

The monthly Business Meeting for the Knights of Columbus Council was held on Monday, May 4, 2020 via ZOOM due to the no contact regulation put into place because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. with 32 members in attendance.

The meeting was opened with an opening prayer led by our Grand Knight. Members then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Attendance was taken.

Chaplain – Absent Grand Knight – Present

Deputy Grand Knight – Absent Chancellor – Absent

Recorder – Present Financial Secretary – Present

Treasurer – Present Advocate – Present

Warden – Present Inside Guard – Present

Outside Guard – Present

Trustee I – Present; Trustee II – Present; Trustee III – Present

Though some Officers were absent, representatives stood in for those who were absent.

Chancellor's Report: Walter Foster and Ed Walsh both made their Third Degree Exemplifications.

Grand Knight's Report: Online Charity, Unity, Fraternity (CUF) Exemplifications are in full force.

Tom Ozimek organized a Blood Drive which was shut down by the parish. Since this was not Brother Ozimek's fault, he was honored with a Knight of the Month Certificate for all his hard work on the project.

Larry Koby was honored likewise because of how instrumental he was in the effort to re-open the Society of St. Vincent dePaul pantry. Brother Koby reported that during the first two days of being open they distributed food to 71 families (215 people) on Day 1 and to 44 families (129 people) on Day 2. The Pat and Jim Matthews family were awarded a Family of the Month Certificate for their efforts in this important cause.

Other Knights voiced how worthwhile it is to volunteer 3 hours (10-1) on any or all days (M, W, F) the pantry is open during the week. Financial Secretary Bob Wright mentioned masks would be available for volunteers and it is a no contact activity.

Our Grand Knight still needs 4-5 Brother Knights to help remove the canopy from the courtyard at church. Anyone who is able to help should email him at Grandknight11483@gmail.com.

Our Grand Knight encouraged the Knights to mail their weekly collections into the parish office since the people in the pews have temporarily disappeared but not the need for funds.

Treasurer's Report: Our Council began the month of April, 2020 with \$24,967.48, took in \$775.00 of income, had \$321.10 of expenses, leaving it with an ending balance of \$25,421.38. There was a payout of \$385.94 from the Member Assistance Fund, leaving a working balance of \$25,035.44

Financial Secretary's Report: The new CUF Exemplifications are working out well and so long as public gatherings are still not permitted, recruits are finding making them online satisfactory. The Council is in good financial shape and is in fact \$8,000 in the black. Not many expenses are expected to be forthcoming between now and the end of the fraternal year, just such things as stamps, badges, membership cards, etc. As with last year, the brothers will be e-mailed the end of May for the collection of dues.

Committee Reports: None Given.

Old Business: The 2020-2021 Budget:

The proposed budget can be found on the website. Because of COVID-19, until further notice, there is not expected to be any money coming in except for dues. The budget, as it stands, is expected to have a bottom line of \$(1,065) but that could change if the Knights are eventually allowed to have major fund raisers such as the yard sale, golf tournament and entertainment series. Motions were made to approve it and they carried by a unanimous vote.

The District Deputy read the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year as follows:

Grand Knight, Ted McDermott Chancellor, Neil Rancour

Deputy Grand Knight, Tom Henning Warden, Mark King
Recorder, John Sanders Advocate, Karl Ebert
Inside Guard, Ken Price Outside Guard, Julio Oliveira
Treasurer, Ben Rivera
Trustee 3, Jim Hoover

Following the reading of the slate of officers, the District Deputy asked three times if there were any further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a call for motions to unanimously accept the whole slate of officers was made. The necessary motions were made and they passed without objection. The newly elected officers shall be installed after July 1st.

New Business: The April Minutes were approved.

One of the many changes brought on by COVID-19 is the fact that the parish can no longer use the pass the basket style to take up weekly collections, that the long-handled kind will have to be utilized and Fr. Teo wants the Knights to fund these. Kellmis Fernandez researched the details concerning a purchase of these baskets and found that they have an overall length of 55” between the basket itself and the handle. After all applied discounts, the cost to the Knights for ten (8 for the church and 2 for the parish center) such baskets and their corresponding liners is \$770. Motions were made for the Knights to provide the funding of these baskets, pending the results of a discussion of this matter in the Parish Council and discussion (among the Knights) ensued, the end result of which was approval by a 28-4 vote of the Knights present.

Field Agent’s Report: For now, all insurance presentations will be held online (webex, ZOOM). A good source of information regarding insurance is *The Financial Beacon* newsletter. No matter the lack of a personal touch or the lack of interest within the District (only St. Max and San Antonio Councils), there is still going to be a Fraternal Benefits Night on Mon. June 8th. All insurance sign-ups for the time being will be handled by phone and the honor system will be employed. Any brother interested in the rating of the fraternal insurance company should contact the Field Agent.

District Deputy’s Report: A number of the Knights attended last Thursday’s Webinar with Supreme. St. Max has 16 new members in 2020. Since

Supreme's goal for the Council this year is 9, it is well above what is needed to be a Star Council. With a prospective Spanish member to join the Council (He's supposed to do his CUF on Sun. @ 3 p.m.), that'll make 17, just one away from what's needed to become a 2-Star Council. The SP 7 is due the end of June. The District Deputy gave the reminder that an Insurance Seminar must be advertised. The State Convention will go ahead as planned, on Sat. May 23rd but naturally will be held online.

Faithful Navigator's Report: There will be a virtual meeting on Th. May 28th. Since we cannot visit with our Veterans in person, please pray for them. Hopefully ice cream socials can resume soon. Beginning Mon. May 11th church will be opened four hours daily, between 9-1 for people to pray. There is still not going to be any Masses said until further notice. It is urged that when people make a visit before the Blessed Sacrament, that they wear a mask and practice social distancing.

There were no Trustee's Reports

For the Good of the Order: The Attendees, Officers and Trustees prayed for the sick and the needy. The Lecturer defined prayer as being akin to an expression of love between two people who are in a close relationship and encouraged the Order to pray the rosary, a very intimate way of communicating with our Blessed Mother who intercedes for us to her Son and before the Father. Don't forget to make it to the final Friday, May 29th, to pray the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. The Grand Knight closed the meeting by leading us in the Pandemic Prayer to Our Lady.

This meeting was closed with no further business at 8:24 p.m.

I respectfully submit these minutes to the Officers and members of Council 11483 to the best of my knowledge.

John Sanders, Recorder Wednesday May 6, 2020