



Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All
 Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J., Council 10937
 Business Meeting – Feb 11, 2017

I. General

- Gary Mayfield, Grand Knight, called the council meeting to order at 8:15 AM.
- In place of Bill Hensen, Tony Mancuso offered the opening prayers.
- The council recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- The Grand Knight called for the role of officers, status is: (P = Present; A = Absence; E = Excused)

Title	Status	Title	Status	Title	Status
Chaplain	P	Financial Secretary	P	Inside Guard	P
Grand Knight	P	Treasurer	P	Outside Guard	E
Dep. Grand Knight	E	Lecturer	P	Trustee 3 rd Year	P
Chancellor	E	Advocate	P	Trustee 2 nd Year	P
Recorder	P	Warden	P	Trustee 1 st Year	E

- The business meeting minutes for January 2017 were read and approved. Dave Martz provided the motion, John Alfeld seconded, there was no discussion, unanimously approved.

II. Applications for Approval – Dennis Thumann

- One transfer and one new member application.
 - Transfer is for Larry Jansen coming from Council 11116, Carefree Arizona. Dennis Thumann read in the Form 100 and provided the first motion to accept, Joe Regnery provided the second, no additional discussion ensued, unanimously approved.
 - New member Form 100 is for Zach Conley, Brother Shawn Conley’s son, Dennis Thumann read in the Form 100 and provided the first motion to accept, Dave Martz provided the second, no additional discussion ensued, unanimously approved.

III. Grand Knight Report – Gary Mayfield

- Correspondence:
 - Four thank you notes received:
 - Pax Christi’s St Elizabeth Pantry (see attachment pg.8).
 - Life Steps (see attachment pg.9).
 - ARC for the money received from the annual Tootsie Roll Drive (see attachment pg.10).
 - Special Olympics for the same (see attachment pg.11).
 - In recognition of getting a new member before the end of 2016, the council received from Supreme a print of the St Theresa of Calcutta portrait painting (see attachments pg(s).12 & 13).
- Other
 - St. Katherine Drexel Gala fundraiser is scheduled for February 24, the council is hosting two tables, there are two seats are left.
 - KOC Annual State Convention
 - May 4 - 7 at the Marriott Hotel, Denver Tech Center, I-25 and Bellview.

- Over the four days there are a number of activities and events going on such as the Memorial Mass for deceased members, the Awards Ceremony, the Chaplin Appreciation Dinner on Thursday night, May 4, and the Convention Formal Dinner on Friday night, May 5, just to name a few.
 - In terms of formal business the council needs two voting delegates, which traditionally is the Grand Knight and past Grand Knight. Therefore, Dennis Thumann nominated Gary Mayfield and Joe Musso, and provided the first motion to accept, Joe Regnery provided a seconded, no additional discussion ensued, unanimously approved.
 - The council audit is scheduled for today and will take place after the business meeting.
 - Safe Environment Training, initial and refresher, are scheduled for February 13 starting at 5:30PM.
- Pennies from heaven.
- Knight of the Month for January – Bernard Stancati
- Family of the Month for January – Homar Alvarado and family.

IV. Chaplain's Report – Father Marek

- Extending from his sermon on religious spirituality, Father stressed that while getting good turnouts at events, like the last spaghetti dinner, is important, in the final analysis this can be considered acting. Ultimately the council needs to focus on the spiritual nature of these events and not on how large the turnout was. Our efforts in these activities should be directed towards enhancing and advancing the religious spirituality of the domestic church. With Lent coming up soon, the council is planning on serving fish tacos three times during Lent after Stations of the Cross. With that in mind Father reminded those present that coming for tacos should not be the main focus, coming to stations is. Therefore, our participatory leadership in Friday stations, along with other religious events such as Ash Wednesday mass, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, daily mass, rosary services etc., should be the priority. Bottomline, while feeding parishioners' stomachs is fine, the feeding of their souls should take priority.

V. Treasurer's Report – Joe Regnery

Report handed out at the meeting (see attachment pg.7).

- Bank Balance - \$26,233.11
- Outstanding Checks - \$5,297.72
- Hailey Funds - \$1,312.06
- Lady Knights - \$846.25
- Available Funds - \$18,777.08

VI. Financial Secretary's Report – Dennis Thumann

- Report handed out at the meeting (see attachment pg.7). The figures are in balance with the Treasurer's report.
 - Receipts - \$1,020,00
 - Expenses - \$1,725.33
 - Bank balance - \$26,233.11
 - There is a negative cash flow of (\$705.33), the result of recent activity.
- Council dues for calendar year 2017 are now due.
- A gift donation of \$500.00 was given to the Pax Christi's St. Elizabeth pantry.
- Money has been sent to State to have six deceased council members enrolled in the State's Perpetual Memorial Society. The deceased members will have 100 masses said on their behalf, with the surviving

family members receiving a certificate. Additionally, the deceased will eventually have their names engraved on the Perpetual Memorial Society plaque.

VII. Auditor and Trustees – Chris Kennedy/Paul Sciera/Joe Musso

- The 2017 audit is scheduled to take place after the February 11 business meeting
- Nothing else to report.

VIII. Chancellor's Update – Tim Pimmel (given by Alan Brown)

- Alan led the prayer for vocations.
- Nothing else to report.

VIV. Committee Reports – Given by Gary Mayfield for Bill Hensen

a. **Membership – Roger Giudici/Brennan Mendus** (given by Gary Mayfield)

- Exemplifications:
 - Council First Degree Exemplifications;
 - None for February.
 - Mar 21, 7PM, candidate is Zach Conley.
 - Apr 8 – Possible exemplification, decision will be made by March 21.
 - June 10 – Possible exemplification, decision will be made by May 16.
- First Degree Team.
 - Practice dates and times
 - May 16, 7PM
 - Roger is soliciting members to join the team as understudies to the main cadre.
- Roger is looking at doing a membership drive on March 18 and 19.
- As always, everyone's help is needed in recruiting new members, and one of the best ways to recruit is to ask.

b. **Church Director Report – Dermot O'Doherty**

- Sunday donuts are ongoing per the schedule.
- Nothing else to report.

c. **Community Report – Bob Luckner/Ford Fay/Dan Doran** (given by Gary Mayfield)

- 40 Cans-For- Lent is scheduled for April 8. Since the council has a surplus of money via the Thanksgiving Basket drive, instead of asking for monetary donations we will be soliciting the parish for canned goods.
- Council is looking into doing an electronic equipment recycling weekend via the "All Green Recycle" company. This will be a fundraising event for the parish. A possible time frame is tentatively set for April 29. On the day, there will be a need for manpower to load and unload items. Joe Regnery has for action.

d. **Council Activity Report – Nereus Lobo/Paul Sciera**

- Breakfast Burritos
 - The last one was on January 29, it raised over \$700.00.
 - The next one is scheduled for February 26.
- Planned date for a Denver Rescue Mission event is April 29.
- Highway Cleanup is scheduled for May 20. Paul Sciera has for action, more to follow.

- Council monthly socials:
 - For January, the social was the Pax Christi Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that took place on 20th.
 - For February, the social is scheduled for the 17th at the Rectory, Father Bierbaum is the host.
 - For March, the social will be the Kennedy's annual St Patrick Day party, scheduled for the 18th.
- Fish Tacos will be coming up, to be held three times during Lent after Stations.

e. **Family Report** – Tony Mancuso

- Spaghetti Dinners
 - The first one for 2017 was held on January 28. It was a big success, approximately 200 parishioners came to eat, and 19 Knights helped with setup and cleanup. It raised \$772.00.
 - The next one is scheduled for May 13, Mother's Day Weekend.
- The council is soliciting the membership for additional ideas.

f. **Right to Life Report** – Mike McGinnis

- The council has a new Right to Life Banner. Mike is planning on putting it in a different location in order to avoid it being stolen.
- Memo from the "Forty Days for Life" campaign headquarters (see attachment pg.14).
- Upcoming events/activities:
 - "40 Days for Life" will start on March 1, with the preliminary devotional prayer being sent on February 28.
 - "40 Hours for Life," a new activity that may involve doing a bus trip to pray in-front of the Colorado Springs, or Denver, Planned Parenthood Building. Mike has for action and is taking the lead on this effort. He plans on working with Father Bierbaum to develop a way forward for the initiative, more to follow.
- Baptisms are being scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays.
 - The 1st is to be the 8:30AM mass.
 - The 3rd is to be the 10:30AM mass.
 - "The Rose for Motherhood" program is ongoing.
- Mike continues to encourage people to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood building.

g. **Youth Report** – Alan Brown/Ben Stancati

- The council college scholarship contest is now underway.
 - Information on the contest, along with application paperwork, has been distributed. Three students have asked for applications.
 - Contestants must have their entries in by April 5th.
 - Winner selection will take place after the April 8th business meeting, reviewers are needed.
- There are a number of Youth Group activities planned for February, March, and April, such as the Middle School Rally; food drive, and various classes/meetings.
 - Alan solicited the membership to try and get engaged in some of these.
 - A complete list of activities can be found on the church bulletin board near the door to the front office.
- Conversely, Alan is petitioning the Youth Group to get involved in some of the council's activities and has sent Chenele a schedule of events. Additionally, in order to advance a more collaborative spirit, he is in the process of developing a combined calendar that will include both Knights and Youth events. Eventually when he gets some feedback from Chenele the intention is to either publish or use a sign-up genius format to solicit both council members and youth to volunteer.

- Discussion also ensued on making sure council member attend Pax's Safe Training classes, either the initial or refresher as appropriate. Both are scheduled for February 13 starting at 5:30PM.

h. Newsletter

- Gary continues to send in the meeting minutes/agenda as our newsletter, nothing else to report.

X. Advocate's Report – Dave Petteys

- Nothing to report.

XI. Unfinished Business

- None.

XII. New Business

- Homar Alvarado gave a pitch for an organization that he is associated with, the "Vacations for Warriors" program. It is a national program geared towards helping veterans, disabled or otherwise, who for various reasons cannot afford to take a vacation trip. He requested a donation of \$250.00 dollars be given by the council to the organization. Dennis Thumann spoke in favor of it, yet mentioned that it was not budgeted. Nevertheless, Dennis made a recommendation that the money could come from our general fund. He provided a motion to take the \$250.00 dollars from the council's general fund. Dave Martz provided a second, no additional discussion ensued, and the motion was unanimously approved.

XIII. 4th Degree Report – Dave Petteys

- Ushering for mass and the bringing up of the gifts.
 - For the 8:30AM mass, the assembly does both, and for the 10:30AM mass it is gifts only.
 - The assembly ushered and brought up the gifts for the February 5, 8:30AM mass. Nothing was done for the 10:30 mass.
 - The next one is scheduled for March 5.
- 5th Sunday Rosary event.
 - The last one was held on January 29
 - The next one is schedule for April 30.
 - This is in support of Supreme's "Building the Domestic Church" program.
- Quarterly memorial mass.
 - As per a previous request from Father Greg, possible perspective dates, to include mass intentions, have been submitted to Father for review and de-confliction of schedules.
 - The first memorial mass is scheduled for March 4 at 9AM, its intention is to honor all deceased council members
- A 4th Degree Exemplification is scheduled for February 25 at North Glenn.
- The Assembly is looking to provide an honor guard for Confirmation on May 24.
- The assembly will be supporting, via sponsorship, the following activities:
 - The purchase of vestments for Father Bierbaum.
 - The purchase of a traveling mass kit.
- Assembly dues for calendar year 2017 are now due, the first billing statement notice has been sent.

XIV. Field Agent Report – David Cary

- None

XV. District Deputy Report – Bernie Kuta

- Bernie briefly mentioned some of the events coming up like the Annual State Convention in May, which starts on Thursday night with the Chaplin Appreciation Dinner. In addition, he talked about an initiative taken by three councils in Elizabeth to provide a headstone that is to be placed in the local Catholic Cemetery honoring still born children and miscarriages. Yet recently, however, a gentleman, who just lost his wife and is buried near where the headstone is to be placed, donated money to cover the cost of the project. Bernie then finished up by thanking us for our hard work, and stating that since our council is in very good shape there is really nothing major for him to report on.

XVI. Good of the Order

• **Lecturer – Alan Brown/Ben Stancati**

Alan's topic for the month of February concerned the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (see attachment pgs.15 & 16.).

- The following associated family members and friends are in need of both spiritual and/or material assistance: Bridget Mosley, Loren Hensen, Dennis and Michelle Cullen, Neal Pugh family and Calista, Dave Herskovits, Michael Lobo, Tom Sathre and Bob Ehle (good friends of Ben Stancati), George Hensen, Kattie Martindale (Ron Gerber's granddaughter), Kathy Spence, Ilene Mayfield, (Gary's sister-in-law), Frank Hensen, Herb Engler, Monic Conley, Brian Schessor (RIP), Jan Regnery (Joe's mom), Larry Call, Emma Eldridge, (Joe Regnery's mother-in-law), Ken Tahmassebi (Gary's good friend), Ben Stancati, Ann Sears, Kathy Martz, Brian Murphy, Art Meyers, Joe Musso, William Otsott (Ben's brother-in-law, RIP), DeAnn Craig, John Staley (RIP), Jacob Donaldson, members of our council that have passed, and those on the parish prayer chain list.

XVII. Chaplain's Summation – Fr. Marek (given by Father Bierbaum)

- As part of the closing prayer, Gary read out of the KOC blue prayer book for February 11.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM. *Minutes recorded and reported by Ben Stancati*

-----Attachments/Correspondence/ Other Documents-----

2/1/2017			
Receipts	Dues	\$	1,020.00
Total Receipts:		\$	1,020.00
Expenses	Supplies	\$	87.89
	Major Degree	\$	35.00
	Assessments	\$	1,102.44
	Thanksgiving	\$	500.00
Total Expenses:		\$	1,725.33
Cash flow:		\$	(705.33)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT			
DATE:	1/31/2017		
	December	January	
BANK BALANCE	\$ 26,831.54	\$	26,233.11
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 5,190.82	\$	5,297.72
HAILEY FUNDS	\$ 1,312.06	\$	1,312.06
LADY KNIGHTS' FUNDS	\$ 846.25	\$	846.25
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 19,482.41	\$	18,777.08

Reconciliation between Financial Secretary and Treasurer	
Bank Balance end of last month	\$ 26,831.54
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 5,190.82
Plus Current Month deposits	\$ 1,020.00
Less Current Month Checks	\$ 1,725.33
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 5,297.72
Expected Bank Balance	\$ 26,233.11
Actual Bank Balance end of current month	\$ 26,233.11
Difference	\$ -

Gary,
On behalf of St. Elizabeth's Parley
I wanted to Thank you
& the Knights of Columbus for
your generous donation of \$1000.00.
The need is great - last
year we supported close to
100 separate families with non-
perishable foods and items that

can't be purchased with
food stamps. Your
donation is a critical
part of us being able
to deliver services.

Thank you so much
Gary!
Gus Bliop
Jean Perry
201-910-1970



Our Friends at Knights
of Columbus,

Thank you for all of the
hard work & sacrifices
made by your team to
bless the families we
serve with Thanksgiving
Dinner! We saw smiles of
gratitude, tears of joy
and heard heartfelt thanks.
May God continue to
bless you all abundantly
for your kindness and
generosity!

Blessings ~
Kim Torres,
LifeSteps Director



Arapahoe & Douglas Counties

For people with intellectual
and developmental disabilities

Achieve with us.

January 3, 2017

Knights of Columbus Council 10937
Dennis Thumann
7086 Lionshead Parkway
Littleton, CO 80124

Dear Members of Council 10937:

On behalf of The Arc Arapahoe & Douglas Counties, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for your generous donation of \$1,208.60 from your annual tootsie roll drive.

Your donation will be used to enhance our efforts to insure the highest quality of life for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With your support, we hope to accomplish our goals of providing services to individuals, as well as their families, through advocacy, education and community connections.

Our Mission Statement maintains: The Arc Arapahoe & Douglas Counties uses advocacy and education to include all children and adults with disabilities, and their families, in their communities.

The Arc Arapahoe & Douglas Counties is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. No goods or services were provided to you in return for this gift.

Again, thank you for your generous donation and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Carol Meredith
Executive Director
FIN #: 23-7272795

*Thanks so much
for continued support!
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December 31, 2016

Dennis Thurman
Financial Secretary Council #10937
7086 Lionshead Parkway
Littleton, CO 80124

Dear Dennis,

On behalf of Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO), I would like to extend our deepest appreciation for your financial support in the amount of \$1,208.60. SOCO's mission permeates through the entire organization. It can be seen in the eyes of the athletes, in the excitement of their parents, coaches and family members when they watch the athletes compete, and in the dedication and hard work of the people behind the scenes - the staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors.

For every person with a family member who has an intellectual disability, Special Olympics Colorado is a symbol of hope. Our year-round programs of sports training and athletic competitions give over 20,000 Colorado Special Olympics athletes the chance to test their courage, show their determination and build their self-esteem.

Because of your support the organization has made a meaningful difference in the life of *every athlete* who participates. And by changing an athlete's life, we will continue to expand community awareness, and forge a path of acceptance for these inspiring individuals. With each generous donation we are able to enhance our programs in order to continue offering over 100 events annually for our athletes. We are also able to reach out to potential participants throughout the state of Colorado. I invite you to choose an event from our website (www.specialolympicsco.org) and join us for a few hours. I promise you a day of hope, joy, inspiration and incredible athletic competition.

Again, our sincerest gratitude for your generosity,

Mindy Watrous, President & CEO
Special Olympics Colorado

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Knights or Financial Secretaries of Qualifying Councils
FROM: Al Cala, Director of Membership Development *AAC*
DATE: January 2017
SUBJECT: St. Teresa of Calcutta Canonization Portrait

Please accept this fine reproduction of the official canonization portrait of St. Teresa of Calcutta for your council to display at a prominent location. We recommend that you frame it and have your chaplain bless it.

Your council has earned this portrait by recruiting at least one new member during the second quarter of the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year.

This portrait was commissioned by the Knights of Columbus as a gift to the Missionaries of Charity and painted by renowned American artist Chas Fagan. A banner image of the portrait was displayed on the façade of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican during the canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

St. Teresa of Calcutta embodies the true essence of charity, which is our first principle, making this portrait an appropriate reward for membership recruitment. One of the highest gifts that we can extend to a fellow Catholic is to invite him and his family to become a part of our fraternity. If the Knights of Columbus has changed our lives for the better, then let us share these blessings with other Catholics. A new member is also a blessing to the council, for he brings a lifetime of experience and a different point of view, which is sometimes needed to invigorate and renew morale.

Please visit our website at kofc.org/incentive to stay informed on the latest promotions and how your council can earn the prestigious Star Council Award.

Congratulations and thank you for earning this beautiful portrait by your recruitment efforts.



From Shawn Carney - 40 Days For Life :

The president of the Pontifical Academy for Life visited 40 Days for Life headquarters in Bryan, Texas -- the former Planned Parenthood abortion center that now serves as our offices -- and said that what you're doing is a "work of miracles."

The Pontifical Academy for Life is the Vatican office that serves as a voice for the sanctity of human life. As the pope's appointed representative, Archbishop Paglia is the Catholic Church's authority on life issues ... and his visit was a great honor.

Archbishop Paglia gave 40 Days for Life his official endorsement last fall, after learning about the effort that he described as "life blooming like a flower." He complimented 40 Days for Life for "working with all Christians to share the love of Jesus Christ to change hearts and minds. Changing laws is not enough; we must change hearts and minds."

The archbishop also challenged 40 Days for Life to continue to grow, referencing what Jesus did by starting with just 12 apostles. "They had no strategy, only sandals and faith in Christ. It was simple and it changed the world -- and this is what you are doing for the Gospel of Life."

Following his meeting with 40 Days for Life staff and board members, he said, "When you let yourself be guided by the gospel, miracles do happen, and the world is no longer the same. And it's not just buildings that change. It's hearts."

He also referenced Mother Teresa's example to all Christians in her willingness to take care of any "unwanted" child.



The Story of Our Lady of Lourdes

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: “O Mary conceived without sin.”

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was “something white in the shape of a girl.” She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning “this thing.” It was “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm.” Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Reflection

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is

not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *The Song of Bernadette*: “For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”