



MEETING: 6 MAY 2020

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

Prayer was offered by: GK 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: E
Advocate: P
Warden: P
Inside Guard: A
Outside Guard: P
Trustee (3rd Yr.): P
Trustee (2nd Yr.): P
Trustee (1st Yr.): P

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

Membership Report:

- Very brisk month of March – April re: new members joining and attaining their 3rd degree. Several members were observers of the new rite to advance Knights to the 3rd degree. Luke Gleissner, who was part of this process, is attending the meeting tonight.
- Phone calls were made to the membership to see how people are doing. This was generally well received.

The results of balloting were:

- The slate of officers has been chosen and the election must be taken between May 15 and June 15 per Peter. However due to the extraordinary Covid-19 circumstances, Peter approved of us voting on the slate tonight. The slate of officers is attached. No challenges were made to the proposed slate. The slate was voted in by unanimous voice vote.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Supreme is asking for a continuation of advancement of 1st and 2nd degree members to the 3rd degree. Most of our members are at the 3rd degree already. We are encouraging the remaining lower degree members to continue to the 3rd degree.
- Robbie Wiggs is considering options for the previously scheduled blood drive in light of the Covid-19 situation.
- Brad was asked for a 1-night group presentation for KoC insurance to new members in several councils. Brad is asking to have wives, new prospects, etc., included in the meeting, perhaps on a parish level as well.
- Star Council requirements are changing. A presentation can replace the actual purchase of insurance by members for this requirement. We will fulfill our membership quota if we hit 60% of our targets. This transfers responsibility for insurance to the agents, rather than the council. Using parish presentations might help increase membership and awareness of the Knights among many Catholics.
- Robert and Dan attended the State meeting by phone. It took an hour, rather than a weekend. Robert felt the quality of the meeting was good.

The Treasurer reported as follows: by Rob Wiggs



- Checking balance: \$6,531.72
- Savings balance: \$7,099.13
- Due to there being a new Deputy Grand Knight, we will need to add him to the banking accounts. Jim Corbett asked if we can do this ahead of the installation of officers. Per Dan Wagner, since the position is currently vacant and the slate of officers has been voted in, this can be done right away.

The following communications were read:

- South Carolina Citizens for Life invited us to participate in Midlands Gives.
- Birthright sent a thank-you. Reminder that there will be baby bottle distribution on Mother's Day. Due to the pandemic, we might need to individually find ways to make these donations.

Financial Secretary report: by Dan Wagner

- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$182.00
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$137.77
- Due to the epidemic, Supreme has waived our dues for the 2nd half of the year. Peter is checking as to State dues.

The Trustees reported as follows: n/a

Report on Service: n/a

The Chancellor reported as follows: n/a

The following committees reported:

- Membership: See attached list of new members. Brad also asked for a copy of the list. Robert Startz thanked the trustees for their work in making the new slate of officers.
- Fundraising: n/a
- Youth: n/a
- Community:
Rick Gleissner reported on a parish-wide drive up food donation drive. A great deal of food was received. We might need to consider our next plan for a KoC food drive in light of the Covid-19 situation.
- Church: see attached Faith Director's Report provided by Dan Wagner
Dan spoke of the challenging circumstances of self-isolation, reminded us that our donations are needed, and spoke of the re-opening of the parish office and the Bishop's call to resume in-person Masses (with dispensations still in effect for those at risk.) 5/13 will be the first daily Mass at St. Joseph's and the following Sunday will be the resumption of weekly Mass (with appropriate safeguards.) Masses will continue to be livestreamed. The re-opening plan needs to be submitted to the Bishop by our parish by Friday and will be communicated to parishioners when approved.
- Family and Council Committee: n/a
- Retention: n/a

Discussion on Council Calendar: n/a

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Jim Corbett mentioned that there will be a greater future need for food banks and made a motion that we donate \$500 to our local Saint Vincent de Paul group. Rick Gleissner stated that SVdP is in good shape right now and suggested we revisit this in the June meeting. Dan Wagner mentioned our budget meeting is in June and this could be taken up as part of the budget. Jim withdrew the motion.



- Dan Wagner mentioned the existence of a “Zoom room” at St. Joseph’s, where people can attend in person but also on Zoom.

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

Report of Patriotic Degree: n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows. (see comments above)

The District Deputy reported as follows: Peter stated approval of both our first online meeting and also that we got a slate of officers voted in during this difficult time.

Announcements: n/a

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 Svama, Ron Childress, Allison Corbett

Under Good of the Order: by Lecturer

- See attached
- Robert spoke on the last few lines of the Lecturer’s contribution.

Chaplain’s summation: n/a

Closing prayer was offered by: Robert Startz at 7:20pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder

Knights of Columbus Council #12554

Trustee's Report

6 May 2020

2020-2021 Officer Nominations

Grand Knight	Robert Startz	(701) 799-4322
Deputy Grand Knight	Rob McBurney	(803) 348-7016
Chancellor	Courtney E. Walsh	(803) 537-1816
Recorder	Otho "Mitch" Michaelis	(803) 315-4108
Treasurer	Robert W. Wiggs, Jr.	(803) 447-2127
Advocate	Rick Gleissner	(803) 776-8805
Warden	Ron Childress	(803) 776-8567
Inside Guard	Luke Gleissner	(803) 728-0153
Outside Guard	Pat Blake	(803) 394-8501
Three-Year Trustee	Walter "Rick" Coker	(803) 446-5020
Two-Year Trustee	John Long	(803) 665-3770
One-Year Trustee	Jim Corbett	(803) 530-8392
<u>Appointed Positions</u>		
Chaplain	Fr. Jimmy Touzeau	(803) 254-7646
Financial Secretary	Dan Wagner	(803) 553-2700
Lecturer	Bob Nerbun	(803) 260-8222

Fwd: May 6 2020 K of C Meeting

From: DAN WAGNER <carolyndan@aol.com>

To: mitch.michaelis@gmail.com <mitch.michaelis@gmail.com>

-----Original Message-----

From: Wiggs, Robert W <WiggsRW@scdot.org>

To: robertstartz@gmail.com <robertstartz@gmail.com>; Dan Wagner (dan@stjosephcolumbia.org) <dan@stjosephcolumbia.org>; Dan Wagner (Carolyndan@aol.com) <Carolyndan@aol.com>; financialsecretary@kofc12554.org <financialsecretary@kofc12554.org>

Cc: Wiggs, Robert W <WiggsRW@scdot.org>

Sent: Wed, May 6, 2020 6:08 pm

Subject: May 6 2020 K of C Meeting

WGK & WFS,

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account \$6,531.72

Savings Account \$7,099.13

Includes PayPal transfers:

4/27/2020 \$36.00

4/20/2020 \$36.00

2/11/2020 \$36.00

Latest check to clear Check #783 in the amount of \$46.12

Dan,

You mentioned that you needed a check – can I leave it at the church office

Please tell me how much and to whom ok
I can deliver it anywhere

Thanks
Robbie

Have a safe day!

*Robert Wiggs, Jr., COHC
Industrial Safety Coordinator*

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Financial Secretary's Report
6 May 2020

Receipts:

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| 1) Dues (5 members: 2 new, 3 existing) | \$ 162.00 |
| 2) Initiation Fees (2 new members) | \$ 20.00 |

TOTAL

\$ 182.00

Vouchers:

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| 1) K of C Council Accounts: FS & T Bonding | \$ 70.00 |
| 2) K of C Council Accounts: unknown | \$ 67.77 |

TOTAL

\$ 137.77

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Membership Director's Report

6 May 2020

New Members:

We welcome new members: **John Ryan** and **Luke Gleissner** who took their Admission Degrees online on April 18.

Members Advancing in Degree:

John Ryan, Luke Gleissner, Matthew Upchurch and **Courtney Walsh** took their Formation & Knighthood Degrees online on April 18.

David Campbell took his Knighthood Degree online on April 18.

Bill Jones took his Knighthood Degree online on April 23.

Congratulations to these six men who have advanced to the Knighthood Degree

Prospects:

Emmanuel Cunningham, who was proposed by Brother Rob Wiggs and has been voted on by the Council has not yet taken advantage of the opportunities for online exemplification.

We also have had a couple of inquiries from men seeking to join or rejoin, but who are not in valid marriages and have directed them to work with our priests to get their situations straightened out at which time we will be glad to welcome them to our Council.

There are additional opportunities for the Admission Degree and advancement to the Formation and Knighthood Degrees on: Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 AM, 2:00, 7:00 & 10:00 PM; on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 & 10:00 PM and on Sunday May 17th at 7:00 & 10:00 PM.

The new online exemplification only takes 30-40 minutes and can be viewed by your entire family. Now there is no reason that any member of our Order should not take advantage and advance to the Knighthood Degree. Contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary for more information.

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Church Director's Report
6 May 2020

The last time we met, we were in the season of Lent with Easter being more than a month away. Little did we know then that we had just a few short days in which we could participate fully in the Sacraments, Worship and the Life of the Church.

For most of the past two months, we have not been able to participate in the things most dear to us as Catholics: the Eucharist, the Sacraments, Adoration, Mass and Liturgy, Coming together to celebrate. Instead we have self-isolated, social distanced, quarantined. We watched the Great Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Masses on the television or live-streamed over the internet or broadcast on the radio.

To be sure, the way our Parish has risen to the occasion getting livestreams up and running, radio broadcasts of Masses, daily messages, email, voicemail, Facebook have been wonderful. In a moment I will give you the information we have as of the moment on the reopening of our Churches and Offices, of the resumption of the Sacraments.

But first, I want to remind you that your Parish needs your financial support. I recognize that many of our families have suffered financial hardship. For those who can, please remember to support your parish financially. You may do so by giving online or mailing in or dropping off your envelope at the Office.

Our Parish Office is once again open with reduced hours: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Monday thru Friday with strict social distancing requirements (masks, etc.)

The Bishop has allowed the resumption of the sacraments in the Diocese with in-person daily Mass beginning on Monday, May 11 and weekend Masses beginning May 16 & 17.

Dispensation to those who are uncomfortable attending weekend Mass and those who are high risk is still granted until further notice.

At Saint Joseph parish we will resume daily Mass on Wednesday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Sunday Masses will resume the weekend of May 16 and 17. General Absolution of Sins will be granted before each Sunday Mass through Pentecost and Individual Confessions *may* resume beginning the week of June 1 with restrictions on how all of the sacraments are to be offered.

For at least through Pentecost, and possibly beyond, we must limit attendance in our church to no more than 25% of our seating capacity in order to provide adequate space for social distancing.

No one has an obligation to attend Mass [just] because we are offering them publicly again, and therefore no sin is committed by anyone who does not attend Mass in person.

Put most simply: do not come to Mass if you should not be in groups or even if you are just concerned about the risk of infection for any reason whatsoever.

We will continue to livestream Mass(es) as well as broadcast over the radio.

First Communion, Confirmation and the Rite of Christian Initiation, event all scheduled in this time of Church closures will be rescheduled and celebrated! Watch the parish website for details.

A look ahead:

May 24th is The Ascension

May 31st is Pentecost

June 7th is Trinity Sunday

June 14th is Corpus Christi

From the treatise "Against the Heresies" by St Irenaeus: The Eucharist, pledge of our resurrection

If our flesh is not saved, then the Lord has not redeemed us with his blood, the Eucharistic chalice does not make us sharers in his blood, and the bread we break does not make us sharers in his body. There can be no blood without veins, flesh and the rest of the human substance, and this the Word of God actually became: it was with his own blood that he redeemed us. As the Apostle says: *In him, through his blood, we have been redeemed, our sins have been forgiven.*

We are his members and we are nourished by creatures, which is his gift to us, for it is he who causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall. He declared that the chalice, which comes from his creation, was his blood, and he makes it the nourishment of our blood. He affirmed that the bread, which comes from his creation, was his body, and he makes it the nourishment of our body. When the chalice we mix and the bread we bake receive the word of God, the Eucharistic elements become the body and blood of Christ, by which our bodies live and grow. How then can it be said that flesh belonging to the Lord's own body and nourished by his body and blood is incapable of receiving God's gift of eternal life? Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that *we are members of his body*, of his flesh and bones. He is not speaking of some spiritual and incorporeal kind of man, *for spirits do not have flesh and bones*. He is speaking of a real human body composed of flesh, sinews and bones, nourished by the chalice of Christ's blood and receiving growth from the bread which is his body.

The slip of a vine planted in the ground bears fruit at the proper time. The grain of wheat falls into the ground and decays only to be raised up again and multiplied by the Spirit of God who sustains all things. The Wisdom of God places these things at the service of man and when they receive God's word they become the Eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ. In the same way our bodies, which have been nourished by the Eucharist, will be buried in the earth and will decay, but they will rise again at the appointed time, for the Word of God will raise them up to the glory of God the Father. Then the Father will clothe our mortal nature in immortality and freely endow our corruptible nature with incorruptibility, for God's power is shown most perfectly in weakness.

Prayer

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die, alleluia.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die, alleluia.

Let us pray.

Almighty, ever-living God, make our hearts more open to your love in these days of Eastertide, when you have made known to us the depth of that love.

You have rescued us from the darkness of error: make us adhere more firmly to the teachings of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ten Things You Need to Know about St. Irenaeus by STEPHEN BEALE

1. He was one of the first Fathers and he was the first great theologian of the Church, yet St. Irenaeus is hardly a household name among practicing Catholics today. And perhaps understandably so. The distance between his time and ours—about 18 centuries—doesn't help. He lived at a time when a common path to sainthood was martyrdom—leaving us with stories of grisly death and heroic virtue that still reverberate down the centuries. But Irenaeus himself seems to have been spared the sword and the lions. He's also left us just one work—and one that's not exactly inviting to the layman. If its formal title, *Refutation and Overthrow of Knowledge falsely So-called*, doesn't scare off the novice, the hundred-pages detour it takes through the bizarre parallel universe of Gnostic gods and demi-gods might.

Yet Irenaeus remains enormously important to the Church today—not only for professional theologians but also for devout Catholics who want to better understand and defend their faith. Here are ten things you need to know about him.

2. Spiritual lineage back to the Apostle John. Irenaeus was born sometime around 125 and died at the end of that century or the beginning of the next. He thus lived close to the time of the apostles and, according to tradition, his theology was shaped by the preaching of Polycarp, who was himself a disciple of the Apostle John. By simply being a Church Father, Irenaeus is an authoritative figure—this only makes him more so.

3. Refuter of Gnostic heresies. Gnosticism—a heresy which came in many shapes and sizes and denied a whole slew of Christian doctrines, from the goodness of creation to the fully divinity of Christ—was the first heresy the Christian world confronted. Irenaeus offers a meticulous and theologically rich refutation of Gnosticism in his major work, better known as *Against Heresies*. Although Irenaeus sets out to debate heretics, along the way he produced one of the first great systematic theological treatises of the Church.

4. Eucharistic belief. Irenaeus is a crucially important source for establishing the existence of belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist among the earliest Christians. The Eucharist, Irenaeus writes, consists of “two realities, earthly and heavenly.” He describes Christ as the “perfect bread” of the Father who enables us to enter into full

communion with the being of God: “He did this when He appeared as a man, that we, being nourished, as it were, from the breast of His flesh, and having, by such a course of milk nourishment, become accustomed to eat and drink the Word of God, may be able also to contain in ourselves the Bread of immortality, which is the Spirit of the Father.” These are not the words of someone who views the Eucharist as a symbol—and remember this is in the second century of the Church.

5. Marian devotion. Mary also plays a central role in his theology. In *Against Heresies*, Irenaeus compares her to Eve: “And if the former did disobey God, yet the latter was persuaded to be obedient to God, in order that the Virgin Mary might become the patroness (*advocata*) of the virgin Eve. And thus, as the human race fell into bondage to death by means of a virgin, so is it rescued by a virgin; virginal disobedience having been balanced in the opposite scale by virginal obedience.”

6. Scriptural canon. Irenaeus provides us with one of the first lists of the four gospels. His argument for why there were four—and no more—is among the more intriguing arguments in defense of the biblical canon ever put forth: “It is not possible that the Gospels can be either more or fewer in number than they are. For, since there are four zones of the world in which we live, and four principal winds, while the Church is scattered throughout all the world, and the ‘pillar and ground’ of the Church is the Gospel and the spirit of life; it is fitting that she should have four pillars, breathing out immortality on every side, and vivifying men afresh.”

7. Centrality of the Church. Irenaeus also had a high view of the Church’s role in the world. At one point, he likens it to a recreation of the Garden of Eden: “For the Church has been planted as a garden (*paradisus*) in this world; therefore says the Spirit of God, ‘Thou mayest freely eat from every tree of the garden,’ that is, Eat ye from every Scripture of the Lord; but ye shall not eat with an uplifted mind, nor touch any heretical discord.” Remember—this is coming centuries before the Church reached the height of its power and influence in the Middle Ages.

8. Unity through the Roman Church. Already, in the second century, Irenaeus had a clear notion of how unity was maintained in the universal Church. In an oft-quoted passage, he insists on the need for communion with the Church in Rome:

Since, however, it would be very tedious, in such a volume as this, to reckon up the successions of all the Churches, we do put to confusion all those who, in whatever manner, whether by an evil self-pleasing, by vainglory, or by blindness and perverse opinion, assemble in unauthorized meetings; by indicating that tradition derived from the apostles, of the very great, the very ancient, and universally known Church founded and organized at Rome by the two most glorious apostles, Peter and Paul; as also the faith preached to men, which comes down to our time by means of the successions of the bishops. For it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with this Church, on account of its pre-eminent authority, that is, the faithful everywhere, inasmuch as the apostolical tradition has been preserved continuously by those who exist everywhere.

9. All things summed up in Christ. Irenaeus is also famous for recapitulation, the concept that all things are summed up, or, literally, brought back to their head, which is Christ. This may sound like an abstract theological term, but it makes a real difference in how we understand Who Christ was and what He did on earth. In his theology of recapitulation, Irenaeus is really saying that Christ, in a sense, re-enacted all the events and all the figures from the Garden of Eden, in the process of undoing original sin. Just as tree was the cause of the curse, Irenaeus writes, so also we were saved through a tree (the cross). And just as Christ is the new Adam, so also Mary is the new Eve. Irenaeus even sees a parallel between the temptation of Eve by the serpent and the temptation of Christ in the desert by Satan. Recapitulation, properly understood, also becomes an argument for the fullness of Christ's humanity and divinity.

10. Original sin. Irenaeus is also an important early source for the doctrine of original sin, even though he does not use that term. Irenaeus defines the original sin as disobedience and explains why death was a necessary consequence. Also, again with insight that is remarkable for such an early writer, Irenaeus demonstrates how original sin, which the result of free will, nonetheless fit into his ultimate plan for humanity.