

# Holy Cross Council 8509 Kernersville, NC Sept 17, 2024 (Salesian hall) Membership Meeting (26 attendees)

WGK Kevin Oelhafen introduced WGK John Brown from Bishop Greco Council (Holy Family, Clemmons) and the Traveling Gavel. The meeting was called to order and WGK led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes from the August membership meeting. The motion was approved.

#### **Chaplains Summation and report - No Report**

#### **Grand Knight's Report**

- 1. Traveling Gavel, WGK John Brown. John has an IT background and made a presentation on Email and Online Security. Recently, Fr. Carter and Kevin have been "impersonated" in e-mail. John's talking points are included at the end of the minutes. John also briefly discussed upcoming council events at Bishop Greco including a car show on Saturday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Parish Festival: Fr Carter, "Nailed It". #750 Parishioners. Thank you to all who helped.
- 3. Thank you notes:
- -WFS Paul Lutgen shared the 35 yrs. Hwy Clean-up award with the Council including a trophy, certificate and thank you letter from State on behalf of Gov. Roy Cooper. Thanks to all who have helped over 35 years!
- 4. Christmas Prayer Cards are here (English & Spanish). Ushers stow?
- 5. New Members: Add to Robly: David Wendt, Eliud Gonzalez, Frank Bolles. Volunteer?
- 6. SAFE: Presently limited to #4 Members by Supreme (minimum for compliance): Myself, LB, Chuck T & Lance Cancro.
- 7. Room at the Inn: Candace Owen's 10/3 6pm Benton Convention Center, WS. Did we already provide a donation? *No- A \$500 donation is approved in the Budget*
- 8. Kitchen Safety (Tile) Addressed -Several e-mails to Eva, 2 to Fr Carter of conditions. Hired a Contractor to clean / maintain.
- 9. Council Refreshments: Thanks to Pete Pulice and Paul Lutgen for this month's refreshments. We need a volunteer for the October meeting. Sign-up online.
- 10. LAMB \$1500 Check from Kernersville Foundation, Bruce Boyer.
- 11. Please make sure you are logging all your volunteer hours on our website.
- 12. NHC Weax: Alert
- 13. BB Freethrow: Volunteer needed Some discussion on lack of success for previous attempts. Suggested to maybe include in next year's Parish Festival. Also, soccer challenge might be a better....
- 14. Badges: Volunteer needed David Kempka volunteered.

#### **Financial Report -WFS Paul Lutgen**

State Per Capita bill paid for insurance (\$205) and successful first breakfast with \$233 profit.

#### <u>Treasurer's Report – Mike Reynolds</u>

WT Mike Reynolds reported the opening balance for August was \$21,144 and ended at \$12,038.87. There were \$6094.45 of deposits with dues, DASH, pavilion project, RSVP & Happy Dollars making up the deposits. There were \$15,199.97 of withdrawals for Coats for Kids, Robly renewal reimbursement to David Kempka, reimbursement to the Grand Knight for Hispanic Recruitment, insurance, advertising, LAMB, DASH, spaghetti dinner, and the seminarians.

The Staddon-Cain Investment Account gained \$215.33 in market value adjustment, and gained \$101.76 in Dividends and Interest resulting in a closing balance of \$23,732.66. See the list and amounts under New Business.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. The motion was approved. The Treasurer's report is at the end of the minutes.

**Introduction of Visitors –** New member David Wendt was introduced.

Membership Report – No Report

Report of Auditors and Trustees – No Report

#### **Programs Report – LB Clayton**

- RSVP \$101 this month Thanks Victor
- Dash Br. Chuck reported 4 games were worked in August. We qualified for the \$200 bonus. No information yet on receiving the last check.
- Highway cleanup was conducted on Sept 14. A total of 7 volunteers collected 8 bags of trash and 5 bag of aluminum cans. Thanks to all who help out. Next clean-up is Dec. 7.
- Ron Mudd volunteers to lead this year's fruit sales. A sign-up will be posted for help needed in October to sell after masses.
- The Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest flyer was shared by LB and will be in upcoming bulletins. We need help as only 6 helpers have volunteered so far. The sign-up is on the web site.
- Coats for Kids first donation was received; waiting for the Sheriff to sign the letter to WXII.
- Veterans Helping Veterans There are a little more than 100 homeless veterans in Forsyth County. On Friday, September 20 there will be an event where veterans can get assistance, help with job training, legal services, etc.

#### Report of the 4th Degree - WFN Carl Darkes - No Report

• Thanks to all who help with the furniture assembly for Room at the Inn. Also, the RATI Banquet is coming up on Oct 3. See Carl or Kevin for more info.

### <u>Field Agent's Report –</u> WFA Miguel Flores – No report <u>District Deputy Report- WDD Pat O'Doherty –</u>

- Pat shared that COR appeals to younger folks.
- Changes made to insurance benefits at no extra cost.

#### Columbiette's Report -Worthy Liaison Pete Pulice -

- The Columbiette's bake sale coincides with our Oktoberfest dinner on October 14
- Would like to know if Supreme has a list of vetted charities.

#### **Unfinished Business**

• Paul and Pete discussed the reasons need to amend the Firepit budget line from \$4000 to \$6000. It has been difficult to attract a qualified contractor. A contractor has been identified who quoted \$6000 and he made a good presentation at last month's Assembly meeting. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Firepit budget to \$6000. The motion was approved.

#### **New Business** (new motions)

• Al Livelsberger discussed repairs needed at the columbarium. Work will re-convene when weather cools in October.

#### **Good of the Order**

- Knight of the Month Matt Mahler
- Family of Month -Sandra & David Kempka (August)
- Family of Month -Barb and Chuck Bilconish

#### **Important Dates**

- Sunday October 6th ------ Pancake Breakfast
- Tuesday October 15th ------ Family of the Month nominations due
- Saturday October 19<sup>th-----</sup>Oktoberfest

Happy Dollars were collected. WGK led one decade of Rosary for sick or distressed members and recited the Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. McGivney.

#### WGK: declared the meeting adjourned.

#### **Email and Online Security**

Brothers, many of you have received messages addressed to you, whether by email or test, saying it came from your Grand Knight, or even one of your priests or deacons. In many case, these messages would mimic the email signature that person would normally use, making it look like a legitimate email! Usually, the first assumption is that the person's account was "hacked", but that is almost never the case. These messages generally did not come from the "named sender's" actual email account. This is a well-known type of scam known as a "phishing" scam - the perpetrator is impersonating someone the potential victim would know well and trust.

In recent years, our Council has seen scams coming from people impersonating myself as well as previous Grand Knights, as well as similar scams using Father James, Father Kang, and Deacon John being impersonated. There is no sure-fire way to block or stop these scams, but as an IT Security Professional, I can give you some tips to identify them so they can be avoided: - Always look at the "From" email address. It will usually say "John Brown" or the name of the person being impersonated, but you should also be able to see

the email address. Scam emails will come from a random free internet account, like a bunch of random characters at gmail.com or Hotmail.com, like as776gh34@gmail.com. Authentic messages will always come from an email address you can easily identify.

. My Council knows all my emails will come from either gk@kofc9499.org or from jbrown4520@yahoo.com. - Be wary of messages that say something like "I can't call you because my phone isn't working". If someone is asking you to send money or spend money, ALWAYS make sure you personally verify with the person requesting it. Even if the email says they cannot reach their phone, I can assure you they would rather have you wait until you can check with them later! - Also be cautious of anything that says it is urgent. Again, anything we do for the Knights of Columbus rarely needs to be done immediately - and if it does, whomever making the request will call you!

NEVER purchase gift cards or gift certificates based on an email request - and if you do, never send images of them via email or text! Sometimes we may ask for gift cards as prizes at events, but we will always take those donations in person - never by email.

Please feel free to share this information with your families. These types of scams are everywhere, and the scammers are getting smarter! There are many other scams out there as well, so a good rule of thumb is to never give anyone money unless you can verify it is the person you think it is... or even better, can hand it to them in person!

John Brown - Information Security Professional Grand Knight, Council 9499

## Treasurer's report

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		Treasurer's Report August 2024								
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		Previous					New		\$65.00	
Checking Account		Balance Movement		Deposits	Withdrawls		Balance		\$0.00	Pancake Breakfast
Ge	eneral Council Funds	\$2,780.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,437.09		\$1,343.08	Adm/Misc	\$4,333.00	Pavilion Project
Prepaid Dues, Jan-Jun Accrual		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$508.91		-\$443.91	GC	\$95.20	RSVP
State Raffle Accrual		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	GC	\$0.00	Dash Proceeds
Special Projects Golf		\$7,031.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,031.51		\$0.00	LAMB/Various	\$38.00	Happy Dollars
Special Projects Dash		\$4,167.37		\$1,563.25	\$1,583.25		\$4,147.37	LAMB	\$1,563.25	Parish Dash
Special Projects Fish Fry		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	GC	\$0.00	State Conv Refund
Special Projects Honeybee		-\$35.00			\$0.00		-\$35.00	LAMB		
Special Project Pavilion		-\$154.04	\$0.00	\$4,333.00	\$547.21		\$3,631.75	Pavilion BBQ		
Pancake Breakfast Account		\$4,969.12	-\$4,969.12	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Seminarian	\$0.00	State Raffle Accrual
Happy Dollars Accrual		\$651.00		\$38.00	\$0.00		\$689.00	Crisis Control	\$0.00	Priest Emerg
8509 Heart Fund Accrual		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				Heart Assoc	\$6,094.45	Total
Priests Emergency Fund Accrual		\$489.50		\$0.00				Priest Emerg		
Culture of Life Fund Accrual		\$152.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.00			Culture of Life	Account with	
Staddon-Cain Fund Accrual		\$15.46	\$0.00		\$0.00			Scholarship		Culture of Life/State Co
	RSVP Accrual	\$1,077.30	\$4,969.12	\$95.20	\$4,000.00		\$2,141.62	Seminarian		DASH Stop Payment/Dble Paid
										LAMB Found/Golf Proceeds
	Sub Total	\$21,144.39	\$0.00	\$6,094.45	\$15,199.97		\$12,038.87			Insuff Funds Collwood
									\$547.21	K Oelhafen Spag Dinner Reim BBQ Pit
				Value Adjustment	Purchase or Sales	Dividends & Interest			\$4,000.00	White/Van Nosdall/Cannon Seminarian
Staddon-Cain Investments		\$23,415.57		\$215.33		\$101.76	\$23,732.66		\$378.00	St Co Dues Per Capita
									\$51.00	Catholic Advert
									\$130.91	Supreme Per Capita
									\$232.76	K Oelhafen Hisp Recruit/Council Supplie
									\$50.09	D Kempka Robly/Website Renewal
									\$ 1,103.24	BOGO Coats for Kids
	Total All Accounts	\$44,559.96		\$6,309.78	\$15,199.97	\$0.00	\$35,771.53		\$15,199.97	Total



