

Saint Therese Knights of Columbus Meeting Minutes 11/12/2024

The Tuesday, November 12th Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm. All Officers were in attendance except for the Deputy, Chaplin, Lecturer, Warden, Outside Guard and the First and Second Year Trustees. All absences were excused.

- ❖ The Recorder noted that all present were credentialed.
- ❖ The Grand Knight led the Council in the opening prayer
- ❖ The 4th Degree Faithful Navigator led the Council Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- ❖ The Minutes from the September Council Meeting were conditionally approved by motion with amendment clarifying Funds Availability. This will also be detailed under Old Business of these Minutes.

The Grand Knight Passed the Gavel to Brother and FN Frank Bio who demonstrated the Council's new Website, which he constructed along with help from SK Decker. The site is robust and includes updates on Council Social activities in addition to key information on business and membership. It is very easy to navigate. Brother Bio requested that all Brothers forward information and photos to him for inclusion. In discussion Brother Bio acknowledged that he intends to maintain the currency of the site indefinitely. The cost of hosting the Website is expected to be \$5.00.00 a month.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER's REPORT:

The Grand Knight presented the Treasurer's report. We currently have a total of \$7,462.91 in checking and \$2,051.91 in Cash Deposits.

NEW APPLICATIONS REVIEW:

No new applicants were presented this evening.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS:

No reported actions this meeting.

CHAPLIN REMARKS:

As Father Bill was excused Chaplin Deacon George Keenan gave Remarks:
Brother George has published a new book focused on God calling us all to be holy.
All feedback received is that the book strongly touches your heart. Brothers are urged to purchase the book and pass it on to spread the word.

CHANCELLOR REPORT:

No items reported this meeting.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Brother Joe Costy reported:

- The **PETE BAXLEY TURKEY DRIVE** – *A Knights led drive to secure and distribute turkeys for needy families.* Scheduled sales of donation vouchers continue on November 16/17. We are selling Vouchers for 9-12 lbs Frozen Turkeys (feed 6-8 people) in the Courtyard before and after Masses. At this point we more than halfway to our goal. The Donation is \$20.00, and Brothers are requested to talk it up! Delivery method to Saint Joes Food Pantry will be by truck so assistance loading and unloading will be needed next Thursday, Delivery Day (November 20th). Help will be needed at Cousin's Deli in the early morning and later that (11:30) at Saint Joe to assist in distribution. We expect to provide turkeys to 200 plus families feeding close to 2,000 people. For smaller families(2-3people) Brother Phil Ley has worked with Good Shepherd to provide whole chickens.
- Christmas Basket Raffle – Sales Scheduled 12/7-8,12/14-15, 12/21-22. Volunteers will be needed at each Mass on those dates. Please make an effort to be present at the Table before and after Masses. The drawing will be made following the 10:30 Mass on 12/22.
- Council Christmas Party – *Our Annual South Beach Dinner scheduled for Tuesday December 10th*. The menu is set and distributed with a cost of \$32.00 per person. 6:00pm Cocktail hour on the Patio with Dinner served at 7:00pm.

- A February Social Event, Possibly Saint Valentines Day is now in planning. In discussion Brother Sanza cautioned that with only the January meeting for formal planning we will need to be sure we have the time and level of effort commitment to make an announcement to the Parish in late January. Brother Costy noted that we have done this type of event in the past and know what is required. The first issue to resolve is wether we can host limited alcohol or BYOB in the Parish Hall. This will require approval from Father and will taken up in early January.
- Baby Bottle Drive Supporting Right To Life remains on the schedule for early January with our goal being 250 bottle donations – *This is Parish Wide Drive lead by the Knights to raise funds for the purchase of advanced sonogram machines for Clinic use.*
- Spring Events in planning:

Easter Basket Raffle Sales March 29th-April 13th

Breakfast for Seminarian Recruitment- April 5th

Easter Donuts and Coffee possibility -April 20th

REPORT OF THE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

The Assembly Meeting is next Tuesday at Saint Mark.

The Assembly Christmas Party is also scheduled for December at South Beach. Details are on the Website.

Brothers are reminded that the The Assembly is once again launching its Wreaths Across America Drive. Wreaths can be purchased on line by going to the Assembly Website and looking for the link. Each Wreath is \$17.00 and can be dedicated to a service member if desired.

The Assembly will be assisting in Wreath placement and removal at the Wilmington National Cemetery. All Brothers are welcomed and encouraged to join in.

The Veterans Support Raffle remains underway. The drawing will be held on November 19th. Tickets can be purchased at Council and Assembly Meetings.

On November 9th the Assembly had a great showing marching in the Wilmington Veterans Day Parade. See the Website for photos!

DISTRICT DEPUTY REMARKS:

The District Deputy was attending another Council Meeting and no remarks were provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

At our October Meeting the Council moved and seconded to allocate \$2,000.00 for Western North Carolina Relief. In discussion the Council resolved to follow the protocol of providing the funds in an immediate amount of \$500.00 and authorize the Grand Knight to coordinate with the State Council on dispersing the additional \$1,500.00.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried to amend the October Minutes to clarify that the \$2,000.00 would be made available in two amounts an immediate \$500.00 and \$1,500.00 following ratification of that amount at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request Letter was received from the Arch Diocese for Military Services asking for \$50.00 to help support Field Masses. A motion was made, seconded and carried to provide the funds.

CHAPLINS CHALLENGE:

There was no recitation at this meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A request was made for the Council Leadership to consider acquiring a debit card for use in meeting recurring purchases, for example monthly web hosting expenses which are on the order of \$5.00. This would avoid the costs associated with vouchering and cutting checks. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer will look into options and procedures to see if and how this could work.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST:

Karen Housler battling Cancer
Kathleen Rice battling ALS
Joe Thompson battling kidney cancer
Pat Dalton battling brain cancer
John Moody battling a cancer resurgence

CLOSING PRAYER:

Led by the Grand Knight.

MEETING GAVELED TO A CLOSE AT 7:47pm

Light Meal and Fellowship Enjoyed By All.