



**Presentation prior to meeting:** Sam Kopack led a ceremony to recognize service organizations that received donations from the Council from its fundraising campaign in Operation Columbus HOPE. Also, the St. Joseph School Curriculum Developer addressed the Council about volunteering to assist students in growing “academically, athletically, and spiritually.” Volunteer opportunities are available in Chess Club, Mock Trial, Robotics, Model UN, and in areas where volunteers might have ideas. Point of contact is Katie Rogers at [krogers@stjosdevine.com](mailto:krogers@stjosdevine.com).

**MEETING: 7 December 2017**

**Council was called to order at:** by GK at 6:53pm.

**Prayer was offered by:** GK.

**The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused, V-Vacant):**

Chaplain: E  
Grand Knight: P  
Deputy Grand Knight: P  
Chancellor: P  
Recorder: P  
Financial Secretary: p  
Treasurer: P  
Lecturer: P  
Advocate: P  
Warden: P  
Inside Guard: P  
Outside Guard: E  
Trustee (3rd Yr.): P  
Trustee (2nd Yr.): P  
Trustee (1st Yr.): e

**The Minutes of the previous meeting:** Motion approved to pass minutes. Minutes posted online to Council’s website.

**Membership Report:** Presented by Jim Corbett.

- Discussed 3 applications to Admissions degree. Exemplification will be on 10 Dec 2017 at the Parish.

**The Grand Knight reported as follows:** Presented by GK.

- Discussed success of tree sale. Thanked Skip Hudson for managing the endeavor. Over \$1500.00 netted for this fundraiser.
- Discussed success of St. Vincent DePaul food drive. Rick Gleissner thanked GK for his support.
  - FS asked Rick Gleissner if Council could do food drive more often. Rick said he would check with St. Vincent DePaul.
- 6 Jan 2018 will be March for Life in Columbia.
- Rob Wiggs discussed fundraising breakfast for Jan 2018. Date and theme TBD.
- Discussed request funding for a billboard for Birthright of Columbia. Recommendation was made to have Council’s Pro-life Coordinator communicate with Birthright for more details.
  - Tom Militello reminded Council of annual Right to Life banquet on 6 Jan 2018. Council will sponsor a table for youth participants.
- Rob McBurney discussed BBQ fundraiser on 3 Feb 2018 (day before Superbowl). Knights’ support needed.



**The Treasurer reported as follows:** Provided by Rob Wiggs.

- Checking balance: \$7,716,56
- Savings balance: \$7,090.57
- Discussed getting DGK added to Council's checking account.

**The following communications were read:** Presented by FS.

- FS discussed 2016 Knights of Columbus Proceedings.
- Read letter of thanks from David Brody's family for Council's support in his time of need.

**Financial Secretary report:** Provided by FS.

- Vouchers: 9 vouchers for total of \$7,957,23
- Receipts: 2 receipts for total of \$4,174.70

**The Trustees reported as follows:** by John Long.

- Council audit will be at end of Jan 2018.

**Report on Vocations:** None.

**The Chancellor reported as follows:** None.

**The following committees reported:**

- Membership: None.
- Fundraising: None.
- Youth: by Tom Militello.
  - Discussed soccer shootout that took place in Nov 2017; thanked FS for his support.
  - Basketball free throw and ping pong competitions upcoming at beginning of year. Knights' support needed.
- Community: by Sam Kopack.
  - Thanked Council for its ongoing support and mentioned upcoming Columbus HOPE campaign.
- Family and Council Committee: None.
- Church: by FS.
  - 8 Dec: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
  - 24 Dec: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Day of Obligation.
  - 25 Dec: Christmas Day, Holy Day of Obligation.
  - 1 Jan will not be a Holy Day of Obligation, but there will be mass at 10am.
- Retention: None.

**Discussion on Council Calendar:** None.

**New business was taken up and disposed as follows:** None.

**Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:** None.



**Report of Patriotic degree:** by District Deputy.

- 20 Dec: A banquet for first responders at 7PM at Council 724 Hall on Marion St.
- 28 Dec: Dinner at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church for Ft Jackson recruits at 4pm.
- Discussed dinner that was provided for Thanksgiving at residents at Christopher Tower.

**The Insurance Agent reported as follows.** Presented by Field Agent Larry Thomas.

- Discussed upcoming online, at-large membership program.

**The District Deputy reported as follows:** Presented by Jerry Whitman.

- Discussed State meeting. Said District doing very well in getting close to meeting its quota for the year.
- Discussed Safe Environment certification requirement for anyone working with minors. Council will have to appoint a Safe Environment Director.
- Discussed Council possibly starting a Round Table at St Thomas More Catholic Student Center at USC.
- In Feb, there will be a process to bring at-large members into the Council online through the Field Agent.

**Announcements:** None.

**Knights in Distress:**

- Please keep the following Brothers in your prayers: Lester Johnson, Damien Masse, Johnny Nix, William Gatling, Bernard Corbett, Frank Toth, Terry McWaters, Sam Kopack, Bill Jones, and Dave Brody.

**Under Good of the Order:** by Lecturer.

- Discussed upcoming major events over the next month.
- Commented on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Holy Virgin Mary and its tradition in the Philippines.
- Discussed his personal experience in the Philippines during attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec 1941.

**Chaplain's summation:** None.

**Closing prayer was offered by:** GK at 8:15pm.

Attest,  
*Randall G. Owens*  
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Recorder