



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 13144
Meeting of November 16, 2023

Roll call was taken of officers [P-Present, A-Absent]

Grand Knight/ Dave Cotter [P]	Deputy Grand Knight/ Al Fikse [P]
Financial Sec/ Dan Falk [P]	Chancellor/ James Kelley [A]
Recorder/ Dennis Abbott [P]	Treasurer/ Jerry Bialke [P]
Advocate/ Dick Garoutte [A]	Warden/ Jim Schneider [A]
Inside Guard/ William Oneill [A]	Outside Guard/Roger Nistler [A]
1 Yr Trustee/ Steve Swor [A]	2 Yr Trustee/ Kirk Lowe [A]
3 Yr Trustee/ Marv Hartneck [P]	Chaplain/ Fr [A]
Lecturer/ Jim Clack [A]	

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and was followed by the opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of officers as presented above.
- 2) The October Meeting Minutes were reviewed and Jerry made a motion and seconded by Al and the motion passed with the change of Minutes reviewed to September.
- 3) State Deputy Dan DeCrans provided additional information on the Eucharistic Procession in Minnesota and the Knights involvement. Prior to starting the Procession, Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Pentecost will be celebrated at Itasca State Park and will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the headwaters of the Mississippi River where Bishop Cozzens will bless the waters. The Marian Route of the Eucharistic Procession will start at the Headwaters of the Mississippi River in Itasca State Park on Sunday May 21, 2024. The 4th Degree will lead the march which will last for one hour at which time the Procession will travel to Laporte which is the first nights stop. The 4th Degree will be present at the church each night where the Eucharist is kept. This process will continue each day for the 2 weeks that the Procession is in Minnesota. The second nights stop will be Grand Rapids and significant help will be required at each stop.
- 4) State Deputy Dan DeCrans and District Deputy Rick Jacobson both emphasized the need to increase membership through quarterly meetings/events and personal contact. State Deputy Dan provided a card, with a code on it, to those present to keep in their billfold. If you are with a person interested in becoming a Knight, they can take a picture of the code which will lead you through the signup process with no paper involved.
- 5) Treasurer Jerry Bialke reported that the Brokerage Account balance was \$12,168.91 on 31 October down \$1,000 from the beginning of the month. The Scholarship Account balance of \$3,009.01 on 31 October was unchanged. The August General Account

ending balance of \$12,816.53 was up \$393.08 as the result of total deposits of \$1,410 (\$1,060 from 2 Pancake Breakfasts and \$350 from the Magnificat lunch) and total payments of \$1,016.92 (\$420 to Faith In Action, \$440 to MN Knights Per Capita, \$59.97 to Dan Falk for printer toner and \$96.95 to Jerry Bialke for office supplies). Marv made a motion and seconded by Denny to approve the Treasurer Report and the motion passed.

- 6) Financial Secretary Dan Falk provided the October Voucher Report which included vouchers issued for \$70 to Marks Market for Pancake Breakfast supplies, \$500 to support the District Knights Christmas Radio Program on Hubbard Radio and a \$600 donation to St. Vincent DePaul.
- 7) District Deputy Rick Jacobson stated that the Christmas Radio Program cost per Council will be \$423. Dan made a motion and seconded by Jerry and the motion passed to continue with the \$500 payment and carry over the difference to next year.
- 8) The Knights Christmas Party is at Tianna on Friday December 1 at a cost of \$25 per person. Dan reported that there is still a number of people that have not responded so he plans to start calling them so he can provide Tianna the number of attendees. Since the Knights are contributing to the cost of the party, Jerry made a motion and seconded by Marv and the motion passed to pay for part of the cost of the party.
- 9) District Deputy Rick Jacobson encouraged our Council to sign up to the Coats for Kids program next year. Those present agreed that it was a good program and will look at options for funding it next year.
- 10) The need to start planning for the Knights Lenten Fish Fries was discussed and it was agreed that it would great if we could do 6 again this year. However, volunteers need to be identified, including a lead organizer, but Jerry stated that he would still be available to do the ordering.
- 11) GN Dave reported that Taylor is in the process of organizing COR and he will contact Taylor to see if he could provide an update at the next meeting.
- 12) The State Convention has been rescheduled for May 3rd thru the 5th so it would not conflict with the Eucharistic Procession.
- 13) Patrick Dolan, the Knights of Columbus insurance agent for our area, provided some facts about the Insurer and a summary of the products available.
- 14) Prayers are requested for the unborn, Goodie and Peter Schmitz, John and MJ Warren, Betty Garoutte, Gene Damaris, Babs Debes, Ken Randall, Rolla Bialke, Jim Kelly, Deacon John Zinniel, Andy Bednarczak and family, and Father Tim and family.
- 15) Next meeting will be on December 21, 2023 at Sacred Heart at 6:00 PM following the 5:30 Mass.
- 16) Meeting adjourned following the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Dennis Abbott (Recorder)