

Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen
Knights of Columbus Council 12956
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Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021

Deacon Hector Rios led the Council in Opening Prayer at 7 pm, followed by GK Mike Delman leading the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order for the Monthly Business meeting

GK Mike Delman called the meeting to order.

Warden's Report

Inside Guard Mike Lombarski reported 43 members were present and in possession of a valid membership card. District Deputy Gerald Liparito was also in attendance.

Roll Call of Officers

All Officers were present, except for DGK Clark Bartholomew, Warden Paul Mollmann, Outside Guard Eddie Ramon, 2nd Year Trustee Luis Arroyo and Lecturer Kevin Fritz; they were excused.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

GK Mike Delman asked if there were corrections to the October Council meeting minutes. GK Mike Delman noted that the Officers discussed the emailing of the Council minutes to the Brothers and the posting of the minutes to our website (stmarktampa.org/knights-of-columbus/) to allow for more easy access to the minutes and as preferable to the Recorder reading the minutes at the Council meeting. There were no corrections to the minutes. They were approved by the Brothers.

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

GK Mike Delman noted that a 4th Degree exemplification ceremony was scheduled later in November in Orlando and asked those seeking Sir Knighthood status to submit their intention to Chancellor James Quinlan by November 19th, so that the appropriate paperwork could be completed and submitted for the ceremony.

Prior GK Bob Thomas noted that he had received the appropriate paperwork for 3 Brothers seeking Sir Knighthood status a couple years ago, prior to the pandemic shut down of such ceremonies, and would forward the paperwork for those 3 Brothers to Chancellor James Quinlan.

Grand Knight's Report

GK Mike Delman discussed:

- His personal and Fr Richard's thanks to all the Brothers for all that the Brothers do in support of our parish. The presence of our Brothers is so nicely felt on much that occurs at our parish.
- November birthdays.
- Brothers who haven't paid their dues in several years or who have asked to no longer be considered a Brother. Other Brothers have reached out to these Brothers to encourage their continuation in our Council. Approximately 35 Brothers may be suspended by the Supreme for non-payment of dues for several years.
- The 1030 am Mass on November 7th for deceased Brothers, encouraging attendance at that Mass, displaying your Council or Assembly polo shirt.
- Brothers sought to both lead and support our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest for December 21 and our Soccer Challenge for September 22, both KofC sponsored initiatives to encourage youth involvement in our parish and their faith.
- A resolution to our By-Laws was under discussion among the Officers to eliminate the \$10 initiation fee for new Brothers, while retaining pro-rata annual dues payment for a new Brother upon admission to the Council.
- The Brothers support to pay for wheelchair wheels replacement at an approximate cost of \$200. The Brothers were in support.
- The Brothers support for \$300 to support a seminarian for the Diocese of Imphal, India, recently discussed from the pulpit at Sunday masses. The Brothers were in support.
- His personal thanks to Bob Russo, Bob Rayo, James Quinlan and Bill Navarra for their recent help on the Hot Dogs for Trunk or Treat evening at our parish.
- Council (\$32) or Assembly (\$34) polo shirts can be ordered by a text to Tom Finley at 813.391.6163. Logistics on the exchange of checks in payment and delivery of the polo shirts can be arranged, via GK Mike Delman or Luther Ferris.

Chaplain's Report

Deacon Hector Rios discussed 3 parish faith initiatives; 1 – A book study program, to start in January 22, on a return to the faith, particularly directed to younger generations no longer active in their faith; 2 – A spiritual directorship program in which the parish Deacons will serve as a companion to those seeking spiritual growth, also to start in January 22; and 3 – A rebirth of the bereavement ministry to start later in November. For each of these parish faith initiatives, Brothers are encouraged to reach out to Deacon Rios.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Rayo reported: Deposits of \$612; Expenses of \$836; and an Ending Balance of \$25,306. Treasure Bob Rayo and GK Mike Delman are continuing their efforts to be able to accept credit card payments for both FFs and dues payments, via the Square technology tool. Treasure Bob Rayo asked for volunteers to help in the selling of Christmas ornaments (Cost \$25), after the next 3 weeks' Sunday masses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charity

The Charity Committee Chairman, George Ayetin, noted that the CC had completed its responsibilities for consideration of Council charitable contributions for our 20-21 fraternal year, as those contributions had been recommended by our Bothers. The CC decided upon 12 local charities who were to receive a total of \$10,000, as detailed in an email that was forwarded to the Brothers. CC Chairman George Ayetin noted that the theme of the recipients of the charitable awards for 20-21 was children and their needs. CC Chairman George Ayetin encouraged the Brothers to get involved on the Charity Committee and to continue to make recommendations on Council charitable contributions to the Committee, now for our 21-22 fraternal year.

Liturgy

On behalf of Fr Richard, Luther Ferris also extended his thanks to the Brothers for all that the Brothers do in support of the parish, noted that the parish is likely to need more ushers for the Christmas weekend liturgies, with many now returning in person to service with the virus beginning, it seems, to abate (Brothers interested in help, please see the designated Captain for your preferred liturgy service for that weekend), and also asked for the Brothers to help on the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Narthex, after the 530 Sunday Mass on December 19th.

Blood Drive and Exemplification

Luis Barker reported the next scheduled Blood Drive is the weekend of November 21st and noted that the exemplification team is always looking for new members in support of our exemplification ceremonies.

SVDP

John Stuben discussed the activities of SVDP, which were noted to go far beyond the food pantry and extended to case workers helping families in financial duress. John Stuben also discussed the about 2,000 Thanksgiving packages that were in preparation, noting no home deliveries were scheduled this year, due to the virus, and acknowledged the student help that was being received by SVDP in the preparation and distribution of these Thanksgiving packages.

Road Clean-up

Bill Daigneault indicated the next road clean-up would occur this Saturday, November 6th, at about 730 am, likely to take 2 hours and passed around a sheet looking for Brothers to volunteer in help on this project; generally about 10 Brothers have volunteered in the past to make this a successful project for our community.

Armed Forces Dinner

POC Don Kropp reported on the expected great success of the dinner on November 7th at TPG&CC, with approximately 175 expected to attend this beautiful, formal affair for our parish.

Don also reminded the Brothers of the Thanksgiving charity drive for the Sisters at St Leo's, with a \$20 gift card suggested, to be received by this weekend so that the gift cards could be personally delivered to the Sisters on November 10th.

Bob Russo further discussed the Advent Experience to happen 5-9 pm at St Mark's on December 3rd.

Essay Contest

POC Alan Caron discussed the KofC Essay Contest, which Alan will lead in the summer of 22 and asked for Brothers to volunteer in help.

Service Hours

Ron Huffman discussed the reporting of the service hours that our Brothers offer in help to our parish for our Council's annual reporting to the IRS.

Other Reports

District Deputy

DD Gerald Liparito reported on kits available for Brotherhood recruiting and requested \$100 to support the Special Olympics, scheduled for March 22 in Orlando. GK Mike Delman pledged that support.

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

Please see GK Mike Delman's report immediately following the minutes, which report lists the Brothers, relative and friends who are in need of our prayers.

Closing Prayers

Deacon Hector Rios led the Council in Closing Prayers and GK Mike Delman adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

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Brothers ALL: This is our present list of Brothers, relatives and friends who are need of our prayers:

Brother Ed Zerbe
Brother Joe Mocerì
Brother Dave Corporali
Brother Ken Transki's son, Chris, and grandson, Matthew
Brother Ken Transki's son's wife and daughter
Steve Mellinger, Brother John Stuben's wife's brother
Brother John Krawczyk
Brother Richard Lee
Shelly Petrylka, Brother Joe Mocerì's sister-n-law
Brother Paul Pakidis
Brother Tim Donovan
Brother Kevin Cramer
Brother George Bernardini
CMSgt John Amos, USAF, and his wife, (known by Brother George Bernardini)
Brother Tony Fortunato
Leah Wellman, relative of Brother Paul Mollmann
Alfredo Palanko (known by Brother JR Quinlan)
Carol Woodard, wife of Brother Gary Woodard
Lisa Blacklidge, wife of Brother Ray Blacklidge
Alice Turturro, wife of Brother Frank Turturro
Tom Fox, Brother-in-law of Brother Mike Kidd
Brother Cy DiLeo and his wife
Brother JP Cappa's father, John R. Cappa
Brother Rob Villavisanis' father, who passed away on October 15th
Brother Ron Estep, who passed away on October 15th
Brother Clark Bartholomew
Emily, Brother Joe Mocerì's sister-n-law
Brother Ken Transki
Brother Mike Lombarski
Mrs Ann Keel, friend of Brother Joe Mocerì
*Brother Jack Somerstein
*Sophie Ayetin, granddaughter of Brother George Ayetin

**Recently added*

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