

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF May 12, 2020**

- 1. The May 12, 2020 Council meeting was conducted digitally via Zoom and called to order at 7:35 PM by Deputy Grand Knight Dust due to technical difficulties experienced 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 Deputy Grand Knight Dust**
- 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>A</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>P</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 (16 members present for votes):** Pat Farkas, Erik Carlsen, Paul Keefe, Dave Novack
- 7. Knights of Columbus Guests:** None
- 8. Opening Ode:** The Council elected to dispense with the opening ode.
- 9. Chaplain's Report:** No report
- 10. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Council **approved** the record of the Council finances and actions of the April 14, 2020 General Membership meeting.

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**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:** Bill Swing reported that Supreme will be sponsoring on-line exemplifications at 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>. A Spanish language on-line exemplification will occur May 17 at 8:00 PM. Observing Knights may now register to observe the on-line exemplification ceremonies.

Erik Carlsen recounted for the Council his experience as a participant in the May 7<sup>th</sup> Supreme on-line exemplification, indicating his family was present to support him during the ceremony.

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

**15. Treasurer's Report:** The Council account balance was \$7,661.55 as of May 12, 2020. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was **approved**.

Treasurer Mertens reported that new account checks were received from Wells Fargo, at a cost of \$89.77 for 100 checks. Treasurer Mertens also reported that Wells Fargo had reimbursed the Council's account for the approximate \$800.00 fraudulent withdrawal that occurred.

**16. Financial Secretary's Report:** No receipts or expenses were presented to the Council.

**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: Mark Mertens – No report
- Family Director: Jim Grube – No report
- Membership Director: Dan Cincoski – No report
- Recruitment Committee 1: John Rode – No report

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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. April 23<sup>rd</sup> officer meeting: Recorder Grube read the minutes of the officer meeting to the members of the Council. The minutes were accepted for filing.

**2. May 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast:** Tom Silver confirmed that the May 17<sup>th</sup> breakfast is cancelled due to the Governor's stay at home order. Tom advised he had spoken with Fr. Steve regarding the breakfast and the Council's willingness to support a desired, yet not yet defined, welcome back celebration for the Parish.

**3. Seafood Buffet donation to Ladies Auxiliary:** Dave Stumpf reported he is not aware of the final financial position of the seafood buffet event. Financial Secretary Hagerty will send the financial information to Dave, and he will present a proposal for contribution to the Auxiliary at a future Council meeting.

**4. Missing checks and corrective action:** This item was addressed in agenda item 15, Treasurer's Report.

**5. Overall Programs and Columbian Award Submissions:** Bill Swing reported that the 2019-2020 Overall Programs Entry Form was submitted to the State Council by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Bill noted the Columbian Award Application Form is due to the state by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Electronic church signs:** Bill Swing advised the Council that Fr. Colin has spoken with Fr. Steve regarding his interest in the installation of an electronic sign in place of the current main sign structure along County Road 24. Fr. Steve remains interested in having such a sign but is concerned with the way the cost will be financed. Fr. Steve recognizes the cost may be financed by either a special fundraising drive or rolling the cost into the Parish's larger capital campaign. Fr. Colin advised the Council to contact Parish Administrator Carol Bishop to discuss the implications of rolling the cost into the larger capital campaign. Following discussion, it was agreed the Council should support rolling the sign cost into the larger capital campaign. Simultaneously the Council will investigate the feasibility of applying for financial assistance from the Knights of Columbus Foundation to reduce the amount of funding needed via either the capital campaign or separate

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fundraising. Tom Lee and Dave Novack were asked to follow up with both Carol Bishop and the KC Foundation.

### **24. New Business**

- 1. Knight of the Year:** Bill Swing presented to the Council, and the membership unanimously accepted Vic Tarnowski as the 2019-2020 Knight of the Year. In his presentation, Bill noted Vic has hosted the annual Council Christmas party since 2007 and has been active in many of the Council events. Unfortunately, Vic was not able to participate in the on-line meeting due to technical difficulties. Our thanks and congratulations go out to Vic for all he has done on behalf of the Council and Parish!
- 2. Family of the Year:** Bill Swing presented to the Council, and the membership unanimously accepted Paul and Jodie Keefe as the 2019-2020 Family of the Year. In his presentation, Bill noted that Paul has been a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight since March 1, 1983, and has been director of the Parish Contemporary Choir, aka the “Folk Group” in the 1980’s, for over 35 years. Jodie has served the Parish as a Folk Group/Contemporary Choir member alongside Paul and has been a music director/teacher for the school for many years. Both Paul and Jodie were on-line for the presentation and received our thanks and congratulations for all they have done on behalf of the Parish. Nicely done Paul and Jodie!
- 3. In the Footsteps of St Joseph:** Bill Swing presented to the Council, and the membership unanimously accepted Jim Grube as the recipient of the Footsteps of St. Joseph award. In his presentation, Bill noted that Jim has been a resource of organizational process and procedure for the Council over years and deserves our thanks and congratulations.
- 4. Changes to Star Council Award requirements:** Bill Swing advised the Council the State Council has revised the requirements necessary to attain Star Council status, and in so doing, our Council is nearly eligible for the award. Bill noted the Council has met the membership and program requirements. With the completion of the May 20<sup>th</sup> on-line insurance seminar, it appears the Council will meet all Star Council eligibility requirements.
- 5. On-line insurance seminar:** Bill Swing advised the Council there will be a Zoom on-line insurance seminar on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. An invitation will be sent to Council members prior to the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Presentation by Fr. Colin:** Bill Swing indicated Fr. Colin has expressed willingness to present to the Parish and Council his educational and life experiences as he attended seminary school in Rome. The presentation will be Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a celebration of the Mass at 6:00 PM. At this point, it appears that wine and cheese will be offered to attendees.  
  
Discussion ensued regarding future presentation options, including Marty Dehen’s introduction to the rosary and Parishioner John Hickman’s “The Star of Bethlehem”. A final decision was postponed to a future Council meeting.
- 7. Leave No Neighbor Behind Program:** A brief discussion ensued about social disconnects that have occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and related stay at home condition

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across the state. Council members were encouraged to reach out to fellow Knights, and others, who may be without, or with limited contact to others.

**8. Election of 2020-2021 Officers:** Deputy Grand Knight Dust called for nominations from the floor for the Financial Secretary position. In response, Tom Lee's name was offered and seconded and supported accordingly by the Council. Recognizing that Tom Lee's name had been offered for the Inside Guard position, his name was removed and Ed Hagerty's name was offered and seconded and supported accordingly by the Council for the Inside Guard position. The final slate of officers was:

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

### Appointed Officers (not included in the vote)

Chaplain: Fr. Collin Jones  
Lecturer: Marty Dehen  
Membership Director: Dan Cincoski

Deputy Grand Knight surrendered meeting oversight of the final vote on the slate of officers to Marty Dehen since the Lecturer is an appointed position with no voting conflict of interest. Marty called for any other nominations from the floor, and there being none, nominations for the officer positions was closed. Upon closure of the nominations the slate of officers was unanimously supported by the Council.

**9. RSVP participation: Motion** to provide \$500 to seminarian Kyle Etzel as part of the RSVP program was **approved**.

**10. Payment of Council Christmas party meal expense:** Treasurer Mertens reported that the Forster's Catering invoice for the Council's Christmas party was \$632.48 and offered that a 15 percent gratuity would increase the cost to \$727.24. **Motion** to authorize payment, in the amount of \$727.24, to Forster's Catering for the Council's Christmas party was **approved**.

**11. State convention:** Bill Swing advised the Council that the upcoming state convention would be reduced to a 90-minute May 16<sup>th</sup> conference call at 1:00 PM. Grand Knight Murphy and Trustee Rode will represent the Council during the conference call.

**25. Report of the Fourth Degree** – Dan Cincoski reported that the spring exemplification into the 4<sup>th</sup> degree has been cancelled with intent that a summer exemplification occur at a date and location within the Twin Cities metropolitan area to be determined. A fall exemplification is also desired.

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**26. Field Agent's Report** – No report. General Agent David Goedtke continues as our Field Agent:

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**27. District Deputy's Report:** See the accompanying District Deputy Report for May 2020.

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

- Christopher “Kip” Walker and wife Susan
- 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 on the passing of Polly's father – Jerry Parnell
- Joe Cavanaugh and his family on the passing of his brother Richard
- Father Steve and Father Colin
- Deacon Dennis on the recent passing of his wife Marilyn
- 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

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**29. Closing Prayer:** The closing prayers were offered at 9:01 PM.

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

**31. Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Grube, Recording Secretary