

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 13144

Meeting of January 16, 2025

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

Grand Knight/ Dave Cotter [P] Deputy Grand Knight/ Kevin Voeller [P]

Financial Sec/ Dan Falk [P] Chancellor/ Mike Coleman [A]

Recorder/ Dennis Abbott [A] Treasurer/ Justin Remer [P]

Advocate/ Dick Garoutte [A] Warden/ Jim Schneider [A]

Inside Guard/ William Oneill [A] Outside Guard/ James Zierden [A]

1 Yr Trustee/ Al Fikse [P] 2 Yr Trustee/ Steve Swor [A]

3 Yr Trustee/ Kirk Lowe [A] Chaplain/ Fr Thomas Galarneault [A]

Lecturer/ Jim Clack [P]

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 November Meeting Minutes were reviewed, and Jerry made a motion and seconded by Justin to approve the Minutes and the motion passed.
3. GN Dave expressed the need for an exemplification of new members as soon as possible. Preferably within the next two weeks.
4. GN Dave referenced the upcoming start of fish fries.
   1. Need more volunteers than last year to fill all necessary roles.
   2. GN Dave stated that exact duties at fish fries will be more defined.
   3. Please reach out to your brother knights to remind them of these upcoming events.
   4. Fish fry revenue will be the first source utilized to award scholarships to recipients and any remaining funds will be accessed through established scholarship funds.
5. Treasurer Report
   1. Justin reported a December General Account ending balance of $8,567.37, down $2123.00. Deposits of $850 (Christmas Party) and $230 were made during the month. Withdrawals were $360.90 (Christmas Radio Program), $97.00 (Pancake Breakfast, $261.42 (FFF Dinner), and $2,484.00 (Christmas Party).
   2. First National Bank Scholarship fund balance remained unchanged $1,226.73.
   3. Cetera Scholarship fund balance decreased $419.63 for an ending balance of $14,558.31
   4. Discussion was held on transferring Cetera fund balance into the Ave Maria Mutual Fund offered by Cetera. This mutual fund holds a collection of companies that align with Christian Values. Meeting members felt this move would align with the goals of the Knights while maintaining fund performance.
   5. Jerry made a motion and seconded by Marv to approve the Treasurer Report and the motion passed.
6. Financial Secretary Report
   1. Dan Falk shared the semiannual council audit report that The Knights provided over $16,000 to various causes over the past calendar year!
   2. Dan Falk provided the December Voucher Report which included $2,484.00 for Christmas party expenditures, $360.90 to Hubbard Radio, $97.00 to Mark’s Market, and $261.42 to youth activities. $850.00 were collected for the Christmas party by members along with $230.00 at the part itself.
7. Sunday January 26, 2025: The 4th Degree Honor Guard will be at installation for Monsignor Suchan by Bishop Felton at the 10:30 Mass at Saint Agnes in Walker.
   1. It is requested that all members and their spouses who can attend please sit together as a sign of support for Monsignor.
   2. Please wear your KofC shirts or vests!
   3. A section of pews towards the front right of church will be reserved for members and their spouses.
8. Marv Hartneck is collecting payments for all council members who ordered a new council shirt this fall. Please contact Marv at [marv.carol@tds.net](mailto:marv.carol@tds.net) to arrange payment.
   1. Discussion was held to confirm that the council is donating $25 towards the total cost for each Knight who ordered apparel.
9. Council members discussed replacing the outdoor Nativity Scene at Sacred Heart given the age and condition of the existing scene. Further conversations will be had to discuss future steps.
10. District Deputy Rick Jacobson shared highlight from the recent Knights of Columbus District Meeting. All information from the chapter looks great.
11. District Deputy Rick Jacobson shared several upcoming events with the Knights.
    1. The upcoming Walk for Life will be held in Brainerd January 22, 2025
    2. The district free throw competition will be held February 9, 2025. Please keep an eye out for any boys or girls aged 9-14 who would be interested.
    3. There will be an upcoming Men’s Conference opportunity on March 8, 2025. More info to come.
    4. Discussion was had regarding the number of Tootsie Roll cases the chapter would like this year.
12. Prayers are requested for the Marv Nichols
13. Next meeting will be on February 20, 2025 at Sacred Heart at 6:00 PM following the 5:30 Mass.
14. Meeting adjourned following the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kevin Voeller (Recorder)