

Knights of Columbus Council #9053

Meeting Minutes September 4, 2024

Ocean City, MD

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

Attendance: Roll call was taken.

2023-2024	KOC Officers		2023-2024	KOC Officers	
Chaplain	Rev. Lance Martin	Excused	Lecturer	Dave Dancer	Present
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	Joe Carraro	Excused
Financial Secretary	Dale Shepard	Present	Trustee	Charlie O'Brien	Excused
Treasurer	Tom Foglesong	Present	Trustee	Tom Herwig	Present

Minutes: The minutes from the August 7, 2024, meeting were e-mailed previously and posted in the back. They were approved at the end of the meeting as there was one revision required to clarify the trustee replacement for Bruce Coons. Sir Knight Coons passed away this week.

Membership: Jack Kelly provided the following information on transfers and new Knights:

Transfers: John Cummins and Joseph Bove. Both recruited by James Stone

New Knights: Caesar Aldana and William Frances. Recruited by Frank Gatley and Richard Thomas respectively.

A motion was made by Tom Anderson and seconded by Jack Kelly to approve the transfers and the new Knights. The vote passed unanimously.

Grand Knight Report: Ken Hidenfelter

The Knights of Columbus audit is complete and signed and ready to be sent to Baltimore.

Joe Kostelac has agreed to be the "point man" for our "Helping Hands" program. As you know, it required 23 trips and seven drivers to assist Bruce Coons for his medical appointments. We want to make sure that any one of our brother Knights who are in need get the help. That could include a medical illness, communion, or death in the family.

The first dial-up rosary session will be on **September 5, 2024, @ 10:00 AM**. The call-in phone number is 848-220-3100 and the group ID# is 905300. We generally have 15 to 20 people in person for the recitation of the rosary at Columbus Hall. Please join us for this prayerful event every week.

We need a Knight volunteer at each of the three Catholic parishes to get a current list of Knights of Columbus members at each parish. Unfortunately, Dale Shepard is unable to glean this

information from the Knights' membership lists. The three parishes include St. Luke's, St. John Neumann, and Holy Savior. Please follow up with the GK.

REMINDER: Our end of summer party is scheduled for **September 29, 2024**, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on the deck at Columbus Hall. Live music will be provided by the band, "The Short Term Memories." Bring a dish and the ladies are invited! Please R.S.V.P. when you receive the e-vite.

GK will be on vacation from **September 11 – 23, 2024**. In his absence, Deputy Grand Knight John Sharkey will be in charge.

GK asked if there were any other nominations for trustee to replace Bruce Coons. He asked three (3) times. After hearing none, Bill Van Horn made a motion to approve Joe Carraro as our trustee and Tom Foglesong seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was approved unanimously. Welcome Joe and thank you for your support.

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

Treasurer Report: Tom Foglesong

For Financial details contact Treasurer SK Tom Foglesong.

The funeral for Richard Cooke will be held on **September 16, 2024, at 2:00 PM** at the Maryland Veteran's Cemetery in Hurlock, MD. The funeral for Bruce Coons will be held on **October 11, 2024**. Visitation will be at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 11:00 AM, and the mass at 12:00 Noon. There will be a lunch afterward at the Lighthouse Sound Golf & Country Club. E-mails will be sent with additional information.

Reading Communications: Chris Bean

He reported that we received letters of appreciation during August from a number of people for our \$500 contributions to the following places: St. Luke's Catholic Church, Most Blessed Sacrament School, Holy Savior Catholic Church, and the Ocean City Fire Department.

Chancellor Report: Charles Lutz: **None**

Financial Secretary: Dale Shepard

Dale indicated he had a number of badges to distribute. In addition, the cost for donating 12 boxes of coats is **\$3,360**. A motion was made to authorize this purchase and seconded by Bill Van Horn. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously. Also, we signed up eight (8) new Knights in July, but only six (6) in August. Dale mused that the audit was not submitted on time, but it will be next time. The next Exemplification will be on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**. If we get one (1) more Knight member, we will receive the **\$1,600** discount in per capita expense! Let's make it happen.

Faithful Navigator: Tom Herwig

Tom requested he combine this section with "**Community Director**" section. He indicated the Assembly meeting will be **Thursday September 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM**. As indicated in previous meetings, the Assembly is re-forming the "Color Corps" with new uniforms. There is an event entitled "**Seize the Day**" being held on **September 6, 2024**, on Route 54 at the Baptist Church

next to Fenwick Float-ors gift shop. There will be flags, banners, and Assembly boards in conjunction with the “fast parade.” Participants in the parade will be police, fire, and schools.

Tom referenced “bring them to the beach” but he did not elaborate. Not sure what he meant. He referenced a sponsored bike ride involving Wayne Straight. He requested that you sponsor Wayne financially as he attempts to eclipse the 5,000-mile mark. All proceeds go towards **Tunnel To Towers** (T2T.org). Tom also reminded everyone about the “Operation We Care” program, which is an effort to send much-needed supplies to our troops.

Faith Director: Steve Mastbrook – No Report.

Life Director: Kevin Hughes – suggested that Catholic men vote for life. Think about the issues surrounding abortion and do the research before selecting candidates and voting.

Trustee: Tom Herwig

Tom said that after discussions with the Grand Knight and the Treasurer we will be re-instituting a former financial protocol with respect to spending. That is, the Trustees will work with the Treasurer to review each expenditure over \$500.

Kitchen Manager – Kevin Hughes

Kevin indicated even though we lost a freezer and our propane went down twice, we had a good summer season. Last year, we sold 109 dozen crabs, this year we also sold 109 dozen crabs. We made **\$22,552.46** on our Seafood Nights, which was a 15% profit. Restaurants in the area did not fare as well. Next year, we may have to increase the price a few percentage points to ensure we cover the cost of credit card usage and taxes.

Columbus Club: Richard Thomas

The parking lot re-paving project is complete and looks good. The next Columbus Club meeting is scheduled for **September 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM @ Columbus Hall**. We still need a president and a treasurer. Please consider coming to this meeting to find out more and consider volunteering. Thank you. Also, there will be a blood drive on **Wednesday November 27, 2024**, the day before Thanksgiving. There is a sign-up sheet in the back.

Assembly Trustee: Jim Stone

Reminder: Ocean City Sunfest, which is **October 24, 25, 25, and 27, 2024**. We will be manning the beer booth. We need volunteers. We have made as much as \$25,000 in previous years. All shifts are only 2 ½ hours. Jim also praised the work of Kimberly Bean, who has volunteered to be the Knights of Columbus Facebook Page master. The page has seen in an increase in visits and engagements. Other Knights of Columbus councils have stood up and taken notice. Great Job Kimberly.

Program Committees: John Paolo Celozzi – No Report.

Bingo: Tom Anderson

We have had a good summer. We could use some more help. Volunteers would only need to help one week a month. We have made \$16,000 in the last two (2) months. We are hoping for a strong September. Half of the money we make goes to charity!

District Deputy: Joe Gangi

Congratulations and a big thanks to Grand Knight Ken Hidenfelter for all of his efforts as our Grand Knight. He has been tireless. REMINDER: Joe has state raffle tickets for sale. The prizes are \$7,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000. Also, Dick Bissel is working with the Lady Knights on a widows' program. This year, the Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday December 4, 2024**, in place of our regular council meeting. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities.

Lecturer: Dave Dancer

Dave provided a parable about a frog. He also told the story of Joe McGivney (related to Fr. McGivney), who was an alcoholic and suffered from mental illness, but worked his way back in God's graces by joining the Knights of Columbus and turning his life around. Joe wrote a book entitled, "**You're A Miracle!; My Story of Alcoholism, Miraculous Healing, and God's Infinite Power and Love.**"

New Business: All of the officers of the Council have volunteered to take a list of 20 names of Knights of Columbus members to call them and determine if they are still viable members. We need six (6) more volunteers from the membership to assist with this effort. Get a hold of GK or Tom Foglesong to volunteer for this very important mission.

Bob Marlowe attended the meeting. He is the insurance field agent for the Knights of Columbus for this year. He emphasized the special Catholic history of the company and offered to sit privately with any BrotherKnight who needs or would like to discuss insurance and/or investment products.

Additionally: Deputy Grand KnightJohn Sharkey

The Tootsie Roll drive is over and netted **\$4,403.85**. Thank you DGK Sharkey for spearheading this effort and thanks to all the brother Knights who helped out at Church!

For the Good of the Order:Tom Foglesong gave us an update on Brother Sal Castorina's hospital adventure.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM. GK led us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:Chris Bean, Recorder