



St Matthias Knights of Columbus Council 16945

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight, Vic Senese at 7:00 pm.

The following officers were present: Grand Knight Vic Senese, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Jankauskis, Chancellor Tom Turey, Recorder Jim Lambert, Treasurer Xavier Mendoza, Advocate Sam Brune, Warden Bill Burke, Inside Guard Terry Tomera, Outside Guard Greg Filipowski, Trustee 1 Year Tim Kreke, Trustee 2 Year Mike Havens, Trustee 3 Year Ron Simko.

There were 16 members present.

The minutes of the March 3rd meeting were presented for approval. After correcting two errors in the minutes (correct balance should be \$6630.15 and Knight's Mass is on Sunday May 4th), a motion was made by Mike Havens accept the minutes as amended and seconded by Ron Simko. Motion carried.

In the absence of the Chaplain, Deacon Greg presented members with the Monthly Challenge. This month we are challenged to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as COR) your parish or diocese, or online.

Grand Knight's Report

- The Council has received a \$5000 donation.
- The Bible Study led by Deacon Brad is going well. There are just two sessions left.
- The Spaghetti Dinner generated a little over \$900. The money will go towards the Scholarship Fund.
- Corporate Communion attendance was down from the previous two. Should we continue this event? Consensus was to continue.
- Gibault has informed the Council that we have earned the 5 Star award for donations to them.
- Gibault has sent a thank you for the hole sponsorship at their golf outing.
- We have received a request from Valparaiso K of C Council to help them fund a Baby Box for Valparaiso.
- A request was made by supreme to donate towards their annual appeal.
- Tootsie Roll Drive is Saturday, May 3rd.
- Catholic Charities will have their annual golf event on June 9th at Innsbrook Country Club.

Financial Report

We have a balance of \$7277.65.

We still have two 6-month \$5000 CD's.

Membership Report

The Membership Committee met prior to this meeting to generate ideas for recruiting new members.

Program Report

- Vic has been able to schedule the following activities:
 - Saturday, April 12th Bunny Breakfast
 - Saturday, May 3rd Tootsie Roll Drive
 - Sunday, May 4th Knights Mass
 - Tuesday, May 6th Campagna Clean-up
 - Thursday, May 8 Off Square Brewery Tour and Tasting
 - Wednesday, June 11th Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Devotion
 - Sunday, June 22nd Pancake Breakfast
 - Saturday, August 2nd Mommy Recess
 - Saturday, August 16th Pork Chop Dinner
 - Sunday, August 24th Pancake Breakfast
 - Wednesday, September 10th Council Informational Presentation
 - Sunday, October 26th Pancake Breakfast
 - Saturday, November 8th Chili Supper
 - Saturday, April 25th Spaghetti Dinner

District Deputy Report

- There will be a Blue Mass on Saturday May 5th at St James the Less in Highland.
- Mike will be the Councils delegate to the State Convention.

Old Business

- The Pick 7 donation approved at last month's meeting needs to be sent.
- Awarding the 2025 Scholarship could possibly be made during the Knights Mass. Vic will check to see if that is okay to do.

New Business

- Mike Havens made a motion that the Council donate \$100 to the Valparaiso Council to assist in funding a Baby Box. Seconded by Tim Kreke. Motion carried.
- Tom Turey made a motion that the recent donation received by the Council be placed in a CD. Seconded by Ron Simko. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Ron Simko and seconded by Sam Brune that the Council will pay for expenses for Mike Havens who will be representing the Council at Convention. Motion carried.
- Sam Brune suggested that we look into getting shirts for the wives who have been assisting at council events.
- There will be a slate of officers prepared for the May meeting. Any current officer not wanting to continue in that office should let his intentions be known to Vic.

Worthy Lecturer

- As one gets older it seems that time goes faster. Everyone should make their time valuable and use their time wisely

The meeting adjourned at 8:02

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 12 th	Bunny Breakfast, Hall 9-12 (workers should be there by 8
Saturday, May 3 rd	Tootsie Roll Drive, street corners of Crown Point, 9-12
Sunday, May 4 th	Knights Mass(Mass in honor of the anniversary of our charter), 8 am Mass
Monday May 5 th	Council Meeting, Double Classroom 7pm
Tuesday, May 6 th	Campagna Clean-up, Campagna Campus, 4-6 pm
Thursday, May 8	Off Square Brewery Tour and Tasting (RSVP by 5/1 , \$20 a person, 6 pm
Monday, June 2 nd	Council Meeting, Double Classroom, 7pm
Wednesday, June 11 th	Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Devotion, Chapel, 6pm

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