



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Minutes For February 17th Meeting
St. Oliver Council 13440
Kane/Beltron Center
Submitted By Financial Secretary Frank Montelione

Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Todd Morrow.
Recording Secretary, Bill Childress was not present.
Present for the meeting was Father Piotr

Father Piotr gave the opening prayer
Grand Knight Morrow thanked all for the prayers for his recovery. He stated that he will probably be on portable oxygen for the rest of his life.

The Grand Knight awarded Family of the Year to the Barnard Family that was present for the ceremony.



The Plaque was engraved with:

“Who has served as an inspiration to our Parish Community and Council by supporting and strengthening Christian Family Life”.

The Grand Knight mentioned some of the family in particular for helping with almost all events from the Stipers to Disability Drive's to helping set up, participate and set up, and clean up at many of our Council and Parish Events.

He also presented a Past Grand Knight's plaque to Robert Barnard

The meeting continued when only Knights and honored guests were present.

Approval of the Minutes – Financial Secretary corrected the income from the Monastery Sales was supposed to be \$1589.15. Corrections made on official minutes.

Robert Barnard move the minutes be accepted as amended, seconded by John Spudich.

Minutes were approved as amended.

Chaplains Report

Father Piotr spoke about the Book of Genesis. He spoke of the creation of the universe. The second chapter spoke of creation of man. He spoke of the life of the first parents, Adam and Eve. Their first two sons. Cain and Abel. Fr. Piotr spoke about jealousy. Beginning with Cain and Abel.



Grand Knight's Report:

The Grand Knight again thanked all for the prayers and support during his illness which continues and may be with him for the rest of his life.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mark Layton made the following report:

Started January with a balance of \$5238 and had expenses in the month of \$2467, which consisted mainly of our dues to Supreme and state per-capata, our insurance renewal and Christmas gift checks to the priests and deacons that were cashed in January. For January we had deposits of \$3500, which was mainly from Cash and checks for monastery sales deposited in January and dues, leaving a balance of \$6270.

Financial Secretary Report:

FS Frank Montelione explained why the first notices from Supreme never went out. Supreme had changed method of contact for almost all members from "email" to "mail". The FS changed those back to "email".

Second notices were properly distributed. Out of 99 members, we still have 55 members who have not paid their dues. He explained again that weather dues were paid the Council still has to pay the per-capita. He said that if there is a problem paying dues, let us know and we can cover it. He gave the GK a list of those who have not paid. He said last year was the opposite. We still had people who had not paid and are now in arrears for, some for over 2 years. He said dues can be paid by check, by a card reader that we have available, given to him in cash or by using PayPal and the link is on the Council's website. He went on to say he received a newsletter from Arnie Terrel about the 4th Degree. If you aren't a 4th degree member you should consider joining this Patriotic Degree.

He said he got an mail from someone who lost their card. He said, "Please Don't Do That". He explained that in order to print one card he must print a whole sheet of cards which has 8 cards to a sheet. It is a waste of money to have to print 8 cards for one member.

Trustees Report:

Fritz Siler reported that the Semi-Annual Audit has been signed and sent to Supreme. The FS said the Audit went pretty smoothly this year and the District Deputy who also serves as a Trustee said he and the FS were on the phone a lot to prepare the Audit and it was successfully submitted and signed.

District Deputy Robert Barnard's Report

He began with bringing greetings from the Supreme Knight and a personal greeting from TJ Caustland who said this Council has raised money for charities over the past year. He was very happy about the amount and the work this Council has done over that time period. He asked that the DD relay his feelings to the Council. The Fraternal Activities Report has been turned in and all the paperwork is in line for Star Council. The Knightlife Add must be submitted and after they revue to, it will be sent back to the GK for approval. There will be a District Meeting at the JP II center on March 8th from 9am to 2pm. The GK and the Financial Secretary must attend and any other member who would like to attend is welcome. The GK added that if you are thinking of being a Council officer, please attend that meeting since there is so much information that would be useful for future officers.

Member Ship Report:

The Grand Knight said we have 3 new members, David Martin, Rich Homick and Christopher Russo. We need to set up an Exemplification for the three. Attending his first meeting was Pius Appiah. The three were invited but have not answered phone calls or emails. The GK would like to do an Exemplification at the March meeting prior to the March meeting. That meeting, if we do the Exemplification, would be long. Our insurance agent is not with us tonight, but he will be at the March meeting and he has confirmed that.

New Business

District Deputy Robert Barnard spoke about the need to start thinking about new officers for the next fraternal year. He and Trustee Siler need to put together a slate of officers. The Duties and Responsibilities for each officer is on the Council's website. He said if anyone is interested in filling a position to let them know. June 30th GK Morrow will be stepping aside. The DD stated that you shouldn't let it be daunting. The candidates will have plenty of support from the other Council Officers. The election will be held in May. It then has to be tabled for 30 days and voted on in June.

There will be another 4th Degree Exemplification in Albany on April 26th. This coming weekend there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in New York City to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the 4th Degree. The State of Georgia will be well represented. Most of the State Officers will be attending. There will be around 1,000 going through the Exemplification process. At the NYC Exemplification will be opened up to the families. Thereafter families will be allowed to attend.

Korean and Vietnam Veterans Census Program. Each assembly and council is requested to survey members who may have served in either or both of these conflicts. Inclusion in the census is limited to veterans who meet the requirements established by Congress for the Korean and Vietnam Service Medals. These requirements are Korea: June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953; Vietnam: July 3, 1965 - March 28, 1973.

Mass at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception will be held for veterans on April 26, 2025. Following the mass, Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors will lay wreaths at the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials. Certificates recognizing service will be delivered to surviving veterans through their councils.

This will be followed by Supreme Officers laying wreaths at the two memorials.

A sheet with names, service, years of service will be passed around to the members present.

The GK also received an email to help with aid to N. Carolina victims of this summer's hurricane. It will be a single day event to be held in Swannanoa, N. Carolina. They are looking for members with construction abilities. It will be held March 3rd from 7am to 7pm.

The DD sent GK Morrow an email regarding membership. Our goal is to have 2 new members by the end of March. We already have one new member.

Christopher Bell has announced that he is a Candidate for State Warden which will be voted on at the State Convention. At the next meeting we will hold a vote on supporting Chris Bell. It does not obligate the Delegates to vote for him at the convention

Javier announced that a Hispanic tradition is to hold a mass wedding celebration on the Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe. He requests that we present a small gift to the newly wed couples.

Frank Montelione has proposed that in conjunction with World Marriage Sunday, we sponsor a Marriage Vow Renewal Service after a Mass on that same Sunday in 2026. He spoke to Deacon and Brother Mike Chavez who is all in favor of it. A small reception would be held after the Service for just the people who participate. The

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proposal is just in the formation process at this time. Father Piotr asked that Ordained Ministers be able to participate in the Vowel renewal. He said he was very glad that we may do this.

The Wine and Beer event has a conflict with the March date and Fritz and Mark are going to reschedule.

DD Barnard explained that every council needs to submit at least one program for an award. A letter from the organization that was the recipient of a Council program submit a letter about the program. Javier chaired "Back To School With The Knights over the past two years and the beneficiary of that was the St. Vincent DePaul Society. A letter from them would recognizing the program which would be included in the binder that will be submitted at the State Convention. Our Council won runner up for the Summer Safe Program a few years ago.

Unfinished Business

The State Convention is being held at Jekyll Island from May 16th thru the 18th. The Grand Knight will be attending and asked if anyone else would like to go. We can send 2 delegates and 2 alternates. He is already an automatic delegate. The other delegates need to be nominated and voted on at the March meeting. There will be 3 hospitalities rooms where there will be drinks and refreshments. Javier Tavira, Carey Scruggs and Robert Barnard have all attended in the past. If you would like more information on that, speak to one of those members.

Mother's Day Gifts. GK Morrow's wife Diane has been going through the Autom catalog and has identified plenty of items we can give. He will bring some to the March meeting for consideration. Pregnancy Resource Center donation. The DD will bring a check to the PRC is probably in Loganville where the Sonagram truck is located.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner. We must have at least 15 volunteers by March 11th. We did not have enough volunteers for the last Pancake Breakfast. The room was not set up properly and the tabletops were sticky from the syrup. GK asked Robert to keep the names of all who purchase tickets so that refunds can be made if we don't have enough staffing. Chairman Robert Barnard said that last year the food was cooked at his home and his mom's home. This year it will be prepared on premises. Preparation will begin around 10:30am. An Emcee and a Bar Tender is needed. Drink tickets and raffle tickets will be sold at the door for the Irish Whiskey, Baileys Irish Cream a bottle of Jamieson's and a loaf of Irish Soda Bread. The door prize will again be provided by Gary Dean who provided last year's prize. Last year was a great success and we made around \$1,000.

The next blood drive will be on Sunday, March 2nd from 8am to 2pm. It will be the last Blood Drive that Todd will be able to Chair. We will need a new Chairman for the May 18th blood drive. Todd will be at the Convention at that time. We are only doing 4 Blood Drives a year and they will all be on Sunday's. Posters will be placed around the church.

The Stripers has reached out again to man the concession stands at Cool Ray Field again this year. We gained a lot of money for the Council fund and raised \$15,000 to be used for our charitable causes. If you want to consider helping, you will need to be certified by completing an online course.

Good Of The Order

John Aguiar – stage 4 kidney cancer that has metastasized.

Ken Lucier

Kinsey Family

Milligan Family

Joseph Bellnier

Lorraine Bellnier

Joseph LaFrage

The Appiah Family

Pray for World Peace

Christopher Hardy Family

Peter Micordakes

Teens Dealing With Depression and Mental

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Health Issues
Prayer for Vocations
Barry Nickelberg
Mary Ellen Harshaw (Cancer)

J.P. (Invection)
Todd Morrow
All Caregivers
All Christian Families

Closing Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney and The Knights Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14pm