

Knights of Columbus Council #9053

Meeting Minutes July 10, 2024

Ocean City, MD

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:37 pm by Grand Knight Ken Hidenfelter

Attendance: Roll call was taken.

2023-2024	KOC Officers		2023-2024	KOC Officers	
Chaplain	Rev. Lance Martin	Excused	Lecturer	Dave Dancer	Excused
Grand Knight	Ken Hidenfelter	Present	Advocate	Bill VanHorn	Present
Dep Grand Knight	John Sharkey	Present	Inside Guard	Richard Thomas	Present
Chancellor	Charles Lutz	Present			
Warden	Wayne Straight	Present	Outside Guard	Richard Fox	Present
Recorder	Chris Bean	Present	Trustee	Bruce Coons	Excused
Financial Secretary	Dale Shepard	Present	Trustee	Charlie O'Brien	Present
Treasurer	Tom Foglesong	Excused	Trustee	Tom Herwig	Present

Minutes: The minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting were approved as written and e-mailed to the members.

Membership:

Transfers: Ron Pichini. Richard Thomas made a motion to approve the transfer and it was seconded by Charles Lutz. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

New Knights: Ed Sandman and William Franey. Eddie Mardaga made a motion to approve both applicants and Charles Lutz seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Grand Knight Report: Ken Hidenfelter

The GK recognized the following previous officers: Jim Matthews, Bob Pellenbarg, Tom Irwin, Eddie Mardaga, and Dave Dancer.

Dress Code: not needed; however, business casual is recommended. Dress professional and you will be treated as such.

Installation of the new members will be held on **Wednesday July 24, 2024**. Light fare afterwards.

Treasury – deposits are \$1,200 more than withdrawals per Tom Foglesong. The \$400 check made payable to the Gray Center was located. Tom Pergola will verify whether it has been delivered.

The bi-annual audit of the Knights of Columbus Council #9053 is due by **August 15, 2024**. Will be working with Tom Foglesong regarding the financial report (revenue and expense) to complete this task.

We have a new Knights of Columbus insurance agent: **Ed O'Keefe**. We will reach out to him and invite him to the next meeting.

Membership Drive: there is a state program referred to as "Quick Start", which waives \$1,000 off our dues provided we can get 15 new Knights registered by **September 30, 2024**. We have 347 members in our council. We need to reach out to those members who are not active and ask why. Ask them why they joined. Ask them why they are still here. Offer to bring them to the meeting. Let's increase attendance!

The cornhole tournament will be held **Saturday July 20, 2024**, at 9:30 AM at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church in Salisbury, MD. The Pocomo Council is competing also. Food will be provided. We will carpool and leave Columbus Hall around 8:15 AM.

Richard Thomas indicated the blood drive will be **Thursday July 18, 2024**, between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM at Columbus Hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please donate!

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser – John Sharkey confirmed the following dates at St. Luke's Catholic Church: **August 3 & 4, 2024**, and **August 24 & 25, 2024**. The tentative dates for Holy Savior Catholic Church are **August 17 & 18, 2024**. Tom Anderson indicated the tootsie roll drive at St. John Neumann was held on **July 6 & 7, 2024**, and went well. They made \$1,317. St. Andrew's Catholic Church is closed for the summer.

Charity Funds Committee – Richard Thomas reported they met on **Tuesday July 9, 2024**. They have donated **\$4,100** to nine (9) different organizations. They closed out the fiscal year with \$39 in slots and \$42 in BINGO.

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

Treasurer Report: Tom Foglesong: **None**

Reading Communications: Chris Bean reported no letters of appreciation received this month.

Chancellor Report: Charles Lutz: **None**

Financial Secretary: Dale Shepard emphasized the ease of going to the website for new members of the Knights of Columbus. The \$30 membership fee is automatically reduced to \$0 when you apply on-line. The website address is www.kofc.org

Trustee Report: **None**

4th Degree: Faithful Navigator Tom Herwig reported that our Seafood Nights are underway. Team 1 headed by Richard Thomas held the first one on **Tuesday July 2, 2024**. The second one was held on **Tuesday July 9, 2024**. Both went well and raised approximately \$1,000.

Columbus Club: Richard Thomas asked for volunteers. The Columbus Club needs a new President and Treasurer. The club will meet on **Wednesday September 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM**. GK Hidenfelter recognized that Richard needs help. According to our directory, Richard fills nine (9) different positions within our council.

Program Committees: new Director John PaoloTeluzzi (?) introduced himself. He is working closely with Tom Pergola to get up to speed as he is a new member of the Knights of Columbus as well. Thank you for stepping up to take on this important role!

Bingo: Tom Anderson reported the Fiscal Year total for BINGO was **\$62,977**. Every week, BINGO requires 56 man-hours to make it run smoothly. He expressed his sincere appreciation and special thanks to the volunteers by identifying them by name. He also thanked the Lady Knights for providing the treats. On **July 5, 2024**, BINGO had 98 players and took in **\$2,658!**

District Deputy: Joe Gangi welcomed our new Grand Knight Ken Hidenfelter. He also referenced the "Fast Start Program" mentioned earlier by our Grand Knight. In reference to recruiting new members, Joe recommended find good men, talk to them. The Faith In Action Program convention has been held in Annapolis at the Crown Plaza; however, it will be coming back to the Eastern Shore. It has been determined at the last State meeting that "sweepstakes" can be mailed. He has 120 tickets. The prizes are \$7,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. The split is 60-40. New protocol: in the past, two (2) signatures were required on all bank checks. Supreme has determined now we only need one (1) signature. Joe emphasized the need for redundancy for officers so that information can still flow. Every officer should have a "vice officer" a second, a deputy. Joe will continue the practice of the mentoring program by meeting with new members for 10 – 15 minutes after the meetings on what we do as Knights and how we do it.

Additionally: Jim Stone indicated we have a new back door to Columbus Hall, which is a welcome relief for those working in the kitchen. He also reported we will be manning the beer wagon on the boardwalk for the "**Sunfest**" event being held on **October 24, 25, and 26, 2024**. To address the motion that was improper back on May 1, 2024, meeting, Jim made a motion to eliminate the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Knights. It generated quite a bit of discussion on the merits of the motion and the procedural effects. The motion was finally put forth by Jim as follows: "**Knights of Columbus Council #9053 shall no longer have children's party events at any time in the Council Hall.**" The motion was seconded by Joe Lazzari and voted on. The motion passed 24 ayes and 6 nays.

For the Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM. GK Hidenfelter led us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Chris Bean, Recorder