

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF April 14, 2020**

- 1. The April 14, 2020 Council meeting was conducted digitally via Zoom and called to order at 7:33 PM by Grand Knight Murphy.**
- 2. Warden's Report on Membership Cards:** Given the digital nature of the meeting, there was no examination of membership cards for the meeting.
- 3. Opening Prayer offered by Father Colin Jones**
- 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>P</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Greg Pulles</b>	<b>P</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>P</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>A</b>
<b>Trustee 1 Year</b>	<b>Bill Swing</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Present: 12 Absent: 2</b>		

- 6. Non-Officer Council Members in Attendance (15 members present for votes):** Fr. Colin Jones, Pat Farkas, Earl Forrence, Archilefu (Archie) Anyamele. Both Fr. Colin and Archie were welcomed to their first meeting of the Council (Pat having attended the February meeting and thus being welcomed then) by Grand Knight Murphy.
- 7. Knights of Columbus Guests:** None
- 8. Opening Ode:** The Council elected to dispense with the opening ode.
- 9. Chaplain's Report:** No report

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**10. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** With a revision to New Business agenda item #24, subject #10 Rosary distribution wherein it was noted that Earl Forrence reported the inventory of black and white KC rosaries will be reduced to 15 each after he presents rosaries to the RCIA class, the Council **approved** the record of the Council finances and actions of the February 11, 2020 General Membership meeting.

**11. Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications:** There were no applications for consideration.

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

**13. Initiations:** Dan Cincoski reported Archilefu Anyamele has been accepted for admittance into the April 16, 2020 Supreme exemplification webcast. Tom Lee reported that Nathan Lee may participate in the exemplification webcast to attain 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree status. During extended discussion regarding the intent of the webcast it was noted that admission into the webcast will be reserved for candidates only, and the webcast link needs to be sent by Supreme. It was noted that either the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary need to communicate with Supreme for the invitation to be extended to Nathan.

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

**15. Treasurer's Report:** The Council account balance was \$10,750.42 as of April 14, 2020. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was **approved**.

Treasurer Mertens reported he has yet to issue a check to Forster's Catering for the Council's contribution for the John Allgaier celebration upon his ordination as a deacon. Note: A November 12, 2019 Council action authorized the expenditure of up to \$500.00.

**16. Financial Secretary's Report:** Total Receipts reported for the period: \$4,566.80; Total Disbursements reported for the period: \$2,709.03 (11 vouchers: \$593.65, \$154.57, \$105.70., \$200.97, \$210.00, \$10.00, \$314.39, \$163.00, \$59.31, \$837.28 and \$60.16). A \$60.16 item not included on the total disbursements reported was requested to be added. **Motion** to accept the Financial Secretary's report along with the added \$60.16 item was **approved**. While a check will be issued now for the \$60.16 item, the item will be included on the voucher report presented at the Council's May meeting.

**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**

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- 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 – No report
- 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. Churches of Rome (February 27): Chancellor Pulles reported that the presentation was a success. Fr. Colin indicated he enjoyed the presentation and that the attendees also appeared to enjoy it. During extended discussion regarding the presentation, Fr. Colin expressed willingness to make a presentation on Rome and his experiences while living and studying there. In addition, it was noted that Jon Hickman of the parish has a presentation on “The Star of Bethlehem” that may be worth supporting during the upcoming Advent season. In closing discussion on the subject, Grand Knight Murphy observed that these two items could be the subjects of the two remaining presentations of 2020.

A thank you was extended to Chancellor Pulles for his efforts, and those of his wife Michelle, for making the evening a success. In addition, Deputy Grand Knight Dust was recognized for his work, and the work of his wife Beth, in keeping the Council in the mind of our parishioners by way of the articles they write for the bulletin.

B. Seafood buffet (February 28<sup>th</sup>): Tom Silver reported that over 250 people were served during the buffet. It was noted the Knights Auxiliary did an excellent job in supporting the buffet. The only comment offered by those served was that the Council should have charged more for the meal.

C. Pancake breakfast (March 8): Tom Silver reported that approximately 160 were served at the breakfast, noting the turnout was a bit low for the breakfast. Tom did note that the donation per capita average was strong, with an approximate \$900 net profit realized. **Motion** to donate \$1,000 to Interfaith Outreach Community Partners was **approved**.

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D. Big/Small Dinner (March 10): Jim Grube reported that the dinner appeared to be a success and thanked those of the Council who served the dinner to the attendees. Fr. Colin noted a few senior citizens elected to bypass the event, likely because of concern over the COVID-19 pandemic that was/is underway.

E. Rosary distribution to RCIA Candidates (March 10): Earl Forrence reported he distributed 13 KC rosaries to the Candidates and 5 glass bead rosaries to sponsors. Earl noted he will be presenting glass bead rosaries to the Confirmation class when they resume meeting. Earl completed his comments by acknowledging he has received the black KC rosaries for his inventory.

Lecturer Dehen reported the Governor's stay at home directive caused the Passion Play to be postponed, and with it his opportunity to present rosaries to the cast. He noted he typed his presentation and presented it for distribution to the class. As discussion ensued, it was noted that the 2020 cast had 38 members, as it appears there has been a downward trend in participation over the last years. Lecturer Dehen indicated he has enough rosaries to present to the entire 9<sup>th</sup> Grade class when religion classes resume.

**2. State Convention and delegates:** Bill Swing reported the State Convention has been reduced to a 90-minute conference call session on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, with only delegates to participate. Council delegates are Grand Knight Murphy and Trustee Rode, with Bill the designated alternate. More information on the convention content will be forthcoming. Refer to District Deputy report, agenda item 27, #2.

**3. Award applications (i.e. state overall programs, Columbian SP7):** Bill Swing reported application forms are due to the state by May 1<sup>st</sup> (extended again from the April 15<sup>th</sup> date reported in the District Deputy report, agenda item 27, #3). Discussion ensued regarding the many activities in which Council members participate. It was noted that members should consider the many examples offered and send an email to Grand Knight Murphy, Deputy Grand Knight Dust and Trustee Bill reporting other activities in which they may be/are involved.

**4. Electronic church signs:** Tom Lee reported that a number of electronic signs at area churches have been installed by Watchfire Signs, through its local affiliate, Think Digital Signs. Tom reported he had transmitted paperwork to Grand Knight Murphy for review, noting a high-level quote for one electronic sign of two years prior had a \$25,000 cost for the digital sign. General discussion ensued regarding the Council's interest in taking an active role in the solicitation of financial support from benefactors and oversight of the sign installation. Given the cost of the sign, it was generally agreed fund raising may extend beyond one year, necessitating some sort of gap financing if there is a desire to have the sign installed in the near future. Further discussion considered the noted loss of parishioner giving since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the longer-term capital drive that is necessary to support the parish facilities. With such uncertainty, Fr. Colin agreed to speak with Fr. Steve regarding his position on the installation of a digital sign along County Road 24. It was agreed we need to get Fr. Steve's approval for every step taken, so the next approval would be to continue research and planning for sign installation, including development of an acceptable financing plan. The clear goal is to be ready for action when Fr. Steve gives authorization to proceed.

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### 24. New Business

1. Council operations during the pandemic – Bill Swing noted that Supreme recommends that as much as possible be done electronically. Bill further noted the State Deputy has indicated councils should continue to hold meetings electronically to make sure the business of each council is properly carried out. Bill noted he will stop at Treasurer Mertens' home to countersign checks issued by the Council. Refer to the District Deputy report, agenda item 27, item #2.

#### 2. Member and billing management review:

A. Exemplifications and Form 110's: Dan Cincoski referred to his Membership Director report of March 17, 2020, indicating it provides a reasonable approach to the coordination of member efforts as we adjust to the new approach Supreme has introduced in the identification, enrollment and acceptance of new members.

B. Membership cards: Bill Swing reported that Grand Knight Murphy, Treasurer Mertens, Financial Secretary Hagerty and he had discussed how to coordinate membership issue reconciliation and the timely issuance of billings and payments.

C. Billings: See preceding item.

D. Suspensions: Financial Secretary Hagerty reported nine members are on the suspension list. It was noted each of the members must be notified three times of intent to suspend. At the same time, it was noted the Council should be able to get some of the members to pay their dues to avoid suspension. Recognizing that current uncertain financial/economic conditions do not support the pressing of the issue at this time, it was agreed to wait until conditions become more stable to proceed with the suspension process.

#### 3. Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

A. Online ceremony April 16 at 7:00 PM: Bill Swing noted that Supreme seeks 1,000 new members through its on-line exemplification.

B. Council readiness for on-site ceremony: There was general agreement the Council is nearly ready to engage in its own on-site exemplification ceremony. In a recent email to the Council, Grand Knight Murphy offered a list of (18) 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knights. These would be reasonable candidates for participation in an on-site ceremony. Members expressing interest in serving on the presentation team included: Tom Murphy, Bill Swing, Tom Silver, Eugene Dust and Earl Forrence. An email blast will be sent to the Council inviting anyone interested in being a presentation team member to contact Grand Knight Murphy.

#### 4. Tootsie Roll weekend (April 18/19)

A. Tootsie Roll order: As noted in the District Deputy report, agenda item 27, #1, Tootsie Roll orders have been stopped. State Program Chair Dan Irvin will be checking with councils before releasing shipments. Councils may opt to run their drives during the summer or fall depending on developments. Grand Knight Murphy reported he intends to discuss with our activity coordinator, Dave Stumpf, what a reasonable position would be for the Council, noting we had ordered three boxes.

B. Council relationship with Holy Name: Due to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour cancellation of the April 18/19 tootsie roll weekend, general discussion ensued regarding the need to

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maintain a close relationship with staff to make sure we are supporting one another as we develop and carry out the parish calendar of events.

5. May social/awards meeting – As discussion ensued regarding the normal use of the May Council meeting as a social time where we meet for evening dinner and a short meeting, it was recognized that current conditions lead to great uncertainty regarding the reopening of society. As a result, no action was taken on setting aside the May meeting as a social event.

6. May 17 pancake breakfast – While no action was taken on the scheduled pancake breakfast, it was noted that the traditional use of the breakfast profits is the support of at least one seminarian. All agreed the continued support of a seminarian was important.

7. Slate of officers for the 2020/2021 fraternal year – The proposed slate of officers is as follows:

Grand Knight – Tom Murphy	Deputy Grand Knight – Eugene Dust
Chancellor – Greg Pulles	Recorder – Jim Grube
Financial Secretary – Open	Treasurer – Mark Mertens
Lecturer – Marty Dehen	Advocate – Tom Silver
Warden – Dan Cincoski	Inside Guard – Tom Lee
Outside Guard – Pat Karn	Trustee One Year – Bill Swing
Trustee Two Year – Dave Stumpf	Trustee Three Year – John Rode
Chaplain – Open	

Fr. Colin was queried regarding his interest in filling the Chaplain position, and upon his expression of willingness to do so, his name was unanimously supported for placement on the slate. Fr. Steve will be approached regarding Fr. Colin's role as Council Chaplain, and upon receipt of authorization to proceed, Fr. Colin's name will be placed on the slate for full Council consideration.

Grand Knight Murphy noted the opening of the Financial Secretary position and indicated he will notify the full Council of the opening and invite interested members to notify him. Discussion ensued regarding membership on a Nominating Committee for the identification of potential Financial Secretary candidates. Those identified for participation on the committee were: Grand Knight Murphy, Deputy Grand Knight Dust and Financial Secretary Hagerty. (Post meeting - following review of the bylaws, GK Murphy added trustees Rode, Stumpf, and Swing to the Nominating Committee.)

**25. Report of the Fourth Degree** – No report. Note: the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Spring Exemplification that was scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

**26. Field Agent's Report** – Please see the District Deputy Report, agenda item 27: #5, where it is clarified that General Agent David Goedtke continues as our Field Agent:

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**27. For the Good of the Order**

- Christopher “Kip” Walker and wife Susan

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- Mary Alice Hargarten on the recent passing of Dick
- Jerry and Joanne Sisk
- George Laurance
- Kim Mertens (Mark Mertens' wife)
- Paul Silver (Tom Silver's brother)
- Bill Rudolph
- Davone Yang and his family
- Marty Dehen
- David Novack and his family
- Father Steve and Father Colin
- Deacon Dennis on the recent passing of his wife Marilyn
- Father Mike Van Sloun of St. Bart's Parish
- Sheri McCallum (friend of Tom Lee)
- Friends of the Knights of Columbus
- Students in college
- Those suffering from the effects of natural disasters
- Those suffering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
- 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 9:51 PM.

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

**31. Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Closing Reminders: None, given the uncertainty of the COVID -19 pandemic

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Grube, Recording Secretary