

Knights of Columbus Council 9053

Meeting Minutes 5 June 2024

Ocean City, MD

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer, led by Deacon Bob, St Luke parish, and the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 pm by Grand Knight Jim Matthews

Attendance: Roll call was taken.

2023-2024	KOC Officers		2023-2024	KOC Officers	
<i>Chaplain</i>	Rev. Lance Martin	Excused	<i>Lecturer</i>	Dave Dancer	Present
<i>Grand Knight</i>	Jim Matthews	Present	<i>Advocate</i>	Tom Irwin	Excused
<i>Dep Grand Knight</i>	John Sharkey	Present	<i>Inside Guard</i>	Richard Thomas	Present
<i>Chancellor</i>	Charles Lutz	Absent			
<i>Warden</i>	Ed Mardaga	Present	<i>Outside Guard</i>	Richard Fox	Present
<i>Recorder</i>	Robert Pellenbarg	Present	<i>Trustee</i>	Bruce Coons	Present
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Dale Shepard	Present	<i>Trustee</i>	Charlie O'Brien	Present
<i>Treasurer</i>	Tom Foglesong	Present	<i>Trustee</i>	Tom Herwig	Present

Minutes: The minutes from the May 2024 meeting are displayed and need to be approved; approved with one change regarding an attendance.

Membership: New Knights and Transfers welcomed to the Council

Transfers: Ron Pichini, Scott Wulff, and Gary Mann

New Knights: Bill Wood, Tom Celozzi, Eric Melendey, Bill Jester, Anthony Criscuola, Robert Skalstad, Tony Tedeschi, James Helvig, and Jess Facello

Grand Knight Report: Jim Matthews

Final reading of the Officers Slate for the 2024 – 2025 year. SK Ken Hidenfelter was nominated from the floor for position of Grand Knight; SK Hidenfelter accepted. Final slate:

Chaplain: Fr Lance Martin

Grand Knight: Ken Hidenfelter

Deputy Grand Knight: John Sharkey

Chancellor:Chuck Lutz

Warden:Wayne Straight

Recorder:Chris Bean

Financial Secretary:Dale Shepard

Treasurer:Tom Foglesong

Lecturer: David Dancer

Advocate: Bill van Horn

Inside Guard:Richard Thomas

Outside Guard:Richard Fox

Trustees: Bruce Coons, Tom Herwig, and Charles O'Brien

- The completed slate was voted in by unanimous vote. Congratulations to the new Officers for Council 9053!
- The membership drive at local churches of 18 – 19 May was very successful with 8 new Knights and 3 transfer Knights signing Form 100.
- There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Social at the Hall on 12 June from 5 – 7 PM. All are invited to enjoy fellowship, burgers, dogs, corn-on-the-cob, fixins' and such. Please mark your calendars.
- Training for Seafood Night volunteers will be 20 June at 11:00 AM after the Thursday Rosary session. Team 1 (Richard Thomas) is in need of volunteers. Three (3) Knights at tonight's meeting stepped up to assist Team 1. Thank you!!!
- Father Martin will be transferred to Holy Savior parish soon as Fr Solomon transfers to Immaculate Conception parish near Wilmington, DE. There will be a reception for Fr Martin at the Hall on 23 June, 12:30 – 2:30 PM; please attend to wish Fr. Martin well in his new position.
- There was a \$1,000 pay out at Bingo last Friday, 31 May.
- Newly constituted Breakfast Committee members Joe Gangi, Tom Herwig, John Sharkey, and Frank Gatley are seeking a chair. Please consider joining the Committee to help craft an updated approach to our Breakfast with the Knights program.
- At the May meeting there was a motion proposed, briefly examined, and voted on. However, the very abbreviated procedure failed to follow established procedure, especially with regards to discussion. Thus, the motion and vote is declared null and void.

- As of 31 May, Council 9053 has approximately \$71,000 in savings and approximately \$5,000 cash on hand for a solid financial posture.
- There was a general discussion regarding updates to the Council Prayer list, and updates regarding condition of those Knights and relatives who are on the list.

Chaplain Report: Fr. Lance Martin: **None**

Treasurer Report: Tom Foglesong: **None**

Reading Communications:

Thank you from St Luke Parish for the \$500 donation

Thank you from Most Blessed Sacrament School for the \$500 donation

Thank you for prayers and support from Paul Harman

Thank you from Walk for Kids for the \$500 donation (amount not mentioned in note)

Thank you from St. Mary Star of the Sea / Holy Savior Parish for the \$500 donation

Thank you from Boardwalk Buddy Walk for donation (amount not mentioned in note)

An award (certificate) from Supreme for success in Food for Families program, 2024, was received

Names of new Knights and Transfers were read for the record. See above. Welcome all new Council 9053 Knights!

Chancellor Report: Charles Lutz, none

Financial Secretary: Dale Shepard

All new members were encouraged to update needed information via the KoC website. Note that \$30 new member fee is waived for new Knights. Please contact me with any questions, and make sure all Form 100 forms are completed in detail. All requests for membership status (e.g. advantages as related to age), acknowledgement for success in recruiting, and so forth are handled directly on the KoC website.

Trustee Report: **None**

4th Degree: Faithful Navigator Tom Herwig

The Community Awards were held May 16, 2024. Seven (7) awards were presented to fire, police, and prosecutors. Knight of the Year was awarded to Kevin Hughes and Lady Knight of the Year was awarded to Celia Fox. The Assembly is working with State to secure an Exemplification for new 4th Knights in the Fall. There are over 200 Knights in the Council who are eligible to advance to Sir Knight status. If 20 candidates step forward, the Exemplification will be held in Ocean City. Please step up!

Columbus Club: Tom Irwin

Program Committee: Director Tom Pergola

There were no awards for Council 9053 at the recent State Convention. Four Knights from the Council carried a canopy during an event at Holy Savior recently. The effort was well received by the Parish. Could the canopy event be expanded to other Parishes? There is a call for a new Program Director as Tom is stepping down. Ed Mardaga and John Sharkey visited MBS to present awards for the Free Throw event last February. The Council has been challenged to a Corn Hole show down with Salisbury and Pocomoke Councils as rivals. The event will be July 20, 2024, in Salisbury, indoors with A/C. Corn Hole practice will begin after Assembly meeting next week. There will be a Blood Drive at the Hall on July 18, 2024. Tootsie Roll drive will be at St John Neumann on July 6-7, 2024, at all Masses.

Bingo: Tom Anderson:

\$1,000 payout at last Bingo on May 31, 2024. The funds should be replaced over the Summer as Bingo attendance usually increases in that time frame. Volunteers always welcome at all Friday Bingo events.

District Deputy: Joe Gangi

Sincere thanks to SK Jim Matthews for leading the Council over the past very successful year. Please consider viewing the "Cabrini" movie. Ticket sales initially repay the investors who supported production of the movie, and additional funds above and beyond this expense will pass to the Cabrini Foundation to support establishment of schools, medical facilities and such which was the focus of St. Francesca Saverio Cabrini.

Additionally:

Short parable concerning the 10 Commandments presented.

For the Good of the Order: no additions

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. Deacon Bob from St. Luke led us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert Pellenbarg - Recorder

Chris Bean - Recorder elected June 5, 2024. First official day as Recorder will be at the July 10, 2024, meeting. Per request of Grand Knight Ken Hidenfelter, I have re-formatted some of these minutes and made some minor revisions for ease of reading.