

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #11730 - OUR LADY OF THE PINES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES 9 JANUARY 2020

Meeting was called to order at ~1900

The following is results of the Roll-call of the officers:

A. Roll-call: (P – Present; A – Absent; E - Excused):

Chaplain: Fr. Andrzej Szczesnowicz	P	Advocate: Greg Sullivan	P
Grand Knight: Pierre Gaudreault	P	Warden: Joe Graff	P
Dep GK: Mack McGuire	P	Inside Guard: N/A	P
Chancellor: Jason Miranowski	E	Inside Guard: Rod Balak	E
Recorder: Tim Brotherton	P	Outside Guard: Gary Munda	A
Financial Secretary: Vic Villhard	P	Trustee (3 Yr.): John O'Rouke	P
Treasurer: Jack Perroni	P	Trustee (2 Yr.): Gary Havens	E
Lecturer: Jim Payton	P	Trustee (1 Yr.): Jack Davidson	P

B. **Minutes:** Minutes approved as sent out in December per a motion and unanimous consensus.

C. **Applications for membership:** None

D. **Chaplain's Report:**

- Father Andre sends his thanks for Christmas Eve parking support.
- Father Andre and the Diocese Deacons (approximately 60) send their thanks to the Knights for hosting a Burrito Breakfast for all the Diocese Deacons in December.
- There are more slots available for photos to be included in the OLP photo/phone book. An email was sent out with all the details.
- Father Andre won't be back until 18 Jan 2020.

E. **Grand Knight's Report:** WGK Pierre Gaudreault

- Happy and Prosperous New Year Everybody.
- Since the last meeting our council has
 1. Did the second reading of the budget for next year and approved it.
 2. Completed the Tootsie Roll drive.
 3. Participated in the Guadalupe Chapter Coats for Kids event at the Catholic Charities Helen Hunt Campus. 174 coats were given out at the event. About two dozen were left for Catholic Charities "closet", and about two to three hundred were divided between Dist. 11 and a Coats for Kids event in Pueblo.
 4. Had a Fellowship Breakfast in November at Gunther Toody's.
 5. Did Breakfast Burrito fundraiser November and December. In November, we gave out free burritos to Catholic Youth Conference returnees.
 6. Did the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Six participated and the winners were selected.
 7. Participated in the KofC State Mid-Year Meeting December 6-8.
 8. Had a Christmas Party with the lovely ladies – December 12th, the date of the regular meeting. Many thanks for folks for their homemade food.
 9. Assisted with parking at 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Masses.
 10. Gave our Chaplain a Christmas and Birthday gift. Father Andre sent a very nice thank you letter.

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11. Paid \$300 to Our Lady of the Pines for Mass intentions that concern our Council in some way.
12. Provided the meal for the Diocesan Deacon Breakfast which Bishop Sheridan attended. Greg Sullivan led the effort and about ten Knights helped. Thank you all who participated.
13. Helped with the District Level “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest at St. Gabriel’s.

- **New Initiation Degree Ceremony:**

1. There has been a huge change to change to the way Knights will be initiated into the order. There will be one ceremony that will bring new members to full knighthood to replace the separate first, second and third degree ceremonies. In addition, there will be no veil of secrecy for this ceremony and families and the general public will be encouraged to attend.
2. Please don't discuss the old ceremonies because councils still have them scheduled and they are still secret.
3. Under the new system, first and second degrees can attend the same ceremony as new members to become third degree knights. In the new ceremony, there will be a presenter for each ideal of the order, charity, unity and fraternity, an MC, a warden and a Priest or Deacon (if available). No memorization is required for those conducting the ceremony.
4. The idea behind the change: The old system began development in 1882 when the Knight's of Columbus competed with other fraternal organizations. It's initiation process and hierarchy was created to be similar to the other organizations. Although this served well for many years, it has been an impediment for new members in more recent times. The idea of this change was first discussed in 1988 so Supreme was slow to implement it, but they really saw a need at this time.
5. We will in the not to distant future hold the new degree ceremony. It will be for all new members as well as first and second degrees to get up to speed with the new combined degree rank. The only thing keeping us from scheduling it now is we need the training on how to do the new ceremony.
6. The ideal situation is to hold the degree ceremony in conjunction with the Mass.

- **Near Future Events**

1. January Fellowship Breakfast, 16 Jan @ Cracker Barrel on Academy near South Gate of the Air Force Academy
2. Burrito Sales, 19 January
3. Semi-Annual Audit, 27 January
4. Lady’s and Knight’s Valentines Dinner, 13 February
5. Ash Wednesday, 26 February
6. Fish Fry, 13 March

- Knight of the Month: Wayne Meidinger
- Family of the Month: Mac and Madeline McGuire

F. Deputy Grand Knight’s Report:

- Mack McGuire: Well Knight Check – Group of Knights making amicable contacts with other Knights.
- For Letters of Appreciation to Walmart, make sure you address it to the Walmart Management team.
- 11-12 Jan is Welcome weekend and Knights will have a recruitment table after the Masses.

G. Treasurer’s report: Jack Perroni

End of Prior Month	Start	End
Checking	\$6739.97	\$7563.80
Savings Club Account	\$9144.19	\$9144.97

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H. Financial Secretary's report: Vic Villhard

Expenses Jan-20			
2-Jan-2020	Life Network	Donation	\$100.00
2-Jan-2020	Victor Villhard	Stamps	\$166.00
2-Jan-2020	Pierre Gaudreault	Mailing certificates for Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest	\$62.38
2-Jan-2020	Colorado State KofC Charities Fund	Tootsie Roll Money	\$1644.70
Jan 2020	Victor Villhard	State Farm Annual Premium	\$475.00
Jan 2020	Victor Villhard	English Co for 2 sashes	\$69.00

Receipts	
Dues from 48 members, 21 Football FundCrazr tickets	\$1952

I. Trustee report: Jack Davidson, Gary Havens, John O'Rourke

- Nothing to report

J. Chancellor's report: Jason Miranowski

- Jason Miranowski not present.

K. 4th Degree Reports: Nothing significant to report

L. Insurance Agent Report: Rylee Nelson

- Insurance Agent not present due to illness in the family.

District Deputy Report: Worthy District Deputy Dan Rolenc

- District Deputy not present

N. Committee Reports:

- Burritos (Greg Sullivan) get \$\$ from Greg. Next burrito sale is 19 Jan 2020
 - Made burritos for the Deacons free of charge (~\$200)
- Burrito Sales Profits for last Quarter 2019:
 - Oct: \$ 841
 - Nov: \$ 665
 - Dec: \$ 910
 - Total: \$2,416
- Many thanks to the Ladies and Knights' Hands as we received a \$200 donation.
- Tootsie Roll Drive – Chosen two charities for our Tootsie Roll money: Local Special Olympics Teams and Ellicot Schools Special Needs Program. Ellicot School dropped out because they switched from handling Special Needs children themselves to a contractor. They could do that because the program is State funded. Since we were at the end-of-year deadline, I asked that all the money available be donated

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to the Special Olympics. The recipient information was sent to the state as well as the money collected. \$1644.70 was sent the KofC State Charities. A check for \$1233.52 to Special Olympics Colorado will be returned to us. We will present the check not long after that.

- Fellowship Breakfast Committee (Tim Brotherton)
 - 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30, location: Cracker Barrel.
- PGK John O'Rourke discussed our Faith in Action and specifically where we are with meeting the requirements for the Columbian Award. Below are the three slides that he presented at the meeting.

FAITH RSVP (need to write checks) Marian Icon Prayer Program (optional) Building the Domestic Church Kiosk <i>Spiritual Reflection Program</i>	COMMUNITY Coats for Kids Free Throw Championship Soccer Challenge (optional) <i>Helping Hands</i>
FAMILY Keep Christ in Christmas Family Fully Alive <i>Consecration to the Holy Family</i> Good Friday Family Promotion	LIFE Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Mass for People w/ Special Needs (optional) <i>Novena for Life</i>

Bold programs count for 2 out of 4; *Italic* programs are required; need 4 in each box – excess items optional

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Consecration to the Holy Family program

A Higher Purpose

Help strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. Knights of Columbus councils will invite each family in their parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Overview

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

Required Program

A council must conduct this required program in the Family category to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.

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Action Steps

1. Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish. → [in process](#)
2. Order a good quantity of Consecration to the [Holy Family Prayer Cards \(#10371\)](#) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online. → [done](#)
3. Set a date for the consecration and announce it to your parish a month before the official day. → [next step](#)
4. Distribute Consecration to the [Holy Family Prayer Cards \(#10371\)](#) at Masses the week before the consecration. Also place a good supply of prayer cards in your church and council hall.
5. Although the formal consecration will occur at all Masses on a chosen Sunday, serious and mindful preparation for at least a week prior is a major aspect of this program. To ensure that all members of your parish are fully participating and readying themselves for the consecration, your council should consider:
 - Asking your pastor to make an announcement at all Sunday Masses the week before the consecration. Ask him to explain what a consecration is, why it is being undertaken, and how to properly prepare.
 - Suggesting that each family pray together each day for the week before the consecration. Ideally, this will lead them to continue the practice, at least on a weekly basis, after the consecration has occurred.
 - Encouraging each family to intentionally fast from something ahead of the consecration. This fast should last at least a week leading up to the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.
 - Strongly encouraging each member of all parish families to go to confession before the consecration.
 - Hosting an event in the middle of the week prior to the Sunday consecration. One idea for this event is to invite a guest speaker to discuss the importance of consecrating oneself to the Holy Family, the model of the Holy Family, the meaning and impact of consecrations, or related themes. Be sure to set aside time at your event for prayer in community. Consider praying the rosary together and be sure to recite the consecration prayer together in preparation.
6. Build public interest! Promote the Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
7. On the chosen day, distribute Consecration to the [Holy Family Prayer Cards \(#10371\)](#) once again. Under the direction of your pastor, recite the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer together as a parish family at all Sunday Masses. If he is willing, ask your pastor to also incorporate themes relating to the consecration and the Holy Family in his homily.
8. Following the consecration, host an event in the parish or council hall for all parish families to celebrate the consecration together!
9. Have family-friendly games ready for everyone to enjoy. Remind all present that this consecration holds lasting impacts. Although the time of preparation has ended and the consecration has occurred, devotion to the Holy Family continues, and we should always strive to resemble their ideal model of a loving family.
10. At the celebration event, be sure to wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including [Prospect Cards #921A](#)). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
11. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
12. Following the consecration and celebration, update the community on the success of your program by distributing an announcement to local media, along with energizing photographs from the event.
13. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the [Fraternal Programs Report Form \(#10784\)](#)
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete your [Columbian Award Application \(#5P-7\)](#)

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- Fish Fry: Gary Havens will lead. Dates are set for 13 March, 27 March and 3 April – three Fridays during Lent
- Pig Roast Exploratory Committee’s (Jack Perroni) Tentative plan is:
 - Weekend of 13-14 Jun
 - Working with the Youth Group
 - Will donate some of the proceeds to the Youth Group
 - Working to have more Parish participation
 - More to follow

Schedule for upcoming events

2 January – Officer Mtg at Parrish Hall, 7pm
4 January – Deacon’s Breakfast Support, 6:30am
8 January – Dist. Level Keep Christ in Xmas Poster contest at St. Gabriel’s, 6:30pm
9 January – Business Mtg at Parrish Hall 7pm
16 January – Fellowship Bfst at Cracker Barrel, 7:30am
19 January – Bfst Burrito Sale
25 January – Fraternal Forms are due to the District Deputy
27 January - Semi-Annual Audit at Parrish Hall, 7pm
31 January – Survey of Fraternal Activities is due to Supreme
13 February - Valentine’s dinner/meeting with the Ladies, Time?, Location?
? February – Consecration to the Holy Family
26 February – Ash Wednesday
13 March – First of three fish fries in the Parrish Hall
TBD – New degree ceremony for new members and First and Second Degree Knights

O. Unfinished Business:

- None

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P. New Business:

- None

Q. Good of the Order: Worthy Lecturer Jim Payton.

- Worthy Lecturer provided a very insightful discussion on the importance of “Good Works”
- “Just Do It”

R. Closing Prayer:

- Deacon Bill led us in the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Number in Attendance: 21

Recorder: Timothy Brotherton, 9 Jan 2020

Approved: _____, **Grand Knight, Date:**