 23<sup>rd</sup>

District free throw competition – February 8

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Grube, Recording Secretary