

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:05 pm by Grand Knight *Joe Gangi*.

Attendance: Roll call was taken:

2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E/A	2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E/A
<i>Chaplain</i>	Fr. John Lunness	Present	<i>Lecturer</i>	Tom Brown	Present
<i>Grand Knight</i>	Joe Gangi	Present	<i>Advocate</i>	Tom Foglesong	Excused
<i>Dep Grand Knight</i>	Frank Celeste	Excused	<i>Inside Guard</i>	Rich Thomas	Present
<i>Chancellor</i>	Steve Mastbrook	Present	<i>Outside Guard</i>	Ed Nichols	Present
<i>Warden</i>	Jim Crabill	Present			
<i>Recorder</i>	Don Kyle	Present	<i>Trustee 3 Year</i>	Wayne Straight	Present
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Tom Herwig	Excused	<i>Trustee 2 Year</i>	Tom Irwin	Present
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joe Carraro	Excused	<i>Trustee 1 Year</i>	Jim Matthews	Present

Chaplain’s Message: *Fr. John* reminded the council that Lent was approaching and that we should seriously consider “giving up something we enjoy” as a sacrifice. He stated that even though we “fall” in our commitment, we should try, try again to return to the sacrifice. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the sacrament of Reconciliation at any one of the area parish penance services.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 1, 2017 and the January 17, 2018 meetings were sent to many via email and posted on the back wall for all to read. With no corrections, the minutes from both previous meetings were approved as written.

Membership:

In the excused absence of *Frank Celeste*, GK reminded the council of the upcoming degree exemplifications: Second Degree on Thursday 2/15/18 in Salisbury, Third Degree on Saturday 3/3/18 here in Ocean City at St. Andrew’s Parish Center, and the Fourth Degree on Saturday 3/24/18 in Ocean City at the Princess Royale Hotel.

Special Guest: GK introduced *Ken Fischer* from the St. Ann’s Parish Men’s Club who encouraged all to register for their 2-Day Lenten Retreat on Tuesday 3/6/18 and Wednesday 3/7/18 held at St. Ann’s Delaney Hall in Bethany Beach, DE. Cost is \$35.00. Retreat master is Fr. Stan Esposito, Pastor of St. Mary’s/Holy Savior Parish in Ocean City, MD. See flyer.

Grand Knight Report:

GK reminded the council that we will be marching in the Ocean City St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Saturday 3/17/18. Parade begins at noon. Also, our Annual Awards Night will be held on Wednesday 4/18/18 beginning at 7:00 pm.

GK introduced Brother *Roy Foreman* who is handling his “Ride Share Program”. Roy reminded the council that he has sent an email message to everyone requesting that they respond with

their updated contact information and if they need a ride to meetings. Responses with your updated information can be emailed, sent via US Mail, or telephoned to Roy.

GK announced that the previously postponed recruitment drive for St. Luke's will be held the weekend of 3/3-4. GK will speak at most masses (*Wayne Straight* will speak at 8:30 am Mass) but he needs volunteers to distribute information. He is hoping to use a DVD visual loop.

GK mentioned that the January Simple Supper was "sold out" and a great success. The next Simple Supper will be held on 2/28/18 conducted by *Tom & Jen Irwin* and it will feature a "chili cook-off", some mild, medium, and hot. There are 7 people currently registered to prepare Chili and the number will be capped at 10 or 12. Anyone interested in preparing Chili needs to see *Tom Irwin* for further details. The March Simple Supper will be held on 3/28/18 and conducted by *Tom & Valerie Herwig*.

GK reminded the council that we are now planning for our summer crab nights and we need volunteers to help with the dinners, especially as a co-chairperson to assist *Tom Foglesong* and *Joe Gangi*. Rich Thomas volunteered to serve as a co-chairperson.

GK announced there will be **NO** social meeting this month (February) and our next regular meeting will be Wednesday 3/7/18.

GK reminded the council that on 2/19/18, we will conduct the annual Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon to honor the ladies and all the help they give our council. We need men to volunteer as servers, bar tenders, and cooks. Workers are reminded that the dress is black slacks, white shirt, and black tie. *Wayne & Mary Straight* will cook their special 'chicken' and lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. Workers should report by noon.

Treasurer's Report: In the excused absence of Treasurer *Joe Carraro*, GK announced that our checking balance was \$46,467, and our savings balance was \$25,524.

Reading of KOC Communications:

1. Received a thank you letter from **Sr. Connie Ladd of the Little Sisters of Jesus & Mary** for our recent donation to their 12th annual Joseph House Charity Golf Tournament.
2. Received a thank you note from the **Faculty & Staff of Most Blessed Sacrament ES** for our recent donation.
3. Received a thank you letter from **Peggy O'Malley, Chairperson of the Parish at the Beach Golf Open**, for our contribution of a hole sponsorship.
4. Received a thank you letter from **Nancy Howard, President of Ocean City Lifesaving Station Museum**, for our recent donation.
5. Received a thank you letter from **Karen Guenther, Executive Director of Semper Fi Fund**, for our recent donation.
6. Received a thank you letter from **Chris Clarke from Ocean City Recreation Boosters "Swing for Youth Golf Open"** for our recent donation to their program.
7. Received a thank you letter from **Heather Duma, Director of Development for Coastal Hospice**, for our recent donation.
8. Received a thank you letter from **James Lester, President of Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company**, for our recent donation.

9. Received a thank you letter from **Sr. Marilyn of The Little Sisters of Jesus & Mary and The Joseph House** for our recent donation.
10. Received a thank you note from **Robin Derrickson, Director of Cold Weather Shelter** for our recent donation.
11. Received a thank you note from **Mike & Mary Lou Carozza, St. Luke's Christmas Giving Tree Program**, for our donation of \$150.00 which was used to remove tags from the tree and dray expenses.
12. Received a thank you note from **The NOEL Community** for our recent donation to their Shepherd's Crook Feed the Needy Program.
13. Received a thank you note from **Ron Pilling of The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund**, for our recent donation to assist them in the prevention of teen suicide.
14. Received a thank you letter from **Claudia Nagle, Executive Director, Diakonia**, for our recent donation of 34 boxes of food.

Financial Secretary Report: In the excused absence of Financial Secretary *Tom Herwig, Carl Windmiller*, Purser of the 4th Degree, has been handling deposits of dues money and keeping all appropriate records.

A motion was made and seconded to create procedures for getting members who are delinquent in paying dues resolved quickly so that this process does not linger into September. GK explained the current procedures being used are mandated by Supreme and that he and the Financial Secretary are handling those who are 'delinquent in dues' as expeditiously as possible. GK and council praised the work done by our Financial Secretary in 'clearing' our membership of delinquency. As a result of the discussion, the motion was tabled.

Program Committees:

- **Youth:** *Joe Hook* stated that the "Hoop Shootout" will be held on 2/10/18 at Most Blessed Sacrament School beginning at 9:00 am. About 12-14 workers are needed and they should get there by 8:15 am. Following our "Hoop Shootout", the district "Hoop Shootout" will be held starting around 10:30 am.
- **St. Vincent de Paul:** GK reminded the council that food and money are needed.
- **Church:** *Steve Mastbrook* stated that the council will sponsor a seminarian in First Theology, his name is Connor Hardy.
- **Right-to-Life:** Brother *Bill McGarrity* announced the following events associated with "Right-to-Life": 2/22/18 – MD Legislative Night in Annapolis; 3/12/18 – MD March-for Life in Annapolis; 3/30 – The "Life Chain" in Bethany Beach DE; 4/21/18 – The Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center Gala at the OC Convention Center from 5-10 pm, and will include a silent auction, 50/50 Raffle, and dancing. More details will be forthcoming.
- **Community:** In the excused absence of *Tom Foglesong, Jim Crabill* announced the Annual KOC Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday 3/30/18 at 10:00 am. Workers are needed on Friday at 9:00 am to assist with setting up this event. Prizes are also needed.
- **Council:** Tom Anderson announced that the State of Delaware has tabled their "assisted suicide" bill. He also stated that he will need help conducting the weekly Bingo Nights because shortly he will undergo knee surgery. *Dave Hesch* volunteered to assist Tom with Bingo. Tom also reminded the council that we still need bingo workers.

4th Degree: The upcoming 3/17/18 Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon will be conducted by the 4th Degree and they will be inviting the “Home of the Brave”. The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be on 3/24/18 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City and anyone who wants to make that degree must contact *Wayne Straight* ASAP. On Sunday 5/6/18, the 4th Degree will conduct a special breakfast (Sunfest Weekend, KOC Convention). The next meeting of the 4th Degree will be Thursday 2/15/18 beginning 6:30 pm.

Color Corps: Neil Foote thanked all the brothers that participated in the “Right-to-Life” Mass & Breakfast held at Holy Savior Church last month.

Columbus Club Corp: CC President *Jim Matthews* announced that the new Columbus Hall keypad entry system installation has been delayed until 2/20/18. Jim stated that he is still interested in installing a camera to monitor the main entrance foyer on a 24 hour loop, and he invites anyone to submit a cost proposal for the work. Jim stated that he is aware of issues with the ‘snow removal’ during our recent 12” snowfall. He is in the process of getting proposals for snow removal from contractors and has opted not to purchase a snow blower.

Old Business: GK distributed “Knight-of-the-Month” and “Family-of-the-Month” certificates that have been in our files for months.

New Business: GK asked the council if they would be interested in having another Lenten Retreat for our council here at Columbus Hall. Council agreed that would be a great idea and *Steve Mastbrook* and *Fr. John* will handle the plans.

Tom Irwin asked the council if there was interest in attending a Shorebirds Game in mid-June similar to past years but not opting for the “picnic dinner”. Council showed interest in this idea.

Lecturer: Tom Brown continued to educate the council on the duties of the officers. All officers must be at least 3rd Degree members. The Recorder, who is elected, records all the minutes, keeps track of all correspondence, and handles written communications. The Lecturer, who is appointed, provides “pearls of wisdom” while educating the council. The Advocate serves as “parliamentarian” keeping all meetings in order and running smoothly.

Adjournment: GK reminded the council that we have the rosary here in the hall at 11:00 am every Thursday. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Kyle, Recorder

Call to Order: After a First Degree Exemplification, the meeting was called to order with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:55 pm by Grand Knight *Joe Gangi*.

Attendance: (Due to the lateness in starting, the GK mentioned that this was an “abbreviated, informational meeting” only. Roll call was not taken.)

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Membership

Four men were read into the minutes: one new member **Joseph Lazzari**, and three transfer members **John Plevyak, William Ponton, Thomas Hannon, Jr.** All were accepted as members.

Grand Knight Report:

GK announced his new “ride program” designed to help brother Knights who want to attend monthly meetings but are unable to drive.

GK reminded the council that on 2/19/18, we will conduct the annual Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon to honor the ladies and all the help they give our council. We need men to volunteer as servers, bar tenders, and cooks. *Tom Irwin* volunteered to serve as chairperson of this event.

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GK mentioned that the November Simple Supper conducted by *Jim & Dee Matthews* was “sold out”, and the Christmas Party was a great evening. The next Simple Supper will be held on 1/24/18 conducted by *Rich Thomas & Joe Gangi* featuring salad, garlic bread, and stuffed shells. The February Simple Supper will be held on 2/28/18 and conducted by *Tom & Jen Irwin* and it will feature a “chili cook-off”.

GK announced the Annual State KOC Convention will be held in Ocean City on 5/4-6 and we need volunteers to help with our hospitality room at the Princess Royale Hotel.

It looks like we will have a new room with a better location. Other than hospitality room workers, all brother Knights are reminded that they must register for the convention and display their registration badge as they walk about the exhibits and hospitality rooms.

GK reminded the council that we are now planning for our summer crab nights and we need volunteers to help with the dinners, as well as with weekly bingo nights. With the ongoing illness of *John Postanowicz*, *Tom Anderson* is the man to see if you want to help at bingo.

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GK reminded the council that we will be marching in the Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade on 3/17/18. Parade starts at noon followed by a corned beef and cabbage luncheon here at Columbus Hall. Volunteers are needed to work the luncheon.

Program Committees:

- Youth: *Joe Hook* stated that the "Hoop Shootout" will be held on 2/10/18 at Most Blessed Sacrament School beginning at 9:00 am.
- St. Vincent de Paul: *Frank Celeste* stated that the society needs funds to help defray expenses for food for the needy. Frank encourages all Knights to donate \$1.00 per month to this cause. *Tom Irwin* mentioned that the Charity Committee voted to donate \$500.00 to this cause.
- Church: *Steve Mastbrook* stated that the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest winners received their awards at a recent mass at St. Luke's.
- Right-to-Life: The GK announced that Brother *Bill McGarrity* is having health issues and *Mike Carozza* will now Co-Chair this committee with assistance from *Mary Pat Carozza*. The Annual Right-to-Life March will be held 1/19/18 in Washington, DC. A bus sponsored by St. Jude's parish in Lewes that will take marchers to DC is full. Holy Savior will hold a mass followed by a breakfast on 1/19/18 in honor of the Right-to-Life movement. Please call Holy Savior if you plan to attend as they need a count for food preparation.
- Community: *Tom Foglesong* announced that the second meeting in April 4/18/18 will be the Annual KOC 9053 Awards Night where we announce the teacher of the year, fireman of the year, policeman of the year, etc.

4th Degree: The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Ocean City at the Princess Royale Hotel on 3/24/18. *Neil Foote* stated that Holy Savior requested Color Corps members for their Right-to-Life mass/breakfast.

Columbus Club Corp: CC President *Jim Matthews* announced that the new Columbus Hall keypad entry system will be installed on 2/13/18, and a camera will be installed to monitor the main entrance foyer on a 24 hour loop.

New Business: *A motion was made, seconded, and carried to donate \$100.00 to St. Jude's in Lewes, DE to help defray the cost for the 'Right-to-Life March' bus to DC.*

Adjournment: GK reminded the council that we have the rosary here in the hall at 11:00 am every Thursday. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:50 pm.

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