

**Holy Cross Council 8509**

**Kernersville, NC**

**March 18, 2025 (**Salesian hall**) Membership Meeting**

**(27 attendees)**

The meeting was called to order. WGK Kevin Oelhafen led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February membership meeting. The motion was approved.

**Chaplains Summation and report –** No Report

**Grand Knight’s Report**

1. State Convention is May 16-18 in Hickory. Ken Marshall and Kevin Oelhafen will be in attendance. Dennis and Dave are the alternates.
2. On Saturday there was a Spanish Council formation event in the Winston-Salem/Clemmons area (St. Benedict). We sent a rep there, Eliud Gonzalez, who joined us last year. Our council donated $100 to help the cause.
3. WNC Aid – it’s easier now to help than it was a few months ago.
4. Recruiting Opportunities – wear your shirt and your badge.

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

Victor once again took Aluminum can for recycling that we donate to RSVP. This month was $84.

We’ve had two excellent Fish Frys. They went really well—122 plates and 181 plates.

There will be raffle tickets sold after the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**

WT Mike Reynolds reported the opening balance for February was $10,982 and ended at 9981. There were $2748 in deposits including $870 in dues, $450 from the Pancake Breakfast and $1320 for the Golf Tournament. There were $3748 of withdrawals in checks, mostly reimbursement, advertising and fruit sales.

The Staddon-Cain Investment Account started with $24,128.18 and gained $152.73 in market value adjustment, and gained $101.10 in Dividends and Interest resulting in a closing balance of $24,382.01. See the list and amounts under New Business.

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

**Introduction of Visitors –** None

**Membership Report –** No Report

**Report of Auditors and Trustees –** No Report

**Programs Report - WDGK LB Clayton**

* We have two more Pancake Breakfasts.
* We had 8 volunteers for highway cleanup. Nine bags of garbage cleaned up.
* Golf Tournament is going well. We have 92 confirmed golfers signed up. Sponsorship is going well. Everyone is welcome to donate. Kernersville News April edition will have an article about the Tournament.
* Dash – Br. Chuck reported that the season starts April 8. They now have a concession stand that requires 8 or 10 people. That seems like too many so we looked at other options. They now have an area where groups can purchase wristbands and they can get food. Not sure if we would be serving food or just refilling empty containers. Requires only 4 people for 2 and ½ hours. Sign up sheet is on the website. Not many have signed up yet. Please check your calendars and sign up. The payoff is less than what we’ve made in the past. It was $200 per game; now it $150 per game. If we work ten games, there is a $200 bonus. As a Council, we are signed up for 10 games. The Columbiettes have signed up for 10 games. And the Assembly is signed up for 3 games. If working a game, wear comfortable shoes, a hat, and a Knights shirt.
* Matt Mahler reported that he spent 15 minutes with the outgoing Director of Veterans Helping Veterans. They have not decided on a replacement yet.

**Report of the 4th Degree - WFN Carl Darkes –** No report

**District Deputy Report- WDD Pat O'Doherty –**

* KofC has some good IRA programs that are Catholic-based. They regularly check the companies to make sure they don’t go against Catholic principles. See Miguel if you have any questions or want more information.
* St. Benedict’s is trying to get a Council started. They have 16 people signed up and need another 14.
* Use the Fish Frys for recruiting. Have one or more Knights wondering around talking to men about joining. Look for ladies with young children. Ask if they know about the insurance through the Knights.

**Field Agent’s Report –** No Report

**Columbiette’s Report -Worthy Liaison Dennis Muelker –**

* They are sending checks to Crisis Control and Shepherd’s Center
* The Knights are supposed to get a $250 check for the Golf Tournament. They had in the budget $200 for the Golf Tournament. There were two women that disagreed so they have to vote on it at next month’s meeting.

**New Business** (new motions)

* High Point University students are starting a Knights of Columbus Council. They need more members.

**Good of the Order**

* Prayer requests:
  + Dennis Muelker, Frank Bolles, Al Livelsberger, and Kevin’s sister
* Knight of the Month for February –Victor Sanchez
* Family of Month February– Diana & Richard Phillips

**Important Dates**

Friday during Lent (except Good Friday)--------------- Fish Fry

Sunday April 6th --------------------------------- Pancake Breakfast

Monday April 7th --------------------------------- Officer’s Meeting

Happy Dollars were collected. WDGK 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.**

 April 11, 1930 – March 5, 2025

**Anthony Charles "Chuck" Muller Obituary**

Anthony Charles “Chuck” Muller, 94, of North Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 5th, 2025.

Chuck was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1930. He enlisted in the Marines at the age of 17 after seeing a poster depicting a sharply dressed soldier with palm trees and beaches in the background.

While stationed at Camp Lejeune, Chuck visited Carolina Beach on a weekend pass and met the love of his life, Frances “Fran” Ellen England. Wed in 1950, Chuck always bragged that he married the “former Miss England.” Family was a priority for Chuck and Fran; their greatest joy was raising their seven children.

Chuck proudly served in the Korean War and returned to his growing family in Belmont, NC after his deployment. He attended Belmont Abbey College where he served as Student Body President. Chuck graduated in 1956 with a degree in Business Administration. A lifelong devotee to the Abbey, he was recognized as Alumnus of the Year in 2005 and later endowed the Anthony C. Muller Scholarship Fund. A self-proclaimed “walking yearbook” of the college, he enjoyed sharing memories with students every October during homecoming festivities.

Chuck spent the majority of his career working for the Ford Motor Company which brought his family to Louisville, KY. In 1974, the Governor commissioned Chuck as a Kentucky Colonel. The family spent their later years in Kernersville, NC where Chuck and Fran retired. They spent their golden years traveling the world and enjoying time with their children and grandchildren.

Fran and Chuck made North Myrtle Beach, SC their home in 2015, joining the parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Always an active member of his community, Chuck made connections wherever he went, notably as a regular at Flynn's Irish Tavern and later at Grand Strand Cardio Rehab.

A devout Catholic, he was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus and enjoyed volunteering in his community. Golf was a passion that turned strangers into lifelong friends. Chuck recorded his first and only hole in one at the ripe age of 77.

Chuck is preceded in death by his wife Fran and their sons Anthony Charles “Corky” and Joseph Muller. He is survived by his children, Barlowe “Barry” (Carolyn) Muller of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Cathey (Carmack) Kersey of Winchester, KY, Jerome (Denise) Muller of Louisville, KY, Judith “Jude” (Cliff) Barrineau of Columbia, SC, and Mary Fran (Ross) Ferry of North Myrtle Beach, SC, his daughter-in-law Ethel Muller (Corky’s wife of 48 years) of Rock Hill, SC, as well as 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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