



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 13144
Meeting of September 21, 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 [A]	Chancellor/ James Kelley [A]
Recorder/ Dennis Abbott [P]	Treasurer/ Jerry Bialke [P]
Advocate/ Dick Garoutte [P]	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 [A]	Chaplain/ Fr.Tim [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) There was no meeting in August so the July Meeting Minutes were reviewed and Jerry made a motion and seconded by Al and the motion passed.
- 3) The Sacred Heart Pancake Breakfast held on July 23 resulted in a \$500 donation to the St. Agnes – Sacred Heart Family Faith Formation student trip. The August Pancake Breakfast resulted in a \$700 donation to the ARRC Emergency Shelter. The next Pancake Breakfast will be held on September 24 and will benefit Faith In Action.
- 4) GN Dave reported that all 2023 Forms due through September have been submitted. He also stated that he is looking at ways to collect data from members for a few Forms that would help in completing them and make them more accurate.
- 5) The Tootsie Roll Fundraiser for People with Intellectual Disabilities was cancelled for this year.
- 6) The 4th Degree supported Honor Guard requests for the Conformation Mass in Park Rapids and the Conformation Mass in Nevis this month. Six Knights were present for the Honor Guard in Park Rapids and eleven in Nevis including our District State Deputy Dan DeCrans who reminded us of the importance of the Knight's involvement in the Eucharistic Procession that will start at Itasca State Park on May 17, 2024. GN Dave volunteered to contact Dan for more information.
- 7) Deputy GN Al reported that at the District Meeting all Councils were encouraged to sign up to the Coats for Kids program and to get their order in for the number desired. There was also emphasis on membership drives through quarterly meetings/events and personal contact.

- 8) Treasurer Jerry Bialke reported that the Brokerage Account balance was \$13,942.78 on 31 August down \$296.35 from the beginning of the month. The Scholarship Account balance of \$4,700 on 31 August was up \$1,863.46 from the previous month as a result of the deposit of CD proceeds of \$1,700 and interest earned of \$172.47. The August General Account ending balance of \$13,802.53 was up \$1,523 as the result of total deposits of \$1,523 (\$300 from Magnificat for serving a light lunch and \$1,223 from 2 Pancake Breakfasts). There were no checks cashed. Al made a motion and seconded by GN Dave to approve the Treasurer Report and the motion passed. Taylor also made a motion and seconded by Al to issue a check for \$73.95 to Jerry Bialke for office supplies he had purchased and the motion passed.
- 9) Jerry reported that we currently have 3 scholarships for this year and that there are 5 potential candidates for next year.
- 10) Financial Secretary Dan Falk was not present but provided the August Voucher Report which included one \$75 voucher to Marks Market for Pancake Breakfast supplies. In addition, a Voucher to ARCC Emergency Shelter for \$700 and one to MN Knights Per Capita for \$440 have been issued in September. Since there was no meeting in August he also provided the July Voucher Report that included 3 Vouchers to the Knights of Columbus Council Accounts (Supreme Per Capita \$59, Catholic Advertising \$22 and Culture of Life \$41).
- 11) Taylor suggested that we restart the "Into the Breach" series, a set of ten minute videos, at our next monthly meeting and all agreed. The last one viewed was the 11th of the series titled Evangelization. Taylor also encouraged all to attend the men's Bible Study on Wednesdays.
- 12) Al suggested that we should check with Tianna for this year's Christmas Party and all agreed since they did a good job with last year's party.
- 13) 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.
- 14) Next meeting will be on October 19, 2023 at Sacred Heart at 6:00 PM with praying the Rosary beginning at 5:30 PM.
- 15) Meeting adjourned following the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Dennis Abbott (Recorder)