



Meeting Date: 11_Nov_05_2020

Knights of Columbus Council #7904 was called to order at 7:00 PM by

GK Michael Grimes

- The Salutation Table was positioned by Worthy Warden
- Worthy Warden reported 31 Members Present
- Worthy Warden reported 0 Visitors Present
- Worthy Warden reported 0 Insurance Guest
- Worthy Warden reported 1 Special Guest
- Worthy Warden reported 10 Officers Present
- Worthy Warden reported 6 Officers Excused

BR Dan Leesley.

Divine Blessing Prayer (Our Father) led by:

Deacon Richard Conn

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by:

GK Michael Grimes

The Council's 2020-2021 officers roll call:

BR Allen Schaffner

• Worthy Chaplain	Father Maddu	Excused
• Worthy Grand Knight	Michael Grimes	Present
• Worthy Deputy Grand Knight	Marcus Ray	Excused
• Worthy Chancellor	Ed Padilla	Present
• Worthy Recorder	Allen Schaffner	Present
• Worthy Financial Secretary	Clarence Jordan	Excused
• Worthy Treasurer	Mike Mannebach	Present
• Worthy Lecturer	Deacon Richard Conn	Present
• Worthy Advocate	Bill Ritchie	Excused
• Worthy Warden	Dan Leesley	Present
• Worthy Inside Guard	Jack Terry	Excused
• Worthy Outside Guard	Bob Salas	Present
• Worthy Outside Guard	Dick Polfliet	Present
• Worthy Trustee 1 Year	PGK John Reiken	Excused
• Worthy Trustee 2 Years	PGK Paul Mansberger	Present
• Worthy Trustee 3 Years	PGK Mark Goetz	Present

Worthy Chaplain Message:

Fr. Maddu

No message, as FR Maddu was unable to attend the meeting.

The Worthy Recorder Past Meeting Minutes:

BR Allen Schaffner

On motion made by BR Jerry Schevers, seconded by BR Herb Young, and unanimously approved, the reading of the 8 October 2020 meeting minutes was waived. Printed copies of the minutes are available, and the minutes are uploaded to the Council 7904 website: <http://www.kofc7904.org/meeting-minutes.html>.

Membership Director Report:**BR Jim Pergo**

- It was announced that there will be a “live” CUF exemplification at Holy Cross on November 23. Sign-in begins at the back of the Church at 6:30pm, and the exemplification begins at 7:00pm. Families are invited. We will “social distance”, and masks will be required.
- There was a “Modified Delta Drive” (recruitment drive) on October 17/18. The GK informed the Brother Knights that this drive resulted in 8 new candidates for Council #7904.
- For the current Fraternal Year, Council #7904 has a New Member goal of 14 BR Knights. So far, we have gained 2 new members, but we lost 1. We need to gain 13 new BR Knights by June 30, 2021 to achieve our membership goal.

Grand Knight Report**GK Michael Grimes**

- The GK thanked the BR Knights for coming to this meeting---the first in-person meeting since March. If things go as planned (and the Covid cases in Mesa don't spike), our next Council Business Meeting will be held on December 3 in Anderson Hall. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30.
- Communication will be disseminated by email. Watch daily (Updates from AZ & Supreme). The GK's emails will come from the Supreme email address.
- If not receiving email – let the GK know
- Leave No Neighbor Behind – Contact the GK if you would like to participate.
- St Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to make deliveries, especially on Wednesdays. Volunteers work in teams of 2, and drop donations at the doors of the recipients. (Due to pandemic issues, volunteers no longer enter homes.)
- Blood Drive – Due to the pandemic, donations of blood have decreased. In order to assist the Blood Bank, we have scheduled the Bloodmobile to come to Holy Cross on November 29. Blood donors can request a free Covid antibody test from the Blood Bank. Contact GK Mike Grimes if you would like to participate.
- Good of the Order Prayer list – Update the GK to add or remove names
- Child Protect – any BR Knight who needs the Foundations class should contact the Office. The GK can assist those BR Knights who need the renewal class (which can be completed online).
- Food Handlers Card (Some need to renew). BR Paul Mansberger is collecting the Food Handlers paperwork from the BR Knights as they renew/receive their licenses.
- We do not have a firm date to resume the Coffee & Donut program.
- The GK reminded the BR Knights that volunteers are needed to assist during weekend masses. The office has set up an online Ministry Scheduling program. BR Knights can access this program to sign-up to be ushers, sanitizers, etc. Please contact Laura Spaugh in the Parish Office for details.
- Fr Larry welcomes the participation of Adult Alter Servers at weekday masses. Contact Laura Spaugh if you are interested.
- Our Order's Founder, Fr Michael McGivney, was Beatified at a Mass in Hartford, CT on October 31. Fr McGivney is one step closer to sainthood.

Worthy Treasurers Report as of October 31, 2020**BR Mike Mannebach**

- BR Mike's reports detailed the following:
- Council #7904's cash on hand (Checking Acct + CD) on 10/31/20 was \$21,618.68
 - Bank of American checking account: \$11,615.83
 - CD: \$10,002.85
- Other Assets (Dues Receivable): \$0
- Total Assets: \$21,618.68
- Total Liabilities: \$0
- Total Liability + Equity: \$21,618.68

- BR Mike noted that in October we wrote off \$1320 of uncollectable dues.

Worthy Financial Secretary Report:**BR Clarence Jordan**

- No report.

Trustees Report**BR Paul Mansberger**

- No report

Parish Council Report**BR Armino Castlehanno**

- BR Armino reported that the Parish Council is holding live meetings again.
- The Parish is planning to hold Adult Formation classes in the Spring. Classes will include a study of Revelations. More info will be forthcoming.
- Youth Programs have been severely impacted by Covid. Some programs have experienced enrollment decreases of 50%-70%.

DGK Program Reports:**GK Michael Grimes****Faith in Action Chairman****BR Paul Mansberger**

- The GK informed the BR Knights that he is placing "Pray the Rosary" cards by our booklet kiosks in the back of the Church (both English and Spanish). These cards are geared towards getting youth involved with Praying the Rosary.
- Each Wednesday from 5:00pm – 6:45pm the Parish has a Holy Hour and Rosary, followed by Mass at 7:00pm. BR Paul hangs up the Council Banner at these Wednesday Holy Hour/Masses.
- BR Paul has sold off our remaining 2019 stock of Christmas cards. Due to issues with the supplier, we were not able to purchase cards in 2020. BR Paul has a few Advent Wreaths still available for \$10 each.

- BR Paul is working with the RE department on the Keep Christ in Christmas poster program.
- BR Dan Leesley reported that the Rosary Sunday celebration was a virtual event this year (Sunday, October 18). It was very well attended (virtually). He fully expects the 2021 Rosary Sunday celebration to be held as an “in-person” event.
- Nathan Blanchard, the seminarian supported by our Council, sent us thank you note for the check we sent to him earlier this year. BR Paul now has Nathan’s current address.

Family Programs

BR Mark Goetz

- BR Mark said he checks the kiosks in the back of the Church 2-3 times per week. Please let BR Mark know if you notice that the racks need to be refilled.
- BR Mark reported that in October 2020, Council members donated 1566# of food to St Vincent de Paul. So far this Fraternal Year, our Council has donated 4,294# of food. We are on track to exceed last year’s record donation amount.
- The Annual Phoenix Diocese Golf for Vocations Tournament will be played on Thursday, November 19. BR Mark needs to know if we will field a team. He asked for immediate notification if any BR Knights would like to play. He has 2 spots open.
- As in the past, BR Knights are encouraged to help St Vincent de Paul with their upcoming food drive. The dates are November 7/8 to pass out the bags after masses, and November 14/15 to collect the full bags prior to Masses.

Community Service

BR Ed Padilla

- BR Ed Padilla detailed the service projects performed in October:
 - On October 10 and 17, landscaping at the Church was done by the Knights and the Spanish Ministry group. BR Ed said we will continue to partner with the Spanish Ministry group on future landscaping projects.
 - On October 24, BR Knights and the Spanish Ministry group spread 40 tons of landscaping rock at the Church, and another 10 tons at the rectory.
 - BR Gerry Schevers is working hard on the Parish Bazaar and the Parish Rummage Sale. The Bazaar will be held on November 21/22; the Rummage Sale is scheduled for February 2021. So far, BR Jerry and his group have had 15 “Call outs”, where they collected items from 26 residences. As of Nov 5, 14 BR Knights have participated in these collections, and they have logged 265 man-hours of work.
 - BR Allen Schaffner reported on the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The purpose of this contest is to help young people become active citizens who are grounded in faith. The topic for this year’s contest (grades 8-12) is: *how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it.* We had one participant, a 10th grader who wrote a very good essay about how his faith has helped him during his grandfather’s medical issues. The Essay

Committee (BR's Allen, Ed Padilla and Joe Trentacoste) will present the winner with a \$25 Target gift certificate. The essay will be entered into District / State and perhaps National contests.

- BR Jerry Schevers said 2 or 3 wheelchairs have been donated to the Parish Rummage Sale. The Council discussed if we could use these chairs for our Wheelchair Program. DD Tom White said these could definitely be used for the Helping Hands program.
- DGK Marcus Ray sent the GK a message saying that he sold the aluminum cans from the Can Drive. He has \$23.20 from this sale to add to the Christian Relief Fund (aka the "Fr Jun" fund). We send money every year to Fr Jun, who left Holy Cross about 5 years ago and now runs a mission in the Philippines.
- BR Allen Schaffner updated the Council on the upcoming "Coats for Kids" Drive. We will be collecting new coats (kids and adults), T-shirts, and socks during the November 21/22 SVdP food drive. We will give these coats/shirts/socks to deserving people in our Parish.

St. Vincent de Paul

BR Joe Kamal

- SVdP is holding a food drive in November. Empty food bags will be distributed after masses on Nov 7/8. Full bags will be collected prior to masses on Nov 14/15. Please note "K of C" on the bags that you drop off.
- BR Joe thanked the Council for all the work that is put in at SVdP. BR Joe said he is proud of Holy Cross's SVdP, and he is proud to be a Knight of Columbus.

Council Social Activity Chairman

BR Dan Leesley

- No report

Old Business:

GK Michael Grimes

- None

New Business:

GK Michael Grimes

- The GK said that a parishioner who resides in Springdale Assisted Care has asked him to help her find a dog-walker. (Due to Covid, she is unable to do this herself.) Any BR Knight who is interested should talk with the GK.
- The GK told the Council about BR Hector Torres' 90th Birthday "virtual" celebration. One of BR Hector's granddaughters arranged this party, where people could celebrate "virtually" with BR Hector. The GK said this was an example of how we can all look out for our neighbors and fellow Brother Knights---truly "leave no neighbor behind".

Report of the 4th (Patriotic) Degree:

SK Mike Grimes

- The next Assembly meeting will be held on November 9 in Anderson Hall. Eleven new SK's will get their membership cards at this meeting.

Field Agent Insurance Report:

BR Tom Pickard

- No report.

State District Deputy District 27 Report:

DD Tom White

- The DD commended the Council on the work and effort being put forth during the pandemic. He said that he counted 9 programs actively being worked on by Council #7904. DD Tom advised the Council to continue supporting charities during the pandemic. He said there is no need to keep money in “a rainy day” fund---he noted that the “rainy day” is right now.

Worthy Grand Knight Presentations:

GK Michael Grimes

- None

For the Good of the Order

GK Michael Grimes

- Pray the Rosary for our fellow Knights that are sick or have gone before us.
- Keep those included on the list in the Grand Knight’s Newsletter in your prayers.
- The Grand Knight’s Newsletter is posted <http://www.kofc7904.org/Newsletter.html>
- If you are aware of anyone that would like to be added to / taken off the prayer list, contact GK Michael Grimes, or DGK Marcus Ray.
- Deacon Richard Conn told the Council about a book he and his wife recently read: “Consecration to St. Joseph”, by Ronald Calloway. Deacon Richard highly recommends this book, especially during these times where the traditional family is under assault.

Closing Prayer led by:

GK Michael Grimes

- The GK led the Council in the Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

The Grand Knight adjourned the meeting at:

8:10PM

After the meeting, BR Paul Mansberger won the 50/50 raffle. He donated his winnings to the “Christmas Family” collection, which was held after the meeting ended.

Recorded by Council 7904 Worthy Recorder:

BR Allen Schaffner

Date: 11/6/2020

Vivat Jesus