



Council 966

Knights of Columbus

PO Box 1672, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Council Meeting minutes for 1 April 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 @ 7:00 PM by Eldon Schneider, in the Youth room, as the Madonna room was in use.

Roll Call

- Grand Knight – Vince Frederick --a
- Deputy Grand Knight – vacant
- Financial secretary – LeRoy Jero -- p
- Advocate – George Baitinger – p
- Trustee - Steve Seberger – p
- Chaplain – Fr. Kyle Tietz – a
- Other attendees: Heath Beck, Mark Dolash, Linda Jacobs, Tim Knoll, Eldon Schneider, District Warden Ron Timm, Immediate Past State Deputy Steven Vonnahme, Jerry Zeihan.
- Treasurer – Stephen Larson - p
- Lecturer – Deacon Roger Polt – p
- Recorder – Tom Kirner – p
- Trustee – Greg Jacobs – p
- Distr. Deputy – Timothy Bloom – p

Minutes – Accepted as distributed.

Lenten Fish Dinners

- Averaging 90 meals, \$1200 to \$1400 gross per night.

Financial Report:

- Total bank balance for previous month: \$33,402.97
- Paid out school donation and PO Box fee.
- Computed current balance: \$33,804
- Annual dues are still outstanding for about half of the membership roll.

125th Anniversary Conference

- K of C conference for the 125th anniversary was in need of 4th degree knights for the honor guard. A discussion of proper uniform (Baldric and dark suit jacket minimum) for such events ensued. Cost and availability of uniform items is provided at <https://knightsgear.com>. An estimate of \$500 would cover a standard complement.
- Steve Seberger moved that the council pay 50% of the actual cost for any 4th degree member who wants to acquire uniform components. (2nd by Greg Jacobs). Motion carried.

District and State Reports:

- May 25th will mark the Archdiocese of Dubuque participation in the National Eucharist Pilgrimage. The procession will pass through Marshalltown, and attend the 5 PM mass at St Mary. Knights of Columbus expect to participate in procession.
- Founder's Award is available to the council if we host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefits Events during the fraternal year and report same within 7 days on the state website. The required sum total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed 14 for councils with 100 or more members on their July 1, 2024 roster. Virtual FBE presentations will occur on May 7, 12, 28, and June 4.

Old business:

- Steve Seberger moved for a vote on the second reading of our prior proposal to donate \$10,000.00 to the supreme council disaster fund. (2nd by Roger Polt). Discussion revealed that the State disaster fund is also depleted. Motion was amended to split the donation equally between supreme council and state. Motion carried.
- The recipient of the Mary's Muscles project to build a sidewalk to the alley for wheelchair access to People Rides is gratefully making good use of same after being confined to her house for several years.

New business:

- A motion by Roger Polt (2nd by Tom Kirner) to agree in principle to support the VFW in obtaining security improvements for their facility, was passed. Eldon Schneider agreed to make contact with the person in charge of our local VFW to ascertain how we might help in improving their security issues.
- Guiding Star wishes to provide a local puberty education opportunity for boys (Agents on a Mission) as a counterpoint to their girls' program (Cycle Show Workshop). Training for presenters and preview of the program will involve expense for travel and materials. A motion by Steve Seberger, seconded by Stephen Larson, was carried to provide a donation of \$500 towards this expense.
- We have two transfers into Council 966 to process: Craig Diggins and Fr Kyle. It was suggested that the transfers could be performed via their cell phones.
- We have about 10 potential candidates for exemplification. Eldon Schneider will set up installations with Vince Frederick.
- Altoona Council does 4th degree installations every November, so we could combine ours with theirs.
- We haven't provided flowers and perpetual memorials for deceased knights in the last few years. We could include recognitions from the interim period at the next scheduled memorial, or start over from current year.
- We proposed to send a note to the funeral homes and pastors to inform families that they must *request* a K of C honor guard for a deceased knight. We can't contact the family ourselves. We could perhaps provide loan of K of C regalia items for display with the deceased's memory photos and documents if desired.
- We provide flowers for mothers at all masses on Mother's Day as a budgeted item. With 1200 families, we will likely need about 800 flowers. Eldon Schneider will get an accurate count and place the order.
- We can be reimbursed \$100 for every \$500 we contribute to: Food for Families, Aid and Support After Pregnancy, and RSVP for seminarians.

Reflection:

Lecturer Deacon Roger said, “Pope Francis has said that the phrase, “...and lead us not into temptation’ “may be translated as, “... and let us not be led into temptation...”

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM, with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting: May 6, (Madonna room)