



MEETING: 5 March 2020

Council was called to order at: 6:30pm by GK Robert Startz

Prayer was offered by: Robert Startz

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: V
Chancellor: A
Recorder: P
Financial Secretary: P
Treasurer: P
Lecturer: P
Advocate: P
Warden: P
Inside Guard: P
Outside Guard: A
Trustee (3rd Yr.): A
Trustee (2nd Yr.): P
Trustee (1st Yr.): A

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Motion to approve last meeting's minutes passed. Minutes posted online to Council's website.

A revision is made to the previous month's minutes: Rob McBurnie, rather than Rob Wiggs, helped cook the pork butts for the Super Bowl sale.

Membership Report:

Marvin Robinson is a new transfer member (4th degree) and introduced himself to the council.

The results of balloting were:

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Bags will be handed out 3/28 and 29 for the SVdP food collection. They will be collected the following week (Palm Sunday.) Rick Gleissner will provide items needed to attach to the bags.
- Cooking for the parish picnic (3/29): expect the same number of parishioners as last year.
- May blood drive: Sunday, 5/31. Robbie Wiggs reported that the drive will be from 9-3 and that flyers will be provided from the Red Cross for us to use in recruiting. Knights are needed to help in the kitchen.
- Nominating committee will provide a slate of proposed officers for the next election. This should be done at the April meeting (4/2), however many members will be out for a Boy Scout event. Voting should be done in May. Peter says we can present the slate in April via email, even if there's not a meeting.
- A motion was made and approved to cancel April meeting in favor of the workshop that same month (4/4 9AM-2PM.)
- Tribute to Sam Kopak: Robert checked into Sam's daughter's request to name the council for him. This seems too rare and complicated to do. A scholarship was considered but would require funding. A third option is to consider a piece of artwork to be donated to the parish in Sam's name. Robert suggests soliciting donations as we are still making up funding for this year. He will meet with Msgr. Harris in two weeks to consider this idea. Several members presented ideas for what kind of art we might seek.

The Treasurer reported as follows: by Robbie Wiggs

- Checking balance: \$5,852.84
- Savings balance: \$7,098.26



The following communications were read: n/a

Financial Secretary report: by Dan Wagner

- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$172.56
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$96.00

Dues from 2 more members were received tonight.

63 members have not paid their dues, 17 of which paid dues last year, 6 paid 2 years ago, 40 have not paid in longer. We have attempted to contact these 40 members and are looking for how to remove them from the roles to save on per capita. Second bills will soon be sent for this year's dues.

The Trustees reported as follows:

The Trustees have conducted the annual audit and reported to State.

Report on Service: n/a

The Chancellor reported as follows: n/a

The following committees reported:

- Membership: n/a
- Fundraising: n/a
- Youth:
 - Tom thanked the Knights for helping with the free throw competition. There was a great turnout from the youth.
 - The annual diocesan youth conference is this weekend; 14 youth from St Joseph's will attend.
 - March 22 will be the monthly Youth Mass after Vespers, at 4:30.
 - April 4 will be the confirmation retreat for youth to be confirmed on April 26.
- Community: n/a
- Church: see attached Faith Director's Report provided by Dan Wagner
 - This year, the Chrism mass will be held here at St. Joseph's 4/7 at 11AM. We are encouraged to volunteer to help.
 - Rob McBurnie or Robert will send out an email re: how and when Knights can help with the parish picnic. Cooking and shredding will be done on Friday night, with more on Saturday. Knights are needed to help during the picnic with serving, filling sauce bottles, etc.
- Family and Council Committee: n/a
- Retention: n/a

Discussion on Council Calendar:

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Peter (District Deputy) spoke about the upcoming State convention, 4/24-26 in Myrtle Beach, Landmark resort. We are asked to send two (voting) delegates from our council. We are also asked to buy advertising to offset the cost of the convention, either as individuals or as a council. If a council gets an ad from an outside vendor, the council will get 50% of the cost of the ad. Registrations are \$105, usually picked up by the council + part of the lodging for those who attend from the council.



- John Long mentioned that our council bought the statue for the shrine to the unborn. There is a first Sunday Rosary at the statue after the 8AM Mass. In the past the Knights committed to participate. John suggests we commit to participating on at least two months in the year. Currently no organizations are volunteering to sponsor the Rosary. A motion was made to and passed to volunteer in May and October. Robert will send out an email to the council advertising this.
- A motion was made and passed to assemble the documents, emails, etc., we have tried to submit to remove members from the roll to the District Deputy in the hopes we can get a better process for removing inactive members. This came after an extended discussion of the ongoing difficulty in this area.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows: n/a

Report of Patriotic Degree: n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows. n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- It appears that all the State officers will attend the April 4 workshop to observe and answer questions. Even if we can't attend, we are invited to send questions via Robert. Dan asked how many will attend to be sure we can provide a room that's big enough and will work with Peter on this. The agenda will be:
 - Show the new exemplification video and discuss the recruitment process. We will be asked to form a council exemplification team.
 - Retention and engagement will be discussed. Engagement is particularly important, to help our council maintain and grow members.
 - There will be a presentation on recruitment drives and membership. There was an extended discussion around the table re: how to attract men to join our organization.

Announcements:

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the following Brothers and family members in your prayers: Lester Johnson, Damien Masse, Frank Toth, Bill Jones, Rick Gleissner, William Gatling, Bernard Corbett, Lagaré Kopack, Alberto Alvarez, Shobit Svarna

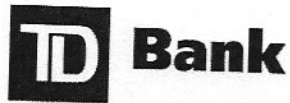
Under Good of the Order: by Lecturer

- See attached.

Chaplain's summation: n/a

Closing prayer was offered by: Bob Nerbun at 8:20pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder



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Financial Secretary's Report
5 March 2020

Receipts:

1) Dues (2 members)	\$ 72.00
2) Donations	\$ 24.00
TOTAL	\$ 96.00

Vouchers:

1) Robert Startz: February Officer's Dinner	\$ 45.64
2) Sam's Club - Council Freethrow	\$ 80.80
3) Robert Startz: March Officer's Dinner	\$ 46.12
TOTAL	\$ 172.56

Knights of Columbus Council #12554
Church Director's Report
5 March 2020

Fr. Marcin Zahuta, Pastor at St. Thomas More on the USC Campus, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 1. Viewing and the Christian Wake Service are finishing up tonight at the Basilica of St. Peter. Visitation will be tomorrow from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at Dunbar Funeral Home on Devine Street. The Funeral Mass will be Thursday, March 12 at 11:00 AM at the Basilica of St. Peter. Burial will be in Poland at a later date.

The month of March is entirely within the season of Lent.

On Fridays of Lent, beginning last Friday, we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass at 6:00 PM. After mass there is a simple meatless supper of soup, bread and beverage.

Our Council will serve soup on Friday, March 20.

On Sundays of Lent, Solemn Sung Vespers is offered at 4:00 PM in the Church

Additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available at neighboring parishes; Msgr. Harris & Fr. Touzeau also offer additional opportunities – see the bulletin or parish website for details.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day

March 19 is St. Joseph's Feast Day

March 25 is the Annunciation. This is also designated as Knights of Columbus Day and you are especially encouraged to pray for Life on this date.

Sunday, March 29 is The Annual Parish Picnic. All Ministries of the Church are asked to support the Picnic. Our Council contributes financially as well as cooks the barbecue for the picnic.

On your Radar:

Palm Sunday: April 5 – Holy Week

Chrism Mass: April 7 at St. Joseph

Holy Thursday: April 9 – Triduum begins

Good Friday: April 10

Holy Saturday: April 11

Easter Sunday: April 12 – Easter Season begins

Lenten Reflection on the Preeminent (surpassing all other) Moral Issue of Today, as foreseen by St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta of India in 1984

Let me preface her remarks by offering several examples of some biblical or past cultures that were morally corrupt. Examples are the whole earth at the time of Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah, Nineveh, Egypt at the time of Moses, ancient Israel at the time of the prophets when the Israelites worshiped Baal, and the Aztecs of Mexico.

What did these civilizations or cultures do that would classify them as morally corrupt? In most cases that they sacrificed infants and adults to “their gods,” sins of the flesh, or oppressed the subjected Israelite people (God’s chosen people) ... Yup all of this and more.

What happened to these people? Some of these immoral people were killed, some became slaves, and some repented and converted. What was the eternal end of those NOT converted? Our Catholic faith teaches that we don’t know for sure that anyone is in Hell (we pray that all will be saved). Yet, Christ said in Monday’s gospel for some who cry out Lord, Lord, but “have not done for one of these least ones,” “Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.” (Matthew 25:41)

On Ash Wednesday we read about Jesus fasting in the desert for 40 days, after which He was tempted with three temptations or “idols” if you will. The temptations of (1) pleasure (lust for food, sex, material possessions, ...), (2) honor (fame and or work in which we seek to be idolized for gifts from received from God), and (3) power (seeking control over people).

What now follows are excerpts from St. Mother Theresa’s talk (mostly “her own English”) at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in NYC **in 1984**. Here’s St. Mother Theresa, “God so loved the world so much that He gave us Jesus. Jesus became so small that He came into the womb

of Mary. ... The angel was sent to Mary, Mary, like you and I, couldn't understand fully (how she could conceive a child, because she had already she had already pledged her virginity to God and so had Joseph), but that's why she said be done to me according to thy word and Jesus came in her life, so small and so helpless, just at that time of the beginning (at) conception. That annunciation was the first Holy Communion day - the first time Jesus came into the heart of a living being, a human being. And what did she do? Immediately in haste, she went to give Jesus to others. And how? By just continuing be the Handmaiden of the Lord. To take care of her cousin Elizabeth; to wash, to clean, to cook, just to do the humble work of the family, because she was expecting a child also."

"But something very very strange happened. When Mary came, the little one, the unborn one, in the womb of his mother leaped with joy. How strange that God should use a little unborn child to proclaim the coming of His Son - the Son of God. Today (now remember her talk was given in 1984) that little unborn child has become the target. They are trying to make that child as if it was not a child. They are trying to destroy the child. And to think that the mother herself accepts ... the killing of her own child. Let us thank God, thank our parents for wanting us, for giving us the joy of living, for giving us the joy of loving God in each other ... They wanted us, they loved us. ... If our parents are alive let us thank them, if our parents are already gone to God let us pray for them."

"Today, as you know, abortion has become the greatest destroyer of peace. And yet Jesus came on this earth, he was conceived, he was born, lived in Nazareth, he died on the cross, to teach us how to love, how to love each other as God Himself loves us. ... That is the reason for His coming. When we look at the cross, we realize how he loved us. Only love could have made him do that. When we look at the tabernacle, we know how he loves us now. He loves you and he loves me. He made himself the bread of life to satisfy our hunger for his love. And then as if that's not enough, He makes himself the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless one, so that you and I can satisfy His hunger for

our love, our human love. For he has created us for that one purpose to love and to be loved.”

(Those men and women) who die in the streets, they have been created for the same purpose - to love and to be loved. Just think God created human life for the same purpose for which He exists. God exists to love us. You and I and that little unborn child have been created for the same purpose to love and to be loved. That’s why I believe that abortion is an act against God himself, because they are trying to get rid of the presence of God, of the image of God. They are trying to make God’s world, ... but God is love and God loves you and me and every single person in the world. We ... are created for the same purpose.”

“Today there is a crisis experience everywhere, people are terrified of the nuclear (war), they are terrified of what will happen to them, what will happen to their lives. ... How strange because we are big. We realize, we know what will happen, that little one in the womb of its mother does not know. No hands to fight, no mouth to speak, no movement to make. Completely, completely at the mercy of its mother. And yet we read in the scripture that God speaks: even if mother could forget her child ... I will not forget you. I have called you on the palm of my hand. So today let us pray, let us pray that in the heart of the mother that in the heart of the doctor may not be that evil that destroys peace, that destroys love, that destroys compassion. We have come into this world not to be just a number, we come here to love, to be that love, God’s love. We all want to love God, but where, where he is, how he is, how can we recognize Him. But Jesus made it very simple - He explained how to love. Whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do it unto me. ...”

“And when we look we see, even to Mary, God did not speak directly, He spoke through an angel. And so today, He speaks to us through the Church, through the holy Father, through our superiors, through our consecration, and makes it beautiful that we may live

and that we may grow in sanctity. ... This is something that we must more and more learn to pray for. For prayer will give us a clean heart and we will understand. For the fruit of prayer is gifting of faith, and the fruit of faith is love, and the fruit of love is service. In whatever form, even in our families, love begins at home. And how does it begin? By praying together, for the family that prays together stays together. And if you stay together, you will love God, as He loves you. You will love one another as He loves you, and what a wonderful thought that God loves me and He loves us. ...”

“Our life is very much woven with the Eucharist with prayer. And I want to advise you one beautiful thing. In 1973 there was an unanimous asking, Mother please let us have adoration every day. So I said how can we do, we have so much work to do, but they insisted. So we started. And to tell you the truth, I have had not to change anything in the timetable regarding work ... we still do the same amount of work plus that hour of daily adoration. And something convincing I can tell you and I advise you to start having that adoration. Our love for Jesus is more infinite, our love for each other is more understanding, our love for the poor is more compassionate, and we have twice, twice much more vocations. Thanks to the gift that God has given us, the Eucharist. This is my prayer for you that you grow in holiness through this love for one another, and you pray for us that we may not spoil God’s love for us. That we may be more and more completely only for Jesus through Mary. Pray and I will pray for you also that God will come into you family to choose your son and choose your daughter to be only for Him. And pray, pray together in the family that God will give you this great gift. For I think the greatest gift to a family is this love for one another that comes from prayer, and the gift of a vocation in the family.”

Now my thoughts. Today our country has a political party that once defended the life of the unborn. It has told its elected members of Congress who are pro-life that there is no room for them in their party, they will get not financial support from their party, and, in fact, their party will begin supporting candidates to unseat them from Congress. One

example is Democratic (and Catholic) Congressman Dan Lipinski of Illinois.

Furthermore, national polls tell us that with the group of people who self-identify as Catholics, that there is no clear majority that identify themselves as pro-life. How can this be, if we understand the Sacred Scriptures?

At face value this bespeaks a great loss of the true Catholic faith. That many people who profess to recognize Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, do not follow in filial obedience Sacred Scripture and Church Tradition, dating from Apostolic times. If left unchecked, what do the Sacred Scriptures say consistently will happen to us? Does Sacred Scripture have any inkling about our destiny of this apostasy, as it did with the peoples of the past? Look to Psalm 106, for example. "They mingled themselves with the peoples, and learned to do as they did. They served the same idols until it became their undoing. They sacrificed their own sons and their daughters to demons. They poured out innocent blood. The blood of their own sons and daughters was sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. Their blood polluted the land, and their actions defiled them. They devoted themselves to whoring."

What does the rest of Psalm 106 predict for OUR future if we do not convert, repent and grow in holiness like the Ninevites? "The Lord blazed out in anger against his own people, he detested his own chosen race. He gave them into the hands of foreigners, they were conquered by those who hated them. Their enemies persecuted them and humbled them beneath their hands."

What can we Catholics do today to lessen God's coming wrath and save our families? Reception of the Holy Eucharist (in the state of grace with sincere repentance and an amendment to work to sin no more), fasting, and the rosary (especially in Eucharistic Adoration). Let me encourage everyone to continue our of lenten conversion and repentance and come to pray the rosary together as a St. Joseph's Catholic community at PP on March 14th. Let us join together in fervent and efficacious prayer at PP at 2712

Middleburg Drive in 1-2 hour blocks of time to beg God for the closing of Columbia's PP "clinic," to prompt women to opt for the life to their unborn babies, for the conversion of all who are facilitating or promoting abortion, to work to change our culture so that it may once again begin to value and protect our unborn, that God grant our spiritual leader's courage in this election year to be fearless in proclaiming the preeminence of sanctity of life in the unborn (like Father Robert Moray recently at St. Anthony's in Florence and Father Richard Wilson here at St. Joseph's just before the election in 2016), that Catholics should recognize this preeminence in our selection of candidates for political office. You can do this by signing up for 1-2 hour blocks of time on March 14th by googling: "40 days for life + Columbia, SC".

Let us really beg the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, for her help in imitation of her Son to be signs of contradiction by standing up for the life of the unborn; and for the grace to withstand, if called like her son and the early apostles, the rejection by many people.
Oremus.