



October 8th, 2020 Minutes – Council 11234

Opening

The meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council 11234 was called to order at **7:00 pm** on **October 8th ,2020** via conference call at home by Grand Knight Palko.

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by Joe Palko, 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
★ Grand Knight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Secretary	★ Inside Guard
★ Deputy Grand Knight	★ Treasurer	★ Outside Guard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	★ Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee 1 (3 rd year)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chancellor	★ Lecturer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee 2 (2 nd Year)
★ Recorder	★ Warden	★ Trustee 3 (1 st Year)

Chaplain's Report

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to council members. A Motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted via email. The motion was approved without further discussion.

Grand Knight Report (GK Joe Palko)

- Dignitaries Welcomed -Worthy District Deputy (*John Mezera*)
- The Supreme Council continues to host online exemplifications as well as on demand while social distancing remains in effect.
- On-Demand available any time day or night. See email for invite link
- Dates for October online virtual Exemplifications
10/22 8:00 pm
- Free 1-year membership for online exemplifications though December 31st 2020



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- VIDEO
- <https://videos.kofc.org/exemplification>
- FAQ
<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/about-membership/frequently-asked-questions.html>

State Supreme update (*District Deputy John Mezera*)

- Thanks for the council's compliance with Safe Environment training requirements.
- Raffle distribution is late.
- Badges / pins forthcoming for sale as they become available
- Midterm convention from Jan 8th through 10th. This may be virtual event. Details forthcoming

Report of Admissions Committee (*Matt Stein as per GK Joe Palko*)

- Our council growth goal this year is 10 new members (net)
- New Membership Information will be refreshed in the Narthex display and be available at the Golf Outing

Treasurer Report (*Treasurer Dave Rogers*)

- No report at this time. Our revenue flow is dynamic as we get close to our Golf fundraising event

Financial Secretary Report (*Financial Secretary Bill Schirf*)

- none

Chancellor Report (*Chancellor Mike Gautier*)

- none

-----Service Program Committee Reports-----



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Community Program Director (*Community Director Anthony Nacional*)

- Operation Harvest (*Treasurer Dave Rogers*) We need help this week. Please come by at 9:15 if you can help.
- Tri Area Ministry (*Treasurer Dave Rogers*) – Will be delivering this Saturday at 930 am and we can use help. We are up to 26 clients being served, 5 or 6 drivers are now needed. Parishioners and Brother Knights are responding well to the Bulletin inserts and GK Joe Palko's email soliciting additional volunteers.

Public Relations (*Worthy brother Joe Webb*)

- There are no updates at this time

Standing Committee Report (*Advocate Tony Morano*)

- Blood Drive - October 19th and December 29th @ The American Legion Hall 2:30 – 7:30 notice has been sent to donors and volunteers
- Op Lamb – As of my recent inquiry, Wake Forest Walmart continues to not allow solicitations at their store due to COVID

Life Director (*Trustee Mike Potochnik*)

- None

Family Director (*GK Joe Palko*)

- none

Old Business

2020-2021 Star Council Award (*GK Joe Palko*)

- McGivney Award (*membership*)
- Founders Award (*Insurance*)
- Colombian Award (*programs*)
- Fraternal Benefits Seminar (*Insurance*) 1 has been completed
- Council in Good Standing with Supreme
- Safe Environment 100% compliant
- Need to add 10 new members



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- Meet form requirements #365 completed (personnel)
- Form #1728 complete (Fraternal Survey)

Retention Committee (*Worthy Brother Gary Bruner*)

- Membership dues, 20% (*37 members*) have not paid
- 25 members owe more than 2 years as of 10/07/20
- Dues have been waived for members with extenuating circumstances (including health)
- Alert letters have been sent out warning that membership may be suspended without dues receipt
- *Thanks to our 7 Brother Knights on the retention committee for their hard work*

Rosary Rally (*GK Joe Palko*)

- Thank You to our *Fellow Brother SK Jim Vasilko* for his efforts in organizing this rally held at Wake Forest Town Hall on September 26th in support of our Police, Firefighting and EMS personnel. This successful rally was well attended and Fr Bill John, Fr Miller and approximately 100 of our parishioners all participated

Helping One of our Own (*GK Joe Palko*)

- In support of our *Worthy Brother Chris Dimino* and his mother Jeanene. The assistance from our brothers has been overwhelming... Thank You All!
- Here are the results- 24 brothers donated a total of \$1755. Stripe fees were \$55 for a total of \$1700
- A check for \$1700 + a \$300 Amazon card were donated
- Additional donations of \$1150 by 2 Brothers purchased a Lenevo Thinkpad PC, Microsoft Office, peripherals, an HP printer, paper, etc. Terry & Joe set up the computer system
- Jeanene is profoundly grateful and humbled by the assistance that our council was able to provide her. (*Worthy Brother Terry Maher*) This generous boost in conjunction with career counseling from the St Catherine's Parish "*St Joseph Ministry*"



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will help her toward her goal in finding new employment. She feels as if she and Christopher were given a new lease on life and has recently interviewed for several jobs. She expressed a sincere “Thank You to all!” Well done Brothers, Lets keep them in our prayers.

New business

Council 11234 Memorial Mass *(GK Joe Palko)*

- Our Annual Mass for our departed brothers will take place on Sunday November 29th @ 8am with Fr Bill John presiding
- The necrology will be read before the mass. Please let me know of names of our departed brothers to be added to the necrology
- We will be wearing our old regalia

Seminarian Support *(Treasurer Dave Rogers)*

- \$500 to be donated to each seminarian – Cong Le, Eric Reyes, Tyler Di Vito for a total of \$1500

Divine Mercy Radio 540 AM *(as per GK Joe Palko)*

- Officers determined at the business meeting to make a \$250 donation from the Grand Knights Discretionary fund to Catholic radio 540 AM Divine Mercy Radio based here in Wake Forest

Parish Buildings *(GK Joe Palko)*

- St Catherine’s school buildings remain off limits to our meetings possibly through the end of year. Currently all indoor meetings are limited to a maximum of 15 attendees. Temperatures must be taken and all must adhere to NC State requirements.

KofC Christmas Party 2020 *(GK Joe Palko)*

- Cancelled due to pandemic restrictions on indoor meetings



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Thanksgiving Dinner @ Applebee's (*Advocate Tony Morano*)

- I am in contact with Applebee's & Further information is pending, but it appears our annual council ministry will again serve low income members of our community. Details will be made available soon

NC State KofC raffle (*GK Joe Palko*)

- We need 1 more co-chair. Please email me if interested

Golf Tournament 2020 Update (*Event chair Worthy brother Terry Maher*)

- (*GK Joe Palko*) Special Thank you to Terry Maher for Chairing our outing and the golf committee Eric Pasarin, Mike Pughes, Matt Pasick, Mike Potochnik and Tony Morano
- Despite significant challenges, our recent Golf Tournament event was a huge success! We are now better positioned to charitably assist more members of our community & Church as needed
- The website created and maintained by Eric Pasarin served not only the tournament quite well, but also a multiple of other important Council initiatives. The site will continue to be adapted to meet our fundraising needs going forward. (*or even drive membership functions?*) Nice Work Eric!
- We have raised over \$20,000 in funds with \$8000 in expenses netting over \$12000. Last years net was \$7800 for a 60% improvement. This is a remarkable effort considering the many challenges posed by COVID to our council and our 45 sponsors. Expense payments have cleared, gifts and prizes have all been delivered
- We are looking to repeat our event next year in October due in large part to the favorable weather and course conditions that we experienced. Heritage were gracious hosts and offered us better value on costs when compared to previous events at other country clubs. (*ie \$2200 cheaper than Hasentree last year*) Therefore, we booked with Heritage for our next outing on October 5th 2021.



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- Thank You to all that volunteered and those that participated. The hard work put in by all volunteers translated into great potential charitable outreach by our council
- Moving the Golf Tournament from May 2021 to October 2021 does not impact our current budget - we will continue to manage our expenses to the approved FY2021 budget.

Fr Michael McGivney's Beatification

On Saturday, October 31, 2020 Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus will be one step closer to Sainthood as he is beatified through a special Mass in the Connecticut birthplace of the Knights of Columbus. As pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, this dedicated parish priest gathered men together in the basement of his Church to help save widows and children from destitution and defend the Catholic faith. Today these men we call Knights are over two million strong and are dedicated to serving Jesus Christ and their communities at home and around the world. Won't you consider becoming a Knight today? Father Michael J. McGivney's Beatification the Father of the Knights of Columbus.

A NOVENA FOR CANONIZATION & A CALL TO ALL CATHOLIC MEN

Catholic Men from around the world will join together on the feast of St. John Paul II and begin praying a special Novena from October 22 through October 30. The intention of the Novena will be for Fr. McGivney's canonization and for more Catholic men to join in the Knight's fraternal mission to help carry the Cross of Christ out in the world. The Knights invite you to join our Order by speaking with a brother Knight or by signing up online

Assembly (*Advocate Tony Morano*)

- Currently not meeting. All activities are paused
- 1 meeting is required before years end. GoToMeeting might be made available for that goal as per GK Joe Palko

Insurance (*Field Agent Mike McDonough as per Joe Palko*)

- Insurance Goals include 2 fraternal benefit events
1 Retirement Benefit night took place on October 1st (*virtual*)

Awards

We would like to thank and honor the following brothers who have *exhibited* charity and dedication to serving our council, our Church, and our community



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especially to those in need. These brothers embody the true meaning of Knighthood and live by the principles of the Knights of Columbus.

- **September Knight of the Month –**
 - Tony Morano – Extensive Volunteer work in our Council Community namely Blood Drives, Op Lamb, Golf Tourney, Mass Usher & more projects where Tony is quick to volunteer

- **September Family of the Month**
 - Mike & Aimee Gutekunst & Family for their dedication to our Operation Harvest Ministry

- **Important Dates**
 - Operation Harvest 9:15 outside Trinity Center every Saturday
 - Blood Drives @ American Legion Oct 19th and Dec 29th
 - Next Membership meeting November 12th 7:00 pm “GoToMeeting”
 - Online Virtual Exemplifications October 22nd at 8pm
 - K of C Memorial mass Sunday November 29th @ 8am

For the Good of The Order

- Prayer intentions of the brother Knights in attendance are requested by members present.

Also Including:

- *for the repose of the soul Fr. Tighe.*
- *for the health of Marilyn Schirf*
- *for the health of Vicky Burgess.*
- *for the health of Bob (Bubba) Williams*

Adjournment/Closing Remarks (GK Joe Palko)

- The next council “Membership” meeting will be on **November 12th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**



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- Closing prayer was led by Joe Palko, GK.
- Meeting called to a close at 8:00 pm by Joe Palko, GK.

Minutes submitted by: (*Recorder Brien McGuire*)

Approved by: _____, Grand Knight