



Council 966

Knights of Columbus

PO Box 1672, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Council Meeting minutes for 7 Jan 2025– 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 @ 7:10 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 – Timothy Bloom – a
- Trustee - Steve Seberger -- p
- Chaplain – Fr. Kyle Tietz – a
- Treasurer – Stephen Larson - p
- Lecturer – Deacon Roger Polt – p
- Recorder – Tom Kirner – p
- Trustee – Greg Jacobs – p
- Other attendees: Ron Timm, Eric Guadiana, Tim Knoll, Eldon Schneider, Dave Staron, Mark Dolash, Benito Yopez, Cathy Rush, and other guests.

Grand Knight's Annual Revue

Highlights of K of C activities for 2024:

- Lenten Fish Dinner Events for benefit of the St Francis School
- Flowers distributed to mothers at Mother's Day masses.
- Spring and Fall Tootsie Roll drives to benefit the intellectually disabled.
- Labor assistance to the Festival on First / Francis Fest to benefit the parish.
- Community Assistance (Mary's Muscles team)
 - Cleaned out a garage for an individual.
 - Cleaned out a home to assist resident.
 - Assisted with moving a disabled person from a second-floor apartment to a ground floor residence.
 - Built a lengthy sidewalk to allow a disabled person to utilize People Rides.
 - Built a handicapped ramp for another recipient.
 - Transported donated beds.

Financial Report:

- We received \$450 in donations, \$200 of which were earmarked for Culture of Life activities.
- We received thanks from the Polt family for our contributions towards Fritz' medical expenses.

- Expenditures on projects since the previous meeting were \$2,188.
- Total November bank balance: \$48,011.93
- We had reduced our investment balance from sale of the hall with the national K of C investment fund to extract the earnings, but accidentally withdrew twice the amount we intended due to a communications misunderstanding. We are still checking for CD opportunities for some of this balance.

Financial Secretary Report:

Annual notices of dues have been mailed to members.

Portion of dues payable to:

State - \$327.25

Supreme - \$703.50

New Members:

Six candidates have come forward. We will try to schedule an installation soon.

Insurance:

- If you hold an IRA with K of C note that Required Minimum Distributions begin at age 73.
- [Forge conference](#) is 1 March in Des Moines.

District Deputy Report:

(by Ron Timm)

- District push for Councils to achieve Star status.
- One fact driving recruitment efforts: Globally, K of C is losing 140 members a day to attrition.
- Be sure to get Safe Environment training for positions requiring it.
- 125th anniversary of the 4th Degree coming up. District would like 125 members to participate as honor guard in Des Moines.
- Silver Rose will arrive in Marshalltown in September.
- The Holy Family Icon is also travelling. Not sure it will come here.
- State Conference is April 4 through 6 in Dubuque.
- RSU program donated \$500 to a seminarian.
- An electric wheelchair is available if anyone needs one. Check with District.
- Jeff Wollick's wife (515-708 1494) has been repurposing 4th degree capes into lap blankets for veterans, should anyone like to contribute theirs.

Old business:

- On Dec 11, a virtual vote was held by email on a motion by Steve Seberger, seconded by the GK that the council reimburse the actual expenses for the sidewalk project that were born by participating members. Motion passed with 6 in favor and none opposed.
- On Dec 13, a virtual vote was held on a motion by the GK seconded by Tom Kirner that the council donate \$250 to CAP in coordination with the school district to help sponsor treats for families that don't usually get to experience a kid's Christmas movie. Motion passed with 6 in favor and none opposed.

New business:

- The SFC School Board Finance Committee noted that a recent review revealed that several curriculum materials need updating. Language Arts and Math should be upgraded this year and History in 2 years. We may be able to assist financially with a portion of that effort. A motion by Steve Seberger to contribute \$10,000 toward this need was seconded by Roger Polt. Discussion included thoughts about kicking off a community drive by making a contribution at the Fish Dinner program, and/or considering making it a matching gift. The motion passed first reading. A second reading will be required because of the amount.
- We are looking for the use of a vehicle that can accommodate a very large wheelchair, to provide a tour of the town for our brother Fritz Polt. Suggestions included checking with the Veterans Home via Deacon Tom and/or Bill Fisher.
- Men's CEW is scheduled for February 28 through March 2. Members are encouraged to participate in this Faith Formation event. Current tuition is \$120. We discussed the possibility of offering to pay half the tuition for members, and also contributing to scholarships for other candidates in need. The consensus was that the parish would not turn anyone away due to an inability to pay, and we would consult Fr. Alan after the event to discuss handling any shortfall.

Reflection:

The Holy Father has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year: "Pilgrims of Hope". A Jubilee is a holy year of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance, and acts of mercy. A pilgrimage requires prayer, reflection, and silence to discover our heart's deepest cries, and to discern the will and guidance of God. It beckons movement, sometimes physical, but always interior. Let us actively and humbly assist those in our community by contributing our hearts, hands, talents, treasure, and time.

Meeting Adjourned ~ 8:45 PM, with a prayer for all those in need.

Next meeting: February 4, (Madonna room)