

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:02 pm by Grand Knight *Joe Gangi*.

Attendance: The roll of officers was called and attendance taken. (GK defined “excused” as having called him prior to the meeting indicating your absence.)

2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E	2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E
<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	Present	<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	Present	<i>Trustee 2 Year</i>	Tom Irwin	Present
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joe Carraro	Absent	<i>Trustee 1 Year</i>	Jim Matthews	Present

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting (10/4/17) were sent via email to some and were posted on the back board for all to read. With no corrections made, the minutes were accepted as written.

Grand Knight Report:

GK remembered Sir Knight *Al Stephens* who recently passed away and resolved that the council will assist his wife, Cheryl, in any way. This resolution passed without objection. *Joe Kostelac* mentioned that Cheryl Stephens is the beneficiary of an insurance policy that Al had with the KOC.

GK thanked *Wayne Straight* and his wife Mary for the very successful Simple Supper held in October. *Jim Matthews* and his wife Dee will coordinate the next Simple Supper on Wednesday 11/29.

GK thanked *Jim Crabill* and *Bill Taylor* for all their hard work in sharing information about the founding and history of our council.

GK thanked Brother *Chuck Burnett* for updating all the names and dates on the plaques so that they now are current. He also thanked Brother *Jim Stone* for all his work pulling weeds, trimming trees, and adding mulch to the property.

GK announced that our outside shed contains 4 walkers (one with a seat) and a set of crutches for any brother who may be in need of these ambulatory aids.

GK reminded the council that the Annual Council Christmas Party will be held Wednesday 12/6/17 from 5-9:00pm. Cost is \$35.00 and it includes a buffet-style dinner catered by Mio Fratello, two drinks, and dancing by DJ Baltimore Bob. Brothers need to complete the flyer and submit it with your check.

GK has posted a calendar of events on the rear of the door for everyone to see.

GK announced the Harvey-relief check has now been signed and is ready for mailing to the Knights of Columbus State Council of Charities located in Austin, Texas.

GK announced the next social night on 11/15/17 will include the ladies, and we will ask them for co-chairs for our committees, brain-storm some new ideas that can be conducted jointly by both groups with possibly having a “thank you clergy” dinner.

GK announced that there will be a Polish Dinner, served from 5-7:30pm by our neighboring KOC council in Bethany Beach, on Saturday 11/7, cost is \$16.00 and there is limited seating. Interested brothers can check the flyer for more details.

GK announced that each month there will be two new reports added to the agenda: (1) St. Vincent de Paul, and (2) Columbus Corp; as well as a monthly profit/loss statement from our Treasurer *Joe Carraro*. Referring to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, it is in need of food, especially protein foods.

Reading of Communications: The recorder, *Don Kyle*, read the following pieces of communication:

1. Received a thank you letter from **Adele Scarlitto and Family** for our honor guard tribute for Ray Scarlitto at his funeral service.
2. Received an email from **Mark Record, Principal of Most Blessed Sacrament ES** thanking us for the recent purchase of “Coats for Kids” for his students.
3. Received a thank you letter from **Sandi Smith, Development & Marketing Coordinator for Maryland Coastal Bays Program**, for our recent donation.

Financial Secretary: *Tom Herwig* reported that our council has 425 members – 200 insurance members, 211 associate members, 14 inactive members. Dues totaled \$11, 241.00.

Program Committees:

- Family: Certificates were provided to the following:
Knight of the Month: **John Stone**
Family of the Month: **Dave & Joyce Melocik**
- Youth: *Joe Hook* stated that the soccer challenge has been changed to Friday 11/10/17 and will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament ES and all volunteers who are assisting in this event should report by 8:15am.
- Membership: *Frank Celeste* stated that the membership drive to be held 11/4-5 at St. Luke’s has been postponed to a later date, perhaps in January 2018, because the parish calendar is filled with other events this month. The membership drive at St. John Neumann and Holy Savior will be held 11/11-12.

- **Church:** The annual Memorial Mass for brother Knights and ladies who have passed away in the last 12 months will be held on Tuesday 11/7 at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's Church with our chaplain, Fr. John, presiding. Also, the "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" Poster contest will be held this November and December with awards presented to the winners in January, 2018.
- **Council:** Brother *John Postanowicz* is very ill with a combination of pneumonia and COPD so we need someone to step up and assist with the work of this committee. Brother *Tom Anderson* has stepped up to fill John's role with the "pull-tabs" at bingo.
- **Pro-Life:** The crosses are coming down on Friday 11/3 at 10:00am. The next Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center Gala "A Night to Remember" will be held on Saturday 12/2/17 at Most Blessed Sacrament ES, cost is \$35.00.
- **Community:** The Council has purchased 10 boxes of coats for the "Coats for Kids" Program. These coats will be distributed this week and we are in need of volunteers to deliver the coats. There will be a Christmas Bazaar held at Holy Savior Church on 11/17-18.

Old Business:

Wayne Straight, in the absence of *Tom Foglesong*, reminded the council that the OC Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday 12/2/17 beginning at 11:00 am and will proceed from 100th Street to 120th Street. He also reminded the council that the City of Berlin's Christmas parade will be held in the evening from 5 -10:00 pm.

4th Degree: *Wayne Straight* reminded the council that the Assembly is still collecting pop 'tabs' and toiletries for our troops, and he has magnets for cars. The 'wreath laying ceremony' at the local Veterans' Cemetery on Route 113 in Millsboro will be held Saturday 12/16 at 9:00am – rain or shine or snow. The next Assembly meeting will be Thursday 11/9 beginning at 6:30 pm.

Field Agent: *Joe Kostelac* announced the new field agent for our council is **John Plevyak** and he will be getting in touch with all council members by way of introduction. John is 62 years old and a graduate of Mt. St. Joseph HS in Baltimore.

Columbus Club Corp: CC President *Jim Matthews* thanked brothers *Carl Windmiller*, *Tom Herwig*, and *Chuck Burnett* for taking their time to conduct the corporation's financial audit. The audit was very good. He stated that the kitchen has been cleaned by Brother *Bryan Keith* (owner of Mio Fratello) and his crew, and the kitchen is spotless. He thanked the 23 people who helped on 'clean-up/fix-up' day and there are only a few small tasks remaining. He announced that the Ladies Auxiliary has approved a motion to pay ½ the cost of our new electronic keypad entry system. The next meeting of the Columbus Club Corp will be 11/13/17 beginning at 4:00 pm here in the hall.

Lecturer: *Tom Brown* explained that the Financial Secretary is appointed, not elected, by Supreme for a 3 year term. His duties involve collecting and recording all monies received, maintaining membership records, and handling and filing reports

requested by Supreme. The Treasurer is elected by the council and he handles all funds – receivable and payable, issues receipts, and keeps accurate records. Special note: *Tom Herwig* praised *David Hesch* for all his assistance in helping Tom with his duties.

Adjournment: GK *Joe Gangi* asked the council to identify any brothers that maybe “sick or in distress” so that we can reach out with assistance and prayers. The council identified Brother *Joe Werres* who is in hospice care, and Anne Foglesong, wife of Tom, who just had hip replacement surgery. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:05 pm.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer *Joe Carraro*, who was absent from the meeting, submitted this monthly report the next morning: (July 1, 2017-October 31, 2017)

- a. Total Income.....\$66,368.19
- b. Total Expenses.....\$42,186.67
- c. Net Income.....\$24,181.52

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Kyle, Recorder

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:03 pm by Grand Knight *Joe Gangi*.

Attendance: The roll of officers was called and attendance taken.

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

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting (9/6/17) were sent via email to some and were posted on the back board for all to read. With no corrections made, the minutes were accepted as written.

Membership: The names of three gentlemen were read into the minutes: *Joseph Long*, who was a reapplication; *Robert Bohager*, who was a reapplication; and *Robert Eckenrode*, who was a transfer. All were accepted as members in our council. Deputy GK *Frank Celeste* announced a Membership Drive to be held this fall and he needs brothers to volunteer as speakers at masses, and others to distribute KOC materials.

Grand Knight Report:

GK stated that CVS conducted a great ‘flu-shot’ clinic here at our council home, including breakfast and lunch. 31 people took advantage of getting their flu shots.

GK thanked Treasurer *Joe Carraro* and Recorder *Don Kyle* for all their work behind the scenes.

GK announced that he has created two notebooks to be located in the office that contain council protocols, procedures, and by-laws.

GK is looking forward to an invitation to one of the Ladies Auxiliary meetings so that both groups can begin working more closely.

GK reported that the officers had met prior to the Council meeting and they feel the amount of money sent to the Harvey Relief efforts in Texas should be **the net amount**

from the special Labor Day weekend breakfast. The amount suggested would be \$3000.00 which includes the proceeds from the breakfast less the cost of food; the proceeds from the 'tip jar'; and the balance from other donations, and some Council funds.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to send \$3000.00, as explained above by the GK, to Texas in support of 'Harvey Relief' to an approved fund determined at the discretion of the Council officers. The motion needs the approval of the trustees before action can be taken.

GK requested help with conducting the 12/6 Christmas Party. Brothers *Wayne Straight* and *Tom Irwin* volunteered to help which probably will include their wives as well.

GK reminded the Council that there are monogrammed shirts and hats with council logos for sale on the back table.

GK requested that someone step forward to "chair" the 'Share-A-Ride Program'. Brother *Rich Thomas* volunteered to 'chair' this program.

GK thanked all Brothers who were present at the first degree exemplification held 9/20/17 where we admitted 3 new men into the Council as first degree members.

GK supported the concept of "split shifts" for events. He stated it works much better if we have a "setup shift" which works from 'setup to the near the end of the event' and a "cleanup shift" who works 'near the beginning of the event through cleanup'. This overlapping of work would be better for everyone.

GK thanked Brother *Tom Foglesong* and his wife for conducting the recent Simple Supper in September. Upcoming Simple Suppers were announced:

- a. October conducted by Wayne and Mary Straight
- b. November conducted by Jim and Dee Matthews
- c. **No Simple Supper in December**
- d. January conducted by Richard Thomas and Joe Gangi
- e. February conducted by Tom and Jen Irwin (which features a 'chili cook-off')

GK reported using the new council tablet for Bingo and it worked really well thanks to Deacon Bob McNulty who picked up "device usage" very quickly.

GK announced his desire to have a committee to identify 'Knight of the Month' and 'Family of the Month'. The following Brothers volunteered to help *Wayne Straight* with this task: *Jim Crabill, Richard Thomas, Mike Carozza, and Joe Gangi.*

GK reminded the officers that each needs to identify an alternate and to let *Frank Celeste* or the GK know which person will volunteer to serve in your stead.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer *Joe Carraro* provided his quarterly report:

d. Gross Revenue.....	\$56,707	Top three revenue producing events:
e. Expenses.....	\$30,458	(1) Slots, (2) Bingo Nights, (3) Crab Nights
f. Net Income.....	\$26,249	Total cash at end of period....
		\$93,587

Reading of Communications: The recorder, *Don Kyle*, read the following pieces of communication:

4. Received a thank you note from **Mary Ellen Arena and her family** for all our assistance and support at the untimely death of her husband Bob.
5. Received a thank you letter from **Sharon Maneki, President National Federation for the Blind of MD**, for our recent donation.
6. Received a thank you letter from **Geri Garvey, Administrator, Irish Outreach-Ocean City**, for our recent donation.
7. Received a thank you letter from **Judy Zanetti, Corresponding Secretary KOC 9053 Ladies Auxiliary**, for our donation to their recent Bingo Luncheon.

Trustees Report: *Jim Matthews* stated that the trustees have approved the motion made earlier in the meeting regarding sending \$3000.00 to Texas for 'Harvey Relief' and allowing the council officers to determine which fund will get the donation.

Program Committees:

- Family: Certificates were provided to the following:
Knight of the Month: **John Rubino**
Family of the Month: **Joe & Judy Zanetti**
- Youth: *Joe Hook* stated that the soccer challenge will occur on Friday 11/3/17 at Most Blessed Sacrament ES and all volunteers who are assisting in this event should report by 8:15am.
- Community: The Council has purchased 10 boxes of coats for the "Coats for Kids" Program. These coats will be distributed to Most Blessed Sacrament ES and the parishes of Holy Savior, St. John Neumann, and St. Luke. Council is looking into marching in the annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the City of Berlin.

Old Business:

Frank Celeste stated that the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank located at Holy Savior church in town is empty and needs our help. He suggests that all brothers donate \$1.00 or a can of food (examples in the basket on the back table) when they attend each council meeting.

Dick Cooke reminded the Council about the Annual KOC Silent Retreat to be held 11/3-5 at the Loyola Retreat House near DC.

New Business:

Jim Matthews stated that the Nativity Sets to be constructed this Christmas season will cost \$100.00 each which is an increase due to the high cost of raw materials. Jim asked for volunteers to assist him with construction, sanding, and painting.

Neil Foote announced that the date for the Annual Food Drive held at St. Luke's will be 11/18-19, and he needs assistance in getting the food loaded into vehicles for distribution to Diakonia and St. Vincent de Paul.

Wayne Straight stated that he has received 2 commemorative plates, one showing the KOC seal, and the other celebrating the 100 anniversary of the KOC. These plates will be hung on the wall for all to see.

4th Degree: *Wayne Straight* reminded the council that the Assembly is still collecting pop 'tabs' and toiletries for our troops, and he has cards which can be sent to the troops. The "flag retirement ceremony" went very well and will be done again next year. He is looking into a trip to tour Dover AFB, and he announced that all 4th degree events are open to all non-4th degree Knights. It is the 4th degree meetings that are only open to 4th degree Knights. The first "Care Package" will be given to the Charles Lamb Family. Next month there will be a guest speaker from Ft. Miles in Lewes, DE, and we should move the meeting time up to 6:30pm. There are bookmarks for everyone.

Color Corps: *Neil Foote* stated that the Color Corps will be in attendance for the "Mass of Remembrance" held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery on 10/7/17 at noon by Bishop Malooly for those deceased in the past 12 months and are buried in the cemetery. This mass is also in honor of those who lost their life in the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01.

Field Agent: *Joe Kostelac* announced that the Tootsie Roll Campaign netted \$8105.00, and that the Crab Feast held by the Caine Woods Community Association raised \$4400.00 for St. Vincent de Paul. Joe also announced that he is retiring as field agent effective 12/31/17 and that a replacement has been identified and is obtaining the necessary insurance licenses.

Special Guest: *Bob Waters*, a brother Knight from the Rock Creek Council in Montgomery County, MD was introduced as he is the winner of the car raffle held all summer at St. Luke's/St. Andrew's.

Lecturer: *Tom Brown* explained the "line of succession" in our Council. If the GK cannot fulfill his duties the Deputy GK takes over; if he too is unable to take over the Chancellor takes over. The Chancellor's main function is to encourage support from all members for our events and to encourage volunteers to assist in conducting these events. The Warden is responsible for "management of the council properties" and thus is responsible for meeting setup and configuration, and all property inventories. He also supervises both inside and outside guards.

Adjournment: GK *Joe Gangi* asked the council to identify any brothers that maybe "sick or in distress" so that we can reach out with assistance and prayers. The council identified Brother John Postanowicz who recently has been ill, and John Price from the State who has died, as in need of special prayers. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 7:05 pm by Grand Knight *Joe Gangi*.

Attendance: The roll of officers was called and attendance taken.

2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E	2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E
<i>Chaplain</i>	Fr. John Lunness	Excuse d	<i>Lecturer</i>	Tom Brown	Present
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<i>Warden</i>	Jim Crabill	Present	<i>Trustee 3 Year</i>	Wayne Straight	Present
<i>Recorder</i>	Don Kyle	Present Excuse d	<i>Trustee 2 Year</i>	Tom Irwin	Present Excuse d
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Tom Herwig	Present	<i>Trustee 1 Year</i>	Jim Matthews	Present

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting (8/2/17) were sent via email to some and were posted on the back board for all to read. With no corrections made, the minutes were accepted as written.

Special Guest: GK recognized Bill Hammond, our District Deputy, as our special guest and he stated that the State is pleased with our council and we have all paperwork submitted. Anyone interested in attending the 2018 KOC Convention in Baltimore should obtain the itinerary and submit a registration form. He also mentioned there will be a mid-term meeting this year 10/14-10/17 in Cumberland MD.

Grand Knight Report:

GK stated that the officers had a meeting on 8/19/17 and the results are as follows:

1. *We need to re-focus our attention to proper meeting protocols and decorum.*
2. *We have changed the hall setup for meetings based on diagrams from protocol guide.*
3. *The Advocate will pay close attention to adherence to proper protocols and procedures.*
4. *Program chairs will now sit together at a table to the right of the Grand Knight.*

GK reaffirmed the need for each officer to have an “alternate” who will assume the duties of that officer in case that officer cannot attend a meeting; and he would like someone to volunteer to function as a “corresponding secretary” sending ‘thank you notes’ and ‘get well cards’.

GK stated that we made \$65.00 on the raffle of the Crab Bag gift card donated by the Hannon Family.

GK would like to begin an outreach program to assist homebound brother Knights and he would like someone to volunteer to coordinate this program. One objective would be to provide a ride for someone who wants to attend meetings but cannot drive.

GK announced that he will be working very closely with the Ladies Auxiliary so that we combine talents for future events and projects.

GK stated that the “hat and shirt” inventory has been delivered to all who ordered apparel and we do have some extras available; and St. Ann’s new KOC Council has 50+ members but pose no threat to our council as their membership is comprised mostly from their existing men’s club.

GK thanked the Crab Teams, the Breakfast Teams, and all who worked on the BBQ this summer. Special thanks go to *Tom Pergola* and *Tom Foglesong*.

GK reminded the Council that there will be no September social meeting as we are having a First Degree Exemplification on 9/20/17 in its stead. The second meeting in October will be a social meeting held on 10/18/17 and the topic will be “Council History” with a discussion led by our most senior brothers – *John Staley, Carroll Wagner, Bill Taylor, and Jim Crabill*.

Reading of Communications: The recorder, *Don Kyle*, read the following pieces of communication:

8. Received a thank you letter from **James Schmutz, President & CEO, MD Special Olympics**, thanking us for our recent donation.
9. Received a thank you letter from **Mark Record, Principal, Most Blessed Sacrament ES**, thanking us for our recent donation to their technology fund.

Program Committees:

- Family: Certificates were provided to the following:
Knight of the Month: **Ed Nichols**
Family of the Month: **Jim & Beverly Crabill**
- Right-to-Life: *Tom Pergola* stated that *Bill McGarrity* has suffered a heart attack but is recovering well and hopes to be back in full swing very soon.
- Community: The Blessing of the Bikes will occur here at the hall on 9/16/17.
- Youth: *Joe Hook* stated that the soccer challenge will occur in late October and he needs volunteers to help conduct the event.
- Simple Suppers: The next Simple Supper will be on Wednesday 9/27 under the supervision of *Tom Foglesong* and his wife who will be serving Taco Salad with all the toppings. The October Simple Supper will be conducted by Wayne and Mary Straight, and the November Simple Supper will be conducted by Jim and Dee Matthews. There was some discussion about having games (board, card, other) after the Simple Suppers.

Old Business:

Dick Cooke reminded the Council about the Annual KOC Silent Retreat to be held 11/3-5 at the Loyola Retreat House near DC. It would be great if we had 15 people attending the retreat. It was suggested that we contact the Pocomoke, Salisbury, and St. Ann's Councils to ascertain interest.

GK reported on the recent "special breakfast" held on Labor Day weekend for the benefit of the Hurricane Harvey victims in the Galveston-Houston area. Council served a record 241 people, made over \$2300 **gross** profit and over \$1000 from the "tip jar". The "tip jar" is now located on the bar so that anyone who could not attend the breakfast can donate to the relief effort. ***A motion was made and seconded to take the cost of the food (nearly \$1000) and make it a donation from our Council. The motion was referred to the Trustees for their approval as the cost of the food donation would be more than \$500.*** Going forward, *Tom Irwin* will be calculating our net profits from all events and *Tom Foglesong* will publish the net profit amounts in the Knight Times.

New Business:

Frank Celeste stated that the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Bank located at Holy Savior in town is empty and needs our help. He suggests that all brothers donate \$1.00 or a can of food (examples in the basket on the back table) when they attend each council meeting. *Tony Carozza* mentioned that \$10.00 from the cost of each \$35.00 ticket to the Caine Woods Annual Crab Feast, to be held Saturday 9/23 at Higgins Crab House, will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and brothers can contact *Joe Kostelac* for tickets.

GK announced the four certificates awarded our Council by State have been received and will be framed.

4th Degree: *Wayne Straight* reminded the council that the Assembly is collecting pop 'tabs' and toiletries for our troops. At the next Assembly meeting a "flag retirement ceremony" will be held at 6 pm prior to the 7 pm Assembly meeting. *Tony Carozza* has presented the Assembly with swords some of which will be mounted as a plaque in honor of brother Knights who served in the Armed Forces. A location for the mounted plaque will be determined at a later date.

Lecturer: *Tom Brown* reminded the Council about the duties of the Grand Knight, some of which are: oversees the welfare of the council; presides over all meetings; is an ex-officio member of every committee, and signs all checks.

Adjournment: GK *Joe Gangi* asked the council to identify any brothers that maybe "sick or in distress" so that we can reach out with assistance and prayers. He stated we must remember all those listed on our prayer list and all the victims of the recent flooding in Texas, and we should especially pray for Toni Wagner (*Carroll's* wife). The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 7:03 pm by Grand Knight *Joe Gangi*.

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<i>Warden</i>	Jim Crabill	Present			
<i>Recorder</i>	Don Kyle	Present	<i>Trustee 3 Year</i>	Wayne Straight	Present
<i>Finance</i>					
<i>Secretary</i>	Tom Herwig	Present	<i>Trustee 2 Year</i>	Tom Irwin	Present
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joe Carraro	Present	<i>Trustee 1 Year</i>	Jim Matthews	Present

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting (7/5/17) were sent via email to some and were posted on the back board for all to read. With no corrections made, the minutes were accepted as written.

Membership: Four men have requested membership into our council: *Kenneth Hidenfelter, Timothy Brown, Gary Waesche, and Robert Hammond*. One gentleman (*Joseph O'Hagan*) requested re-admission into the council. All were approved.

Grand Knight Report:

GK thanked all the officers and brothers who attended the recent Council & Assembly Installation of Officers conducted by representatives from the State KOC.

GK announced that a new KOC Council has been granted to the parish of St. Ann's in Bethany Beach, DE, a mere 15 minute ride from our hall. Four KOC 9053 brothers have already transferred their membership to this new council. *Frank Celeste*, Membership Director, reminded the council about our goal of recruiting new members and that this new council may make that goal more difficult to achieve.

GK stated that recent Crab Nights and Bingo Nights (which have been averaging 93 people) have been very successful. Special thanks go to *Joe Kostelac* and *Ken Lamont* for their help, and we still need volunteer workers.

GK announced that all reports were up-to-date thanks to the hard work of our Financial Secretary, *Tom Herwig*.

GK stated that we will begin offering "Breakfast Coupons" for adults who come to the Sunday breakfasts. Coupons will be available via an easel display located in the Narthex of the church. Coupons will allow adults to take off \$1.00 for breakfast.

GK announced that the Treasurer will provide quarterly reports for FY 2017-18.

GK stated that the Simple Suppers will begin this fall at the end of September and that we need volunteers to step up and coordinate the suppers. Council will buy all food.

GK told the Council that he had received a \$25.00 gift card to the Crab Bag from the family of Tom Hannon as a thank you for all our council's assistance at Tom's passing. Gift card will be part of an upcoming Bingo night raffle.

GK announced that he will continue having the second monthly meeting as a "Social Night" featuring a guest speaker. John Staley has agreed to be a guest speaker and he will speak on the founding and history of our council.

GK reminded the council to go to "SignUpGenius" on the Internet and volunteer where volunteers are needed.

GK announced the annual KOC Council 9053 Christmas Party will be Wednesday 12/6/17. There will be no sales of Christmas cards this year.

GK reminded the council that in order to have a light meal (or snacks) after each KOC meeting he needs a person (or persons) to volunteer to prepare the food/snacks and serve. Council will buy all food and snacks.

GK encouraged brothers to sign up for the upcoming Chicken BBQ as we need workers. The BBQ will be held on Saturday 8/19/17.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer *Joe Carraro* provided a year-end report with these highlights:

- **Total Income FY 2016-17** **\$146,041.85**
- **Total Expenses FY 2016-17** **\$135,084.16**
- **Net Income FY 2016-17** **\$ 10,957.69**
- **Top 4 Revenue Generators** **(1) Slots, (2) Bingo, (3) Beer Wagon, (4) Breakfasts**

Reading of Communications: The recorder, *Don Kyle*, read the following pieces of communication:

10. Received a thank you letter from **Elizabeth Ertel, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Card Party Committee**, for our recent donation for their upcoming card party.
11. Received a thank you letter from **Claudia Nagle, Executive Director of Diakonia** for our recent donation.
12. Received a thank you letter from **Al Handy, Recreation Manager for Town of Ocean City**, for our recent donation to their softball camp.
13. Received a thank you note from **Fr. Richard Jasper**, newly ordained seminarian, for our recent gift as he begins his priestly ministry.
14. Received an email from **Madeleine Yoon**, the young lady our Council sponsored for the Appalachian Service Project, thanking us for providing her a great experience.
15. Received a thank you letter from **Lisa Wilgus, Executive Officer, Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center**, for our recent donation.
16. Received a thank you letter from **Fr. Paul Jennings, Pastor of St. Luke/St. Andrew's, and Peggy O'Malley, Bingo Chairperson**, for our assistance in helping to make their recent parish bingo a success.

17. Received a thank you note from the **Hannon Family** for our sympathy and assistance at the recent passing of Tom Hannon.
18. Received a letter from **Austin Simon** who is entering missionary work in North Dakota and is requesting monetary support in the sum of \$400.00 per month from our council. This letter has been referred to the Trustees for their consideration.

Financial Secretary Report: *Tom Herwig* stated that Council and Assembly assessments have been paid, and no further dues have been received. We have only 18 men who are delinquent in paying their dues. The council saluted Tom on all his hard work in getting the dues and that the low number of delinquencies is exemplary.

Trustees Report: *Tom Irwin* stated that our kitchen operations have generated nearly \$13,000.00 in income much of which goes toward our many charitable contributions.

Program Committees:

- **Membership:** *Frank Celeste* announced a first degree exemplification will be held here at Columbus Hall on Wednesday 9/20/17 at 7:00pm. He also mentioned that although we have used the “TV-Video First Degree Exemplification” successfully, our council needs to conduct the first degree as a ceremony in-person here at the hall.
- **Family:** *Wayne Straight* provided certificates to the following:
Knight of the Month: **Vic Bartell**
Family of the Month: **David & Gail Hesch**

New Business:

Dick Cooke told the council that the annual retreat is coming up this November and it will be held at the Loyola Retreat House near Washington, DC.

4th Degree: *Wayne Straight* reminded the council that the Assembly is collecting pop ‘tabs’ and toiletries for our troops. At the next Assembly meeting a “flag retirement ceremony” will be held at 6 pm prior to the 7 pm Assembly meeting. Meetings will be highlighted by having guest speakers, and the first guest speaker will be Brother *Jim Salzman* who will discuss his military experience.

Wayne mentioned that KOC Supreme is contemplating a change from the current regalia (chapeaux, cape, sword, baldric, tuxedo) to a more modern look (blue blazer, 4th degree patch, gray slacks, beret). This new look has generated a lot of negativity on social media as well as many “groans” from our council.

Tootsie Roll Campaign: *Joe Kostelac* announced that workers are needed for the “Tootsie Roll Campaign” especially at St. Luke’s. We have deposited \$5300.00 so far and we have 2 more weekends to go.

Color Corps: *Neil Foote* thanked the color corps for all their participation with the Hannon Funeral and that on Tuesday 8/15/17 at 5:00 pm, the color corps is needed to assist Bishop Malooly at Holy Savior Church for the annual Blessing of the Waters.

Adjournment: GK Joe Gangi asked the council to identify any brothers that maybe “sick or in distress” so that we can reach out with assistance and prayers. He requested that the council especially pray for Brothers Bill McElroy, Chuck Ertel, and John Mari who is now in hospice care. He then adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Kyle, Recorder

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 7:04 pm by Grand Knight *Joe Gangi*.

Attendance: The roll of officers was called and attendance taken.

2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E	2017-2018	KOC Officers	P/E
<i>Chaplain</i>	Fr. John Lunness	Excuse d	<i>Lecturer</i>	Tom Brown	Excuse d
<i>Grand Knight</i>	Joe Gangi	Present	<i>Advocate</i>	Tom Foglesong	Excuse d
<i>Dep Grand Knight</i>	Frank Celeste	Excuse d	<i>Inside Guard</i>	Rich Thomas	Excuse d
<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	Excuse d
<i>Finance</i>		Excuse			Excuse
<i>Secretary</i>	Tom Herwig	d	<i>Trustee 2 year</i>	Tom Irwin	d
		Excuse			
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joe Carraro	d	<i>Trustee 1 year</i>	Jim Matthews	Present

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting (6/7/17) were sent via email to some and were posted on the back board for all to read. With no corrections made, the minutes were accepted as written.

Grand Knight Report:

GK stated that due to the recent passing of Brother Tom Hannon, a founding brother of our council, this meeting will be very short so that brothers may pay their respects at the viewing for Tom tonight in St. Luke’s Church between 7:00pm-9:00pm.

GK stated that Bingo is doing very well with the increase in prize money and the establishment of a \$1000 jackpot each bingo night.

GK announced the need for crab night team members to choose either the “early shift” (setup to mid-event) or the “late shift” (mid-event to cleanup) so that brothers do not have to spend ‘all-night’ in service to the council.

GK mentioned that Deputy Grand Knight *Frank Celeste* is doing “OK” as he continues to rest and regain strength. Please keep Frank in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

GK mentioned that there will be no council social meeting for July or August, and that in the fall he wants new ideas for guest speakers to provide interesting information to council members especially on the history of our own council 9053.

GK stated that there will be no 4th degree assembly meetings in July or August.

GK encouraged all brothers to wear their name tags to meetings, bereavements, and other council functions, and to memorize the “Our Lady Queen of the Knights” prayer.

GK announced that our next business meeting will be held on Wednesday 8/2/17 beginning at 7:00pm. GK is asking for volunteers to help with the setup of snacks following our meetings. Also, the KOC apparel order has been submitted to OC Monogram.

GK distributed to all officers (1) a 'protocols' pamphlet; (2) a 'by-laws' pamphlet; and (3) the 'duties of officers' pamphlet and asked all officers to read through these documents and be prepared to discuss their contents at an "Officers Meeting" to be set for late August. He also wants to identify brothers who would be willing to "fill-in" for officers and perform their duties when the officer is on vacation.

GK reminded the council of our upcoming events:

- **July 9** **Breakfast 8:30-11:30am with Team 1**
- **July 10** **Installation of Officers at 7:00 pm (both Council & Assembly)**
- **July 15** **Chicken BBQ (with signage overlapping the KOC marquee)**
- **July 23** **Breakfast 8:30-11:30am with Team 2**

GK stated the new credit card system (IPAD, readers, printer, etc.) is working very well.

Reading of Communications: The recorder, *Don Kyle*, read the following pieces of communication:

19. Received a thank you note from the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** for our recent donation and the time our knights have given to their cause.
20. Received a note from **Brother Joe Davis** stating that he misses our council and its members. He provided his new address and telephone numbers: 39030 Chaptico Rd Mechanicsville MD 20659 (Home) 240-249-0384 (Cell) 301-467-8999 nantucket13325@gmail.com
21. Received a thank note from **Sandy Winter, Executive Director of Horses Help with 4 Steps** riding program for our recent donation.
22. Received a thank you letter from **Ron Wist, Chairman of Small Miracle Foundation**, for our recent donation.
23. Received a thank you letter from **James Schmutz, President & CEO, MD Special Olympics**, for our recent donation.
24. Received a thank you letter from **Tammy Patrick, Development Officer for Atlantic General Hospital Foundation**, for our recent donation.

New Business:

GK mentioned a new program called "FOCUS" in which people are trained to speak with students about God and religion.

Tootsie Roll Campaign: *Joe Kostelac* announced that workers are needed for the "Tootsie Roll Campaign" and to sign-up using "SignUpGenius" on the Internet to see what slots still need to be filled.

Adjournment: GK *Joe Gangi* asked the council to identify any brothers that maybe "sick or in distress" so that we can reach out with assistance and prayers. He reminded the council of the funeral details for Brother Tom Hannon and then adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with a prayer at 7:03 pm by Grand Knight *Wayne Straight*.

Attendance: The roll of officers was called and attendance taken.

Council #9053 Offices	Council #9053 Officers	
<i>Chaplain</i>	Fr. John Lunness	Excused
<i>Grand Knight</i>	Wayne Straight	Present
<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>	Joe Gangi	Present
<i>Chancellor</i>	Steve Mastbrook	Present
<i>Warden</i>	Neil Foote	Present
<i>Recorder</i>	Don Kyle	Present
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Tom Herwig	Present
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joe Carraro	Excused
<i>Lecturer</i>	Tom Brown	Present
<i>Advocate</i>	Joe Davis	Excused
<i>Inside Guard</i>	Ed Nichols	Present
<i>Outside Guard</i>	Rich Thomas	Excused
<i>Trustee – 3 Year</i>	Tom Irwin	Present
<i>Trustee – 2 Year</i>	Bruce Coons	Excused
<i>Trustee – 1 Year</i>	Jim Matthews	Excused

Chaplain’s Message:

In the absence of Fr. John, GK shared ideas from a recent homily given by Fr. Jennings, pastor of St. Luke’s. The focus of the homily is that prayers are important but actions must follow prayers in doing the Lord’s work.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting (5/3/17) were sent via email to some and

were posted on the back board for all to read. With no corrections made, the minutes were accepted as written.

Grand Knight Report:

GK mentioned that the ‘Rosary Group’ that meets on Thursdays at Columbus Hall is going well. He distributed the “promises of Our Blessed Mother” for frequently praying the rosary.

GK stated that Bingo is also doing very well with the increase in prize money and the establishment of a \$1000 jackpot each bingo night.

GK announced that our rentals are up and that recent guests to Columbus Hall have commented positively on the layout and condition of the hall. He suggested that council members make it a point to thank our ladies auxiliary for all their assistance.

GK shared the plaque that our council was awarded at the recent KOC Convention for our “Surge with Service” which requires councils to have at least 18 activities in service to others.

Reading of Communications: The recorder, *Don Kyle*, read the following pieces of communication:

25. Received a thank you note from **The Faculty & Staff of Most Blessed Sacrament ES** for our recent donation.
26. Received a thank you letter from **Nadine Efird, Corresponding Secretary, Ladies Auxiliary KOC Council 9053** for our donation and support of their recent Luncheon Bingo.
27. Received a thank you note from **The Sauer Family** for our support at Joan Sauer's passing.
28. Received a thank you letter from **Kelly Austin, VP Worcester County Humane Society**, for our recent donation.
29. Received a thank you letter from **Fr. Stan Esposito, Pastor of St. Mary's Star of the Sea/Holy Savior Parish** for our recent donation.

Financial Secretary Report: *Tom Herwig* provided the following statistics: 435 total members; 215 Associate members, 205 Insurance members; and 15 inactive members. We have 26 members who have not paid their dues and a "Knight Alert" has been sent reminding them of the need to pay dues.

Program Director:

Family: Knight of the Month: Bill McGarrity

Family of the Month: Vito & Donna Potenza

Right-to-Life: *Bill McGarrity* thanked **Tom Anderson** for all his help this past year. He also announced that the Legislative Branch of the State of Delaware has passed (by 3 votes) the right to a "third term abortion". All Republicans and 2 Democrats voted against the bill which was the position of the KOC and the Catholic Church.

Old Business:

Shorebirds Game: Trustee *Tom Irwin* stated that there are 30 people attending the Shorebirds Game on Saturday 6/10/17 at the stadium in Salisbury. It is Faith & Family Night with fireworks after the game. The all-you-can-eat buffet opens at 6:00 pm and will remain open for 90 minutes. The game begins at 6:30 pm.

GK mentioned that Tom Pergola has created "picture booklets" regarding recent events (Easter Egg Hunt, Basketball Free Throw Contest) and these booklets are located on the back table and available for all to review.

New Business:

2017-18 Election: Warden *Neil Foote* read the slate of officers nominated for 2017-18 and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. With no further nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was verbally acclaimed, and the new 2017-18 officers are:

Chaplain: *Fr. John Lunness*

Financial Secretary: *Tom Herwig*

Grand Knight: *Joe Gangi*

Advocate: *Tom Foglesong*

<i>Deputy GK:</i>	<i>Frank Celeste</i>	<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Tom Brown</i>
<i>Chancellor:</i>	<i>Steve Mastbrook</i>	<i>Guards:</i>	<i>Rich Thomas</i>
<i>Warden:</i>	<i>Jim Crabill</i>		<i>Ed Nichols</i>
<i>Recorder:</i>	<i>Don Kyle</i>	<i>Trustees:</i>	<i>Tom Irwin</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Joe Carraro</i>		<i>Jim Matthews</i>
<i>Convention Alternates:</i>	<i>Joe Kostelac, Mike Carozza</i>		<i>Wayne Straight</i>

Columbus Club Annual Meeting: According to the laws of incorporation, President *Sal Castorina* provided the Annual Columbus Club Report by enumerating the many improvements made to the hall this year, some of them are:

- Established a formal procedure for determining the amount of council rent.
- Established a “capital reserve fund” of \$35,000 for major emergency repairs.
- Completed a financial audit of Columbus Club finances – “all in order”.
- Finished the decoration of the hall’s interior.
- Purchased white tablecloths and chair coverings for use by rental parties.
- Had the carpet cleaned, and purchased other minor items for use.

Columbus Club Directors 2017-18: President *Sal Castorina* nominated the following council members as directors of the Columbus Club for 2017-18:

<i>Frank Tumminello</i>	<i>Jim Matthews</i>	<i>Wayne Straight</i>
<i>Joe Zanetti</i>	<i>Rich Thomas</i>	<i>Don Kyle</i>

Sal then asked for any other nominations from the floor. With no nominations from the floor, this slate of six directors was verbally acclaimed and elected for 2017-18.

OC Monogram: *Joe Gangi* has spoken with OC Monogram about ordering T-shirts (red or blue), hats, and golf shirts. Orders must be placed with Joe by 6/15/17.

Crab Season: Co-Chairman *Tom Foglesong* stated that the weekly crab nights will begin 6/27/17 and occur every Tuesday until the end of August. Dinner is served from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. There has been a slight increase in the prices, the vendor remains the same, and currently we have 4 crab teams. *Joe Gangi* is co-chair with Tom.

Credit Card System: ***Tom Irwin* made a motion to purchase a “credit card system” comprised of (1) an Ipad, (2) a credit card (strip and chip) reader, (3) a printer, (4) a cash drawer, and (5) a stand, for under \$1000.00 to be used for money purchases (crab night, breakfast, and, any other need for purchase). Motion was seconded and carried.**

Chicken BBQ: *Tom Irwin* explained that on July 15 from 11-6 pm the council will have a chicken BBQ dinner using red sauce (instead of clear) and the cooking will be done just adjacent to St. Luke’s so the smoke and smell can billow out onto Coastal Highway in the hopes of attracting customers.

June's 2nd Meeting: The second meeting this month will occur on 6/21/17 beginning at 5 pm; and it will be a "cookout social" for members and spouses/significant others as a "thank you" for all the work accomplished this year. There will only be one meeting in July and August.

Double Installation: On Monday 7/10/17 at 7:00 pm, Fr. John will install both the 2017-18 Council Officers and the 2017-18 Assembly Officers. Afterwards there will be light refreshments.

Amazon Smile: *Tom Irwin* stated that "Amazon Smile" allows the purchaser to have .5% of the purchase given to the charity of choice, and the MD State KOC is on the list.

4th Degree Assembly:

Joe Gangi reminded the council to save "pop tabs" from can beverages for distribution to our troops. These tabs go toward purchasing prosthetics for our troops.

Field Agent: *Joe Kostelac* announced that KOC Insurance screens all investments, uses the money to support churches, and donates over 1.55 billion to charity. KOC Insurance has been voted the "most ethical in the world in 2017".

Adjournment: Ceremoniously, the gavel was "passed" to the new GK *Joe Gangi* and he adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Kyle, Recorder