

Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2017

Call to Order (Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter)

- The Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Grand Knight. 25 members in attendance.

Warden's Report (Worthy Warden Jerry Battisto)

- All members in attendance have cards.

Opening Prayer

- Our Father was recited by all present.

Pledge of Allegiance (Worthy Warden Jerry Battisto)

- Was recited by all.

The Opening Ode

- Was sung.

Roll Call of Officers (Worthy Recorder Terry Quain)

- The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present, A – Absent, E – Excused)
 - Chaplain (Fr. Brandt) – P
 - Grand Knight (John Nimmerichter) - P
 - Deputy Grand Knight (Jim Rowland) - E
 - Chancellor (Chuck Touey) - P
 - Recorder (Terry Quain) - P
 - Financial Secretary (Dave Guay) - E
 - Treasurer (John Russo) - P
 - Advocate (Les Reazor) - P
 - Warden (Jerry Battisto) - P
 - Inside Guard (Jerry Heiler) – P
 - Inside Guard (Nick Branton) - A
 - Outside Guard (Jeff Beck) - P
 - Outside Guard (John Supplee) – P
 - 3 Yr. Trustee (Jim Banks, PGK) – P
 - 2 Yr. Trustee (Sam Whitehouse, PGK) – P
 - 1 Yr. Trustee (Frank Louis Jr, PGK) - E

Chaplain's Message (Worthy Chaplain Fr. Brandt)

- STC School has received the National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence. Fr. Brandt, along with the current and former school principals will be traveling to Washington DC in the first weekend in November to receive the award from Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education. We are very proud of the school community for this accomplishment.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Worthy Recorder Terry Quain)

- The minutes from the previous meeting were reported as emailed and posted on the web site.
- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Worthy Advocate Les Reazor and seconded by Phil McGavin. The motion passed by majority vote.

Report of the Admission Committee (Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey)

- Nothing to report at this time.

Balloting for Membership: N/A**Grand Knight's Report (Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter)**

- We are coming from another great month. The car show was very successful, as was Roses for Life, and now we have our membership drive coming up this weekend. The more members that we have, the more we can do. We can nominate a Family of the Month each month, as long as the forms are submitted by the 15th. Program Directors and any others interested will meet next Wednesday at 7pm.

Treasurer's Report (Worthy Treasurer John Russo)

- Worthy Treasurer John Russo presented the Treasurer's Report for September. Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Brother David Tulli and passed by majority vote.

Communications (Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter)

- A thank you note was read from Christian Nuñez thanking the Knights of Columbus for their \$200 donation in support of his Eagle Scout project restoring a monument at the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.
- A thank you was also received from the School Supply Drive. With our support, they were able to distribute backpacks and school supplies to 298 children, a 30% increase from last year.

Financial Secretary's Report (Worthy Financial Secretary David Guay)

- No report.

Report of Auditors and Trustees (Worthy Trustees)

- Nothing to report at this time.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations (Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey)

- Nothing to report at this time.

Service Program Committee Reports**Church Director (Brother Dennis Wright)**

- Fr. Brandt reported on the Anniversary Mass held at our church. We had 21 couples in attendance. A number of couples were celebrating 60 and 55 years of marriage. Also in attendance was the first couple to be married in our church—celebrating 5 years of marriage.
- Keep Christ in Christmas – Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey reported that we have a lot of supplies left from last year. We will be ordering more cards. We could put up a 4 x 8 Keep Christ in Christmas banner by the road and manger. Vinyl banners are \$150 each.
- Fifth Sunday Rosary – Worth Advocate Les Reazor reminded the brothers that we will be in chapel for rosary at 10am on the fifth Sunday. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Youth Director (Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey)

- We are going to try and get the Soccer Challenge in next weekend on Sunday the 15th at Manderach Park at 1pm. Help is needed to coordinate the poster contest for Keep Christ in Christmas with the school and PREP.

Culture of Life Director (Worthy Advocate Les Reazor)

- \$628 was collected after Masses for Roses for Life, which will go to the Knights of Columbus Valley Forge Chapter. Their next meeting is the third Thursday in November and will be held at Birth Right in Pottstown. All Knights are welcome to attend.
- Baby Bottles will be placed in the chapel vestibule of the church the first weekend in November through the first weekend in December to collect money for Birth Right.

Community Director (Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro)

- Sisters of Charity Community Food Kitchen – we will be preparing food the evening of October 10th and serving on October 11th.
- Coats for Kids – We plan to purchase two boxes of coats as we did last year. This will be addressed under new minutes.
- Charity Mania Football Ticket Fundraiser – We sold 159 tickets out of 200 for a gross of \$3180 and a net of \$2226.

Council Director (Brother Dwight Hood)

- We had 122 registered cars. Parking went very smoothly. The 50-50 collected \$600, so we made \$300 from that. All the food was finished, and we could have even used more. It was a great turnout and a very well-run event. We netted about \$2500 from this event.

Membership Director (Worthy Trustee Jim Banks, PGK)

- Membership Drive – Individual Knights are volunteering to speak to the congregation after all Masses this weekend and invite men to consider joining. We will be available afterwards to speak with those who are interested. Our goal is 10 new members.
- A Second Degree exemplification is planned for November 29th in the gymnasium STC.

Old Business

- Matthew Kelly books are available for \$1 per book plus \$0.50 shipping. Last year we ordered 1000, and the Knights sponsored with \$1500. We would like to do the same this year. Many people return their books after reading, and they are then donated to Graterford Prison. Worthy Trustee Jim Banks, PGK made a motion to donate \$1500 for this year's books. The motion was seconded by Worthy Advocate Les Reazor and passed by majority vote. We need to give out just one per family so that we don't run out.
- Ball Field Repair – Worthy Outside Guard John Supplee obtained an estimate of \$160 for three yards of topsoil. He can use his own tractor to level the ground, spread the topsoil, seed, and cover with straw. A few brothers will be needed to help this Saturday at 9am. John made a motion for up to \$200 to cover expenses. The motion was seconded by brother Keith Dasher and passed by majority vote.
- Additional blue Knights of Columbus shirts are still available for \$41.

New Business

- Wine Event: “A Taste of Americana” (Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro) – Saturday October 14th is the Wine Event. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday night and help work the event on Saturday. Beer and food from cities across the country will be featured. Tickets are \$40 each again this year.
- Keep Christ in Christmas - Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey made a motion to spend \$515 on magnets, banners, and cards. The motion was seconded by Worthy Inside Guard Jerry Heiler and passed by majority vote.
- National Blue-Ribbon School Banner – Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey proposed we purchase a banner to put up by the road. Fr. Brandt met with Signarama to price a sign to place on the corner of the property, flags for the light post in front of the school, a banner for inside the vestibule, and in the hallway coming from the elevator. Signarama’s price estimate for this is \$2500. We will also put signs at each of the two entrances from the road. This is a permanent designation that we are very proud of, and it will appear on all of the school’s materials. Worthy Trustee Sam Whitehouse, PGK and Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro can assist in obtaining additional estimates. Worthy Trustee Jim Banks made a motion to donate \$1000 to support effort. The motion was seconded by Worthy Inside Guard Jerry Heiler and passed by majority vote.
- Veterans Photo ID Cards – Brother Phil McGavin provided information on obtaining Montgomery County Veterans Photo ID discount cards. There are at least 60 merchants offering discounts of up to 10% for veterans.
- Washington DC trip for Blue Ribbon Award - The Knights would like to help fund Fr. Brandt’s trip on November 6-7 if necessary.

District Deputy’s Report (Worthy District Deputy Jack Gilmore)

- No report given

Fourth Degree Report (Worthy Advocate Les Reazor)

- This month’s meeting is next Thursday the 12th for Fourth Degree members. All Knights are welcome to attend the dinner on the 18th.

Field Agent Report

- Our new Field Agent is Paul Farina.

Good of the Order

- Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter read aloud the list of those in need of prayer who are sick, in distress or deceased.

Closing Prayer: Prayer was led by Worthy Chaplain Fr. Brandt

Closing Ode: Was sung

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next General Meeting: November 2nd at 7:00 PM

Recorded by: Terry Quain