



Council 966

Knights of Columbus

PO Box 1672, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Council Meeting minutes for 1 Oct 2024– Madonna room at St. Henry

Note: meetings will be held in the Madonna room at the St. Henry Faith Formation building unless otherwise specified.

Meeting was called to order @ 7:15 PM by GK Vince Frederick (after completion of the Patriotic Rosary).

Roll Call

- Grand Knight – Vince Frederick -- p
- Deputy Grand Knight – vacant
- Financial secretary – LeRoy Jero -- p
- Advocate – George Baitinger – p
- District Deputy — Tim Bloom – p
- Trustee – Greg Jacobs – p
- Other attendees: Eric Guadiana, Brandon Kunkel, Tim Knoll, Eldon Schneider, Dave Staron, Joel Oliva, Linda Jacobs, Cathy Rush.
- Trustee - Steve Seberger -- p
- Chaplain – Fr. Kyle Tietz – a
- Treasurer – Stephen Larson - p
- Lecturer – Deacon Roger Polt – p
- Recorder – Tom Kirner – p

Minutes

- Grand Knight moved to accept the minutes of September meeting, with corrections, seconded by ___. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Total account balance: \$44,832.21. Expenses last month included our post office box fee, the tools and gate supplies for the school. Our bank does not offer CDs. We are checking other banks for CD opportunities.

District Deputy Report:

- The fraternal benefit structure for Knights has recently improved There is an upcoming virtual fraternal benefit explanation night on October 8th, at 6:30 PM, entirely in Spanish. It counts toward star council status, and it is a great opportunity to promote K of C membership to the Hispanic members of the parish. Attend at: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1686895&tp_key=1a9d7481e0
- Brother Knights and their spouses are protected in the event of their accidental death through an established death benefit (increased to \$5000).
- Insured members and their families can receive additional benefits, including the opportunity to purchase a guaranteed-issue life insurance policy on an uninsurable child with special needs or other medical diagnoses; and death benefits for stillbirths and miscarriages.
- Orphaned children of insured members are eligible for monthly payments and college scholarships upon the death of both parents.
- Widows of members don't need to remarry to do business with the fraternal benefit insurance.
- Visit kofc.org/faa for more details

Fall Tootsie Roll Drive:

- Eric Guadiana and Joel Oliva will co-chair the fall drive.
- Eldon Schneider will acquire the locations and permissions from business owners.
- Roger Polt will act as consultant.
- We will follow the practice used in spring: Thursdays and Fridays distribute Tootsie Rolls at stores; Saturdays and Sundays distribute before and after Mass only.
- Current list of members will be asked to work, pray, or donate as they are able.

Old business:

- St Francis School thanked us for gift towards tools and gates.
- Fr. Alan requested a list of the volunteers from Mary's Muscles "committee" that participated in the bathroom repairs. This is a group of members that commit to respond to requests for help on ad hoc projects. This group also recently helped with a very short notice project for a participant in the Christ Our Life conference.

New business:

- Carrie Seberger asked if we could cover some of the expense for transporting youth to Christ Our Life conference. There is also an Awaken conference that she would like to send youth to in October. An initial motion by Stephen Larson, seconded by Steve Seberger, was passed to cover transportation costs to the Awaken conference up to \$1500. Due to the amount, this motion would require a second reading at a later date. Due to the time sensitivity, an additional motion by Eldon Schneider, seconded by Steve Seberger was passed to waive the requirement for a second reading of this item.
- St Francis School's old cleaning machines were discarded during the period when they used contracted cleaning services. (Cost of the contracted services was almost \$40,000). Now that they have a janitorial staff again, there is a need to replenish this equipment. A motion by Stephen Larson, seconded by Steve Seberger, was passed to donate up to \$8000 for new cleaning equipment, with participation of experienced members in the purchasing process.

Reflections:

- Referenced the Holy Father's Monthly prayer intention in the Columbia magazine: "that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of the victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live."
- Prayers were requested for a recent recipient of Mary's Muscles assistance, whose daughter passed away.
- Participation in the Life Chain was encouraged (occurring towards end of Francis Fest).
- Fritz Polt was moved to a private room in the Story County Medical Center in Nevada, so was unable to participate in a virtual link to the Council Meeting as we had hoped. (He has since been moved back home, so perhaps we can try again.)

Meeting Adjourned ~ 8:45 PM

Next meeting: December 3 (Madonna room) [November meeting was cancelled]