



## February 2019 Minutes – Council 11234

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### Opening

The meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council 11234 was called to order at **7:39 pm** on **February 14, 2019** at St. Catherine of Siena dining room by Grand Knight Potochnik.

### Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Mike Potochnik, GK

### Pledge of Allegiance to The U.S. Flag

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### Officer Attendees:

Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excused	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Secretary	Inside Guard
Grand Knight	Treasurer	Outside Guard
Deputy Grand Knight	Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee (3 <sup>rd</sup> year)
Chancellor	Lecturer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)
Recorder	Warden	Trustee (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)

### Chaplain's Report

None

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to council members. Matt Stein motioned to accept the minutes as submitted via email was approved.

### Grand Knight Report

- Welcome brother Knights.

### Dignitary visitor

- District Deputy John Mezara

### Treasurer Report

- \$22,242.15 in the bank.
- \$227.10 in Squires totaling \$22,469.25

### Financial Secretary Report

- None

### Chancellor Report (Anthony Nacional)

- None

### Report of Admissions Committee

- Matt Stein, Membership Program Director
- Congratulations and Welcome to new members and exemplifications for Terry Maher and Jack Ford (both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees)
  - Stated Goals of 14 new council members and 5 insurance members. 3 new council members have been added toward our goal. Current members are



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encouraged to actively recruit new members and also speak to Mike McDonough to consider your insurance needs.

- New member Cary Laker proposed by Mike Palczuk. Anthony Nacional spoke on his behalf regarding Cary's work at Operation Brown Bag. Motion was accepted to offer membership.

### Service Program and Committee Report

- Anthony Nacional, Community Director
  - Brown Bag and Operation Harvest & Tri-Area food delivery – Recognized members present who have been active in these ministries.
    - We need volunteers to assist in these ministries. For example, Brown bag utilizes Knights posted throughout the delivery area to oversee and direct volunteers actively delivering bags. You can sign up for specific slots by visiting:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545a9a829a64-brown>
  - *Tri Area Ministries* Delivery 1x monthly every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday
  - *Brown bag* – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday mornings
  - *Op Harvest* – Every Saturday
  - *Potato Bagging* will take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Multiple Parishes throughout Wake County will participate commencing at 9am, opening prayer at 8:50. 60,000 potatoes need to be bagged requiring 500 volunteers. St Catherine's parking lot is appropriately sized for a project of this large scale. Prior turnout has been excellent. Knights presence is encouraged and welcomed for this and all KofC ministries
- Standing Committee Report Tony Morano
  - Operation LAMB (Least Among My Brethren)  
Program fundraising description
    - We have 3 weekend OpLAMB events @ Walmart:
      - April 27 & 28
      - June 15 & 16
      - September 14 & 15
  - Blood Drive
    - Blood Drive on 2/8 in St Catherine's gymnasium collected 58 pints (out of 68 signups)
    - Next Blood Drive tentative date is May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Fish Fry March 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
Purchases to begin next week in preparation as per Ed Gary. Open bed truck required to haul deep fryer to and from St Catherine's.
- Program Director DGK Joe Palko
  - Protect Religious Liberty "Take Action" – by clicking on link forwarded to us via email from Supreme. This online tool contacts our Senators to relay our concerns and interest in this issue.



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### Old Business

#### Hurricane Relief (GK Mike Potochnik)

- Matt & Mike delivered our \$1500 check to Greenville Catholic Charities for New Bern area hurricane relief. Program Director Agnes Barber gratefully accepted our check and expressed their deep appreciation for our efforts. Much work remains to be done in that region's relief efforts

#### State Convention April 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

- More Volunteers needed to assist during convention weekend. A couple of hours of assistance from more volunteers would be beneficial.

#### Proposal to Nominate Rick Lewis for State Council Warden – (Matt Stein)

- Extensive family, community & KofC qualifications reported on
- Motion made and accepted for Nomination

#### Store Shed Project update (Joe Doran)

- Suggested another possible option for \$7500 -metal 24x30 storage shed on a slab.
  - Despite clearly identified needs, Questions still remain. Will this be allowed? Where can it be placed? How will it be funded? The maintenance and growth of our ministries on site is challenged without proper storage and refrigeration solutions.

#### Golf Tournament - (Joe Palko)

- All members are needed to solicit hole sponsors. At this time 12 commitments secured toward a goal of 32.
- 1 Gold sponsor has committed
- Nike committed to providing generous gift bags
- WCPE classic radio station will sponsor with \$1000 worth of ad space
- 12 foursomes signed up to date with a goal of 25 total

#### Raffle ticket update (Dave Rogers)

- Budgeted to sell 320 raffles at \$5 each - 200 sold so far, winners will receive cash prizes. Please assist with the purchase and sale of raffles. \$2.50 of each \$5 ticket sold comes back to our council to support our charitable efforts. Kindly take this opportunity to reach out to your co-

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chair to purchase raffles to help reach our goal. Repeat Email is to follow with particulars.

- Assembly (DGK Joe Palko) – meeting this upcoming Tuesday. We have 1 applicant for 4<sup>th</sup> degree. 3rd degree knights are encouraged to consider application for their 4<sup>th</sup> degree
- Fish Fry (GK Mike Potochnik)
  - March 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A new coordinator will be needed ... please consider chairing this event going forward. Currently Ed Gary volunteered, Tony Morano offered to assist.
  - Volunteer signup opportunities are up on signup genius. See email or website for link

### New Business

- Faith in Action and Retention programs (GK Mike Potochnik) – our focus needs to be on - 1) *Spiritual reflection - ie* retreat, seminar, conference, pilgrimage, time in adoration, confession etc. Ideas and topics have been considered and discussed with Fr Bill John on how we can qualify in reaching program goals. He was very supportive and hopes to work with us 2) *Life* - Novena for life on or around Jan 25<sup>th</sup> (March for Life).  
Required programs are necessary for us to receive the Columbian Award. Our upcoming focus will be on getting our council in compliance with current program requirements set by Supreme. Ideas and Suggestions are encouraged.
- Special Olympics - (relayed as per Joe Csuka) Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Consider joining in to participate. Bowling Award ceremony takes place at Buffaloe lanes Cary Bowling Center.
  - When signing up online to volunteer, you may want to target opportunities listed under Joe Csuka to assist on his team
- Important Dates
  - Operation Harvest 9:15 Trinity Center every Saturday
  - Tri-Area ministry this Saturday 2/16
  - Potato bagging 2/23 9am
  - Brown Bag -10 am Trinity Center (2/27 is next date)
  - Fish Fry -3/15,3/29
  - Op LAMB -4/27,4/28
  - Blood Drive 5/10 (tentative)
  - Special Olympics -6/2



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- Golf Tournament 6/10
- State Convention 4/26 – 4/28
- Matt Stein pointed out that online calendar @ [www.kofc11234.org](http://www.kofc11234.org) is now regularly updated as a current source of council activities

### **District Deputy report (John Mezara)**

- Marion icon – traveling across North Carolina, due at our council on a future date
- Wheel chair aid -March 1. Contributions will be solicited from councils for the cause of Wheelchair purchases for disabled Veterans.
- Recognized our council's success in ministries to the community

### **Awards**

We would like to thank and honor the following brother who has exhibited charity and dedication to serving our council, our Church, and our community especially to those in need. These brothers embody the true meaning of Knighthood and live by the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

- **January Knight of the Month**
  - Dave Rogers

### **Insurance Agent Report (Mike McDonough)**

- Thanks to our membership for our support of K of C insurance. Our participation has been instrumental in Mike winning Agent of the Year and this year's trip to Bermuda.
- Informational Brochures were distributed and emphasis was made laying out the need for Long Term Care. With longer life expectancies come the higher likelihood of necessary Long-Term Care. Many Insurance products and VA care coverages are inadequate. Please contact Mike to discuss your needs for Life and LTC coverage and to review currently held policies.

### **For the Good of The Order**

- Dave Rogers, Lecturer, read the prayer intentions of brother Knights in attendance.

### **50/50 Raffle Drawing**

- Terry S claimed the winning proceeds and the traveling container

### **Adjournment/Closing Remarks**

- The next council meeting will be on **March 14, 2019** at St. Catherine of Siena dining room.
  - Rosary starts at 7pm.
  - Council meeting starts at 7:30pm.
- Closing prayer was led by Mike Potochnik, GK.
- Meeting called to a close at 8:46 pm by Mike Potochnik, GK.

Minutes submitted by: Brien McGuire

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Knight