



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Minutes November 17, 2025, Meeting

Kane/Beltran Center 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Javier Tavira
Minutes approved

Grand Knights Report:

We still are still in need of a Recorder, Warden and Lecturer. The duties of these officers were explained.

Lecturers Reflection:

- The GK stated that we will be reading the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Carey Scruggs volunteered to read the Gospel.
- The GK reported on the recent Blood Drive that it was a success with 37 donors for a total of 44 pints donated.
- It was announced that Brother and Sir Knight John Davidson passed away. The dates and times of the funeral were announced, and the 4th Degree Honor Guard will be presented.
- Thank you for the 5 members that attended the Fraternal Benefits video conference last month.

Treasurer's Report:

Mark Layton reported that we started the month with \$9,180 in the account. He deposited almost \$1100. This included Disabilities Drive donations. We also purchased Keep Christ In Christmas Magnets and Cards.

Financial Secretary's Report

Frank Montelione stated that we had a few new members who were added to our roster and there were no transfers. These members also went through the Exemplification for the 4th Degree.

Membership Report

The Grand Knight reported that we have one E-Member, Charley Eziriki, and still needs to go through his Exemplification. Todd Koeger made his 3rd Degree and 4th Degree.

Other Reports

- Carey Scruggs reported on the Men of the Word Bible Study Program. Attendance has been pretty steady with about 8 men attending. There will be one more this year on December 11th at 7pm at the JP II house. Then there will be a break for the Christmas holidays.

- The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will resume in February taking a Holiday break given that January is usually a cold month for outdoor events and many people are busy during this time of year. Attendance has varied during some Masses where some were well attended while others were not. We are still struggling with announcements in the bulletin and at Mass. There are new signs and maybe we will offer coffee to draw more attention to the program. Even with our struggles, please don't be discouraged and continue to participate when you can.
 - **Coffee and Donuts Program** chaired by Ray Prosek. Ray said that we ran out of donuts before the 11:15 Mass. In the future, we might have some coffee cakes, bagels and things like that and we will have coffee and drinks. The GK asked if he needs a sign up list and Ray said he drafts people.
 - **Monastery Sales** will start the last weekend of November – the 29th and 30th, December 6th and 7th, December 13th and 14th after each Mass. Monastery Sales Chair, Robert Barnard stated 40 boxes of Christmas Cards were already ordered and will be sold for \$15 a box. We received sample cards which will be sample cards so buyers can see what the message is in the varying types of cards. Magnets were received and we have 4 different styles of magnets. He will be picking up the fudge and there are also biscotti cookies, fruit cake, coffee and other items that will be picked up the Friday prior to the first weekends sale. If we need to replenish the stock we will do so as needed. Todd Morrow will be handling the sales on December 6th and 7th since Robert will be attending the State Mid-year District Deputy Meeting. Please sign up for the sales to help. We accept credit cards as well as cash.
- **4th Degree Report.** We have 3 members moving up to the 4th Degree, Carlos Sanchez, Ryan Barnard and Todd Kroeger. If you are not a 4th Degree member you are encouraged to step up and become one. The GK explained the workings of the degree. Families are encouraged to attend and it's very special to see family members. Jim Connelly spoke about as a member of the 4th Degree at the Assembly meetings you get a chance to see what the other Councils within the Assembly are doing. Our Council is affiliated with the St. Michael the Archangel Council.
 - **Insurance Agent Report.** Our agent is not present, however, there will be another Fraternal Benefits Night on November 18th. It will be in Spanish. A link will be sent out.
 - **District Deputy Report.** DD Robert Barnard brought Fraternal Greetings from Supreme Knight, Supreme Board of Directors and State Deputy and the State Officers. They bid the Council congratulations on achieving Star Council Award. He has received it in the mail and the GK will coordinate with the State Deputy, Pastor and Chaplain Father Cyriac and the DD about a date to present the award, preferably after a Mass. The State Deputy will present the Award. It's also the parishes' award for supporting our goals in order to achieve the award. Every Council in the District received Star Council. He stated that only 5 districts out of 27 achieved All-Star District. The DD reiterated that even though the next Fraternal Benefits Night is in Spanish he encouraged the Council to log on anyway and you will receive credit for attending. The Council needs one more new member to go through the exemplification by December 31st to achieve our goal. If we do that we will receive a 10% discount on our State Per Capita which would mean the money allocated in our budget for State Per Capita could be used for other programs. We will also receive a free full page ad in Knight Life Magazine that is produced for the State Convention which is normally a \$300 cost.
 - The DD said if you are interested in joining the 4th Degree, he is second in command in the St. Michael the Archangel Assembly. If you are also interested in being a member of the 4th Degree Honor Guard, there is a Uniform Assistance Program wherein you buy the uniform and you will receive a portion of it back.

- Don't be intimidated to be an officer if you are a new member and none of the current or past officers are going to allow you to fail. He encouraged new members to step up to fill the roles of the Council.
- Even if we achieve our goals by December 31st our work is not over. We should continue to look around and see men that are not Knights, he encouraged members to approach them and extending all the benefits of Knighthood and help them grow in their faith journey with programs like Men Of The Word, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Monthly Rosary.

Unfinished Business. The Grand Knight stated that last month we spoke about holding a Memorial Mass and that it did not come to fruition. We will still try to get a date for it. The GK sent a message to Father Cyriac that we request a Mass for November 15th. He replied to talk to the Office about it. He misunderstood our intentions and thought we wanted a Mass dedicated to the fallen Knights from our Council. When the GK explained that we would read out the names and ring a bell for each member, but the GK never received a response.

Brother Roger Bacik informed the Council that the 4th Degree Assembly was having a Memorial Mass on December 14th vigil Mass at St. Lawrence Church. One member of our Council and his wife, Ken and Diane Lucier, were going to be honored.

New Business. The Grand Knight asked the FS to present any bills that have been paid and any other bills that need to be paid. The FS presented the bill for the Monastery Sales for \$3618.20. The Grand Knight called Christian Marcelo Martino Albino forward and presented him with his Council Name Tag.

- Brother Ray Prosek brought to the Council's attention a ministry called the Blessed Blanket Ministry. He explained that this year the Ministry is falling short of financing. The Blanket is then brought to a homeless shelter, or someone in hospice care or someone in need of it. When he brings a blanket to someone he tells them the brothers and sisters of the parish love them blesses them and misses them. The Ministry is in jeopardy of folding because they can't afford the materials to make the blankets. He made a motion that the Council make a \$300 donation. Motion was seconded and passed.
 - The GK asked the new members if they had any questions about the meeting or our procedures.
 - Brother Todd Morrow informed the Council that around noon on December 20th, which is the date for the GK's Christmas Party, his wife will be at the Kane/Beltran Center to decorate. He needs volunteers from noon to 3 to set up and after the party, he doesn't want the decorations and will raffle them off and the proceeds will be used for a worthy program.
 - The Council is going to provide the main course and the GK is asking for members attending to bring a side dish or desserts. There will be an Ugly Christmas Sweater Competition.
 - Brother Roger Basik suggested the widows of fallen brothers be invited and he was told that it is in the plans for the Party.
 - Brother Todd Kroeger asked about the Warden's duties and responsibilities and the GK will talk to him after the meeting.
 - The DD said that the State Officers were going to be invited and they would like to attend any events we hold.
- The Good Of The Order. Prayers will be said for those on the sheet that was passed around at the end of the meeting.

- **Lecturer's Reflection.** Brother Carey Scruggs read from the Bible the readings for the coming Sunday. This was the reading studied at the last Men of the Word session. The GK reflected how many times we were like the soldiers of the second thief who questioned God.
- Brother Ken Dalton spoke about a book he received from EWTN.
- Brother Tito Esparza encouraged all the men of the parish to join us at the Men of the Word bible study. If you want to have a better feeling about what Christmas is all about go to Luke and read a chapter every day of advent, starting on December 1st. By December 24th you will have finished the Gospel of Luke, and you will have a better understanding of what Christmas is all about.
- Before proceeding to the closing prayer does anyone know of any brother of this Council or of the Order who sick or in need of distress.
 - John Davidson
 - Joseph LaFrage. The FS spoke to him recently and gave an update on his condition
 - Dick Bellnier
- The meeting closed with the reading of the Prayer for Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney. The list of those on the Good of the Order sheet was read by Trustee Robert Barnard.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm