

Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen
Knights of Columbus
Council 12956
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021

Deacon Hector Rios led the Council in Opening Prayer at 7 pm.

Prior to the Council monthly business meeting, there was an Exemplification Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The Council welcomed three new Brothers: Ron Henry, Thomas Diaz and Brent Edwards and advanced Brothers Patrick Mendez and Chris Argabrite. In addition, five new transfers were introduced: Tom Chattin, Ken Brooks, Rafael Ruiz, John Hartnett and Joe Stolle.

Call to Order for the Monthly Business meeting

GK Mike Delman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:45 pm.

Warden's Report

Warden Paul Mollmann reported 42 members were present and in possession of a valid membership card.

Roll Call of Officers

Recorder Dave Weidner called roll. All Officers were present except for 2nd Year Trustee Luis Arroyo, 3rd Year Trustee Bob Thomas and Lecturer Kevin Fritz; they were excused.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recorder Dave Weidner read the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Chancellor's Report; New Applications, Transfers and Balloting for Membership

Chancellor James Quinlan congratulated and welcomed the new Brothers and those transferring in from other Councils. James Quinlan and Mike Delman encouraged the new Brothers and those transferring in to get involved in the Council's mission and charitable activities.

Grand Knight's Report

GK Mike Delman discussed:

- September birthdays were announced
- Calendar events
 - September 10th; Fish Fry; take-out only; POC: Bob Rayo; Volunteers needed
 - September 24th; 20th Anniversary dinner postponed due to low ticket sales driven by virus health precautions; POC: Doug Gephardt
 - November 7th; Armed Forces Appreciation Day dinner; Tampa Palms G&CC, \$40 per ticket, sit down dinner; POC: Don Kropp; Attendance recommended in recognition of our Armed Forces and 1st Responders

Chaplain's Report

Deacon Hector Rios noted that the parish is asking all ministries, like the KOC, to publish on the church's website all their activities that are open to the public.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Rayo reported: Deposits of \$2,159 from dues and 20th Anniversary Dinner Celebration ticket sales; expenses of \$339 for Fish Fry purchases; and an ending balance of \$29,137.

Financial Secretary's Report

FS Pat Fahey indicated membership cards are available; just see Pat after the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charity

George Ayetin reminded Brothers that they can recommend charities for consideration for the 20-21 fraternal year through the end of this month. The Charity Committee is asking that only charities benefitting the local community be recommended for consideration.

Blood Drive

Luis Barker reported that the next Blood Drive will be on the weekend of September 18th and 19th.

Road Clean-up

Bill Daigneault thanked the volunteers for the August 7th road clean-up.

Church Projects

Warren Dietz discussed the projects in process (the remodeling of the Youth Room) as well those planned for future months. Brothers volunteering to help on these projects can contact Warren or GK Mike Delman for further details.

Youth Soccer

Mike Lombarski reported:

- 9 Brothers have volunteered in support, allowing for 3 teams of Brothers to be available on different Saturdays
- The next soccer program on our campus will be Saturday, September 26th; 9 am to noon; Volunteers sought

Unfinished Business

Recorder Dave Weidner read the 3 resolutions to amend the 2010 Council By-Laws that had been previously emailed to the Brothers for discussion and voting at this evening's meeting. Those resolutions in brief were to:

- Increase annual dues from \$30 to \$40
- Conduct monthly Council meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month, rather than the 1st Monday, and increase the required meeting quorum from 15 to 25 Brothers
- Increase the fund transfer approval limit from \$200 to \$300

Upon ensuring that each of these resolutions were clearly understood, GK Mike Delman called for separate motions and discussion on each. Each having been duly motioned and seconded and each having no further discussion, the motions were approved by all Brothers present.

These changes will become effective for the 22-23 fraternal year. However, the Council will begin to conduct its monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month, as occurred with this evening's meeting.

Council By-Laws, as amended above, will be submitted to Supreme for their review and approval, and new By-laws will be published.

Other Reports

4th Degree

FN Sal Cannella noted that the next meeting will be Monday, September 27th and encouraged Brothers to consider 4th Degree exemplification with the next ceremony scheduled for October in Orlando. Sal Cannella also asked Brothers for recommendations of a patriotic project to be undertaken by the 4th Degree for this fraternal year.

GK Request for Prayers and Names for the Good of the Order

Those acknowledged included Ed Zerbe, Joe Mocerri, John Krawczyk, Chester Garland, Dan Gonzalez, Richard Lee, John Stuben's wife's brother, Steve Mellinger, Joe Mocerri's sister-in-law, Shelly Petrylka, and the residents of New Orleans and Northeast recovering from Hurricane Ida.

Closing Prayers

Deacon Hector Rios led the Council in Closing Prayer and GK Mike Delman adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm.