

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Parish

Pinckney, Michigan

Council # 11761

## General Business Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2022

### OFFICERS

E Chaplain Fr. Dan Kogut  
\_ Grand Knight Gerard Gonos  
\_ Deputy Grd Knight Mike Aulette  
\_ Chancellor Rick Meyer  
\_ Recorder Paul Cassar  
E Financial Secretary Rod Forman  
\_ Treasurer Dave Esser  
E Lecturer Joe Danyko  
\_ Advocate Dale Pepper  
\_ Warden Todd Darling  
\_ Inside Guard Tony O'Branovic  
E Outside Guard Tim Rolling

E Trustee (3 yr) John Korneder  
\_ Trustee (2 yr) Andrew Weisel  
\_ Trustee (1 yr) Mick Walton

### DIRECTORS

**Program** Mike Aulette  
**Church** Kevin Wiley  
**Community** Dale Pepper  
**Family** Earl Blackburn  
**Youth** John Korneder  
**Membership** Mike Aulette  
**Council** Phil Meilak  
**Field Agent** Patrick Arndt  
**District Deputy** John Yanok

E = Excused

X = Absent

## *Pending Membership Approval*

**Meeting Opened:** 7:45 pm

**Opening Prayer offered by:** Gerard Gonos

**The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved as amended.**

**Treasurers Report:** Br. Dave Esser

- General Fund \$ [REDACTED]
- Gaming Account \$ [REDACTED]
- \$Kans4Kids \$ [REDACTED]

Deposits Tonight – N/A

Kans4Kids \$244

Bills Paid Tonight

NAME	AMOUNT	MEMO
KofC Supreme	\$404.19	
Lockton Affinity LLC	\$343	Insurance
BBOH	\$750	See unfinished business

**Grand Knight:** Br. Gerard Gonos

- Diocesan meeting took place last night
  - o Talked about COVID and the impact for each council
  - o Discussed membership goals – membership drive is this weekend
  - o Pregnancy help line presented and they are planning to incorporate a mobile bus
    - They showed plans for the bus; they are asking to raise \$150,000 or \$2,500 per council – see new business
  - o State raffle tickets are out, new prizes available including cash

- Need to transfer inactive members to the “ghost” council by Feb 28<sup>th</sup> so that our membership quota will be adjusted for this year
  - Criteria may include not being able to contact the inactive members (not just that they haven’t paid dues)
- There are membership incentives, every member that you recruit you get an extra book of State Raffle Tickets. Any additional member recruited; you will be entered into a separate raffle for \$500.
- Need a few officers to take youth protection training
- Youth sportsman program – if you do an outdoor activity you can count towards family activity towards Star council
- Into the Breach video series is out and very popular; an idea to get together as a group
- KofC baby blankets that say “Made in the image of God” selling for \$10/ea
  - Could give them along with the Teddy Bears when they’re baptize; need to coordinate who would ensure people are getting the Teddy’s and the potential baby blankets

**Membership Director:** Br. Mike Aulette

- Membership drive this weekend, need any help we can get to talk to people coming out of Mass

**Financial Secretary:** Br. Rod Forman

- Transferred Kans4Kids funds into the account formally used for charity gaming
- Free Throw contest needs to be cancelled – Mike will contact office (could be rescheduled to a further date)

**District Deputy:** John Yanok

- Rite to life marches going on in January (reference newsletter for dates and locations)
- Next Fraternal Benefit is not planned but could get together with our insurance agent with 10 members to get credit
- New form for Special Olympics – if a certain amount is eclipsed the Knights would receive an extra \$1,200 for special Olympics
- Idea to see what new members are interested in or see how they want to contribute upon joining
  - Jan 26<sup>th</sup> training to enhance membership experience at 8pm – link on Supremes’ website
- Would like to have a softball game within the diocese – let him know if we’d be interested
- Thank you for supporting the Diocesan meeting and all of your support
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> the fraternal survey is due (1728), demonstrating hours served and money donating to support our tax-free exemption
- Need to submit all forms for Columbian award as soon as possible
- Tri-district meeting coming up on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mary Magdalene
  - Need to come prepared with our most successful programs as well as our concerns
  - Would like 2 to come per council, please provide a head count a week in advance to account for food
- St. Mary Magdalene looking to host a “Veterans Night” will have a congressional medal of honor keynote speaker, dinner and a raffle. May want to look into sponsoring a table. Freedom Center in Brighton on April 9<sup>th</sup>. All money raised will benefit Blue Star service dogs (local charity)

**Unfinished Business:**

MOTION n/a

BBOH (2/2 UNA)

\$750

**New Business:**

**MOTIONS:**

Cancel the Planning meeting for Dec 2022 (UNA)

BBOH (UNA) \$500

- We will discuss including a \$500 donation per quarter in the budget to BBOH for the next fiscal year, there is one more quarter until then, the council unanimously agreed to donate \$500 next quarter

GoFundMe for the Negri's (1/2 UNA) \$2,000

- Will match up to \$2000 of parish donations per bulletin / flock note announcements

Pregnancy Help Line mobile unit (1/2 UNA) \$2,500

**Knight of the Month:** Earl Blackburn for cooking at Breakfast with Santa

**Family of the Month:** Todd and Angela Darling for their help with Breakfast with Santa

**Sick & Prayer List:** Fr. Bill, Dcn Kevin and family, Dcn Tom, Sarah Salow, Brian & Matt Corwin, Lee Hazel, Cindy Schang, Kathy Meyer, Leonard Lichwala, Mike Bourdeau, Adam Cartile, Tim Sr & Sandy Burke, Marlene Beck, Toni Bennett, John Battle, Dave Russell, Bob Moore, Mary Press, Crista Kolnytis, Susan Gurta, Katheran Radelt, Shirley Murphy, Debbie Reid, Randy Bryant, Ken Jones, Fred & Betty Weisel, Laura O'Branovic, Rodney Beckwith, Andrew Leach, Loretta Corpora, Dawn Huesing, Pat Ryzewicz, Dave Iwanski, Jerry Orman, Tony Vicky & Kathy Esser, & Mary Cassar.

**Repose of the Souls:** Bill Gregory & Hank Huesing

**Closing Prayer:** Gerard Gonos

**Meeting Closed:** 8:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Br. Paul X. Cassar