

**Msgr. Kevin S. Mullen
Knights of Columbus
Council 12956
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2021**

Call to Order

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

Warden's Report

Inside Guard Mike Lombarski reported 32 members were present and in possession of a valid membership card.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Deacon Hector Rios led the Council in the Opening Prayer and GK Mike Delman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers

Recorder Dave Weidner called roll. All Officers were present except for Warden Paul Mollmann and 2nd Year Trustee Luis Arroyo; they were excused.

Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recorder Dave Weidner read the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting. The minutes were approved.

GK Mike Delman noted that meeting minutes and officer's meeting minutes will be emailed to all Brothers.

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

Chancellor James Quinlan noted that approximately 70 members are available for 3rd Degree exemplification. He is in the process of contacting these Brothers to invite them to advance. James noted that Supreme has set our quota for 11 new Brothers for this fraternal year.

Grand Knight's Report

GK Mike Delman discussed:

- With respect to covid, our Council will follow State, Diocesan and KOC mandates. As a courtesy, masks and hand sanitizer will be available at Council meetings; chairs will be social distanced
- Membership cards for the current year are not yet available; we will utilize last year's membership card to check-in Brothers
- In process of confirming contact info for all Brothers, including email address and phone number

- DGK Clark Bartholomew reported that “Christmas in July” donations for the Nuns at St Leo, totaled approximately \$3,400
- If you want to order a KOC Council Polo shirt, contact GK Mike Delman (mdelman611@gmail.com)
- Twenty-two August birthdays were announced; the average age was 63.5
- Calendar events
 - o August 4th (1st Wednesday of month); Mary 540 Living Rosary; POC: Don Kropp
 - o August 13th; 1st Feast Day of the Blessed Michael J. McGivney, our Founder
 - o September 7th next Council meeting, in the Daily Chapel
 - o September 10th; Fish Fry; take-out only; looking into credit card payment; POC: Bob Rayo
 - o September 24th; 20th Anniversary dinner; State Deputy, guest speaker; POC: Doug Gephardt
 - o November 7th; Armed Forces Appreciation Day dinner; Tampa Palms G&CC, \$40 per ticket, sit down dinner; POC: Don Kropp

Chaplain’s Report

Deacon Hector Rios reported that he or Fr Richard are planning to attend our Council meetings, as available.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Bob Rayo reported: Deposits of \$630 from dues and 20th Anniversary Dinner Celebration ticket sales; expenses of \$5,998 for church chairs; and an ending balance of \$27,317. We are committed to the church for a remaining \$1,800 based on 25 percent of net proceeds of our 20-21 fund raising activities, and are in discussion with Fr Richard as to that remaining commitment.

GK Reading of Bills and Communications

GK Mike Delman reported:

- Thank you card received from Lydia Piscitelli
- 100th Anniversary banquet at St Joseph’s Catholic Church; Fr Stephan Brown, Pastor; tickets are \$35

Financial Secretary’s Report

FS Pat Fahey indicated membership cards will be in soon and reminded all Brothers of the \$30 annual dues requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Liturgy

Luther Ferris thanked KOC ushers for helping to make parishioners feel safe in the current health and safety environment and for the increased help at the 5:30pm Mass. Luther also noted the funeral of Brother Mike DiFelice’s father this Friday at 11 am.

Blood Drive

Luis Barker reported on the successful Blood Drive on July 31st and August 1st; there were at least 17 donors.

Road Clean-up

Bill Daigneault asked for volunteers for the August 7th road clean-up. A Sign-up sheet was available for those who would like to help.

SVDP

John Steuban reported on SVDP's continuing food pantry success and thanked PGK Bob Thomas for championing several recent Saturday food drives. Bob Thomas agreed to continue to coordinate future dates for these food drives.

20th Anniversary Celebration

Doug Gephardt announced that he is selling tickets to the event and encouraged all Brothers in good standing to attend this event. Tickets are \$20 each.

Church Projects

GK Mike Delman announced that Brother Warren Dietz has developed various church projects over the next 5 months, ranging from interior remodeling to outside landscaping and pressure washing. Sign-up sheets were available for those who would like to help.

Youth Soccer

Mike Lombarski reported:

- Will start up again on Saturday, August 28th, 9 am to noon
- Seeking 9 to 12 volunteers so that we can support 3 teams of Brothers for various Saturdays
- Sign-up sheets were available for those who would like to help
- This is "break-even" support that exemplifies the Knight's commitment to family

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Tony Fortunato presented 3 resolutions to amend the Council By-laws:

- Increase annual dues from \$30 to \$40, effective for the 22-23 fraternal year
- Conduct monthly Council meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month, rather than the 1st Monday, and increase quorum from 15 to 25 Brothers
- Increase transfer approval limit from \$200 to \$300

These resolutions will be emailed to all Brothers so that discussion and voting can occur at the September Council meeting as is required for proposed amendments to the By-laws.

Other Reports

Lecturer

Lecturer Kevin Fritz opened our Council's prayerful celebration of St Joseph this fraternal year with a presentation of St Joseph as an accepting father & husband, a role model for all Brothers.

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

Those acknowledged included Ed Zerbe (in rehab at the Luxe Rehab Center, visitors encouraged), James Quinlan, Joe Mocerri, Dan Mayorga, Bob and Geri Russo on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Mike DiFelice on the passing of his father, and Steve Evens.

Closing Prayers

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