

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. GERARD MAJELLA COUNCIL 6884, SENECA, SC
MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2024

1. Grand Knight Tom Zavertnik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer led by Deacon John Leininger.
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Worthy Warden Bob Mullen.
4. Welcome of guest: Worthy District Deputy Don Thurlow
Welcome of new members: Tim Finn was presented a rosary and pin after completing his online CUF exemplification. His Knight friend Gary DeFazio was re-introduced to the group, as he joined a while back but has not been very active. Andy Fessenmeyer was given his hat, since it was not available at a prior meeting.

New members not in attendance:

- Alex Butterbaugh, online exemplification March 18th
- Transfers: Roel Cruz, Paul Williams, Mike Sullivan (partial year resident), Greg Bean

5. Roll Call of Officers: Worthy:

<u>Grand Knight</u>	<u>Tom Zavertnik</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Deputy Grand Knight</u>	<u>Phil Zima</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Fr. Bill Hearne</u>	<u>excused</u>
<u>Chancellor</u>	<u>Tommy Davis</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Financial Secretary</u>	<u>Brian Lamb</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Pat Ford</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Advocate</u>	<u>Frank Kler</u>	<u>excused</u>
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	<u>Kevin Lynch</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Warden</u>	<u>Bob Mullen</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Inside Guard</u>	<u>Matt Nowocin</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Outside Guard</u>	<u>Pete Giordano</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Trustee 1 yr</u>	<u>Kevin Flanagan</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Trustee 2 yr</u>	<u>Bob Brohm</u>	<u>present</u>
<u>Trustee 3 yr</u>	<u>Rheal Desrochers</u>	<u>present</u>

6. Minutes of prior meeting approved.
7. Worthy Grand Knights Report: brief this evening with the long agenda.
 1. We have volunteers who accepted the following positions: Tom Brennan (Financial Secretary; must be approved by Supreme), Pat Mullen (Deputy Grand Knight). Ben Gehring stepped up to work with Bro. Roger Dilling to become our webmaster.
 - Catherine Kiker, Bro. Kevin Kiker's daughter, has been chosen for the honor to travel to Italy/Rome as part of a study abroad program. She is very active with the St. Andrew Parish and is deserving of our support. The leadership committee decided to "pass the hat" at this meeting and solicit donations through an email to the membership, since this expense is not in the budget, and our council does not have a process in place for awarding scholarships. We believe the generosity of our Knights is the best way to address this. This resulted in a \$708 contribution to Catherine. Deacon John will give our collection to Nancy Leininger who is coordinating the effort at Saint Andrews.
8. Worthy Financial Secretary Report: The monthly report is attached to these minutes.
9. Worthy Treasurer's report: All accounts are balanced.
10. Membership: We reached our goal – 12 new members this year. Keep it up!

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11. First Reading of Slate of Officers for Fraternal Year 2024-2025 by Kevin Flanagan.
All positions held from the current fraternal year, with the following exceptions: Bro. Tom Brennan, Financial Secretary; appointed position; DGK Pat Mullen; Trustee, Brian Lamb replacing Kevin Flanagan.
12. Program and Committee Reports: (Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Phil Zima)
Worthy Faith Director Deacon John Leininger: Weekly readings continue; Notify Deacon John if you want to be included in his e-mailings. Kairos Weekend: Need prayers for 72 hours. (Starts at 2:00 pm on April 18 and ends on April 21). Sign up for various hours, so that someone is always praying during this period. See QR code (see end of this document). You will sign up and be responsible to pray during that time. This time, 4,000 DOZEN cookies are needed to give out to inmates and staff. Please bring cookies to St. Andrews Officed by April 17.
- State Raffle Update: Worthy Grand Knight Tom Zavertnik: Tonight is the last time tickets will be available. 760 tickets were sold, grossing \$3,800. This is 257% of the state quota, 127% of budget goal, and 109% of the Grand Knights challenge. Our rebate will be \$1,900, which is \$400 over what we projected. Any additional tickets received tonight, may only increase these amounts.
- Worthy Community Director Worthy Chancellor Tommy Davis:
- Highway Cleanup: Secretary Lynch is still having difficulty in getting anyone at the Sheriff's Office to return his phone calls or e-mails. The final question is where the bags of trash need to be brought, since they must be weighed and counted.
 - Sleep in Heavenly Peace: (From Grand Knight and Chancellor): This project constructs beds for children in Oconee County who do not have one. Supreme is funding this (\$5,000). Each bed is approximately \$250 in cost. We are asked to just supply labor. No cost, no tools needed. Will be held in a large facility, most likely West Oak High School. Will need volunteers. We will build 20 beds. From other group experiences, it will take 20 members less than two hours. May 18. Time approx. 9:00 – 10:30am
 - Walhalla Performing Arts Center: Bro. Jim Gerhum: June 15 at 7:00 p.m. (Chicago Transit Authority). Only 25 % of the seats have been sold. Volunteers will be needed including for 50/50 sales. We will have a pre-show get together for all Knights at Stumphaus Taproom from 5:00-6:30, with a drink and food special. (200 East Main Street, Walhalla; two blocks from Walhalla Performing Arts Center); Bro. Walter Torres.
- Worthy Life Director; Trustee Kevin Flanagan; 40 days for life. His report is attached to these minutes. Council is asked us to say this daily prayer to St. Joseph:
- *Prayer to Saint Joseph;*
Dearest, St. Joseph, At the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

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Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.

Amen.

- Columbus HOPE: Seneca Walmart: April 19 and 20; Bountyland Stores April 26 and 27. Mail in contributions
- Golf Tournament: Brothers Jim Zavertrnik and Tab Bintz. We need more golfers. Friends and family welcomed. Tax-deductible donations may be made. Hole-in-one observers will be needed. Volunteers may work all or part of the day. Volunteers will get lunch. Tuesday, May 14 at Oconee Country Club. Volunteers are currently contacting local business owners for support (door prizes, etc).
- Special Olympics April 12th at Southern Wesleyan University. Tommy Davis and Kevin Lynch will line up on the track at 9:30 to present the colors at the opening ceremony. After opening remarks at 10:00 am, we will present the colors and lead the parade of athletes. We will serve free drinks and hotdogs during the day to athletes and families.

Worthy Family Director Bob Brohm:

- Our Daily Rest: One volunteer needed for team 1.
- Fish Frys: Thanks to Pat Mullen, Phil Zima, the Thibodeaux's, Pete Giordano, Bill Johnston, and Jim Gerhum for the Saturday morning cleanups! Also 40 other volunteers, including families. 583 paid admissions; profit \$2,942, which is \$300 more than last year.
- Pendleton Jubilee: Set up is April 8th. Meet at council hall at 9:00 am especially if you have a truck; or 10:00 at Pendleton green. Need a truck to tow the trailer.

13. Worthy District Deputy's Report: Due to the State Convention starting tomorrow, I will send my remarks following. Watch "Into the Breach" – a family series.

Recommended viewing:

- <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>
- Ultrasound Initiative: Two locations need 3 machines.
- Aid and Support after pregnancy: \$1 Million has been donated this fraternal year.

14. Other Reports:

- Deacon John: 2,300 attended Easter services at St. Andrew's.
- Club 6884: Financial account t attached to these minutes. Hall upgrades: A big (big) screen TV has been installed on the wall behind the podium. We will be having a paint session, with the date to be announced soon. Any member can help.
- Fourth Degree: The following brothers will become Sir Knights this weekend at the State Convention: Don Flint, Pete Giordano, Dave Rinz, and Pat Ford.

15. Old Business:

- A \$200 motion was approved for the Golden Corner Veterans Support Group.
- A \$300 motion was approved for the Oconee County OARS program

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16. New Business:

- The leadership group voted to donate left over food quantities rather than keep them indefinitely in the freezer. However, if there is one of our events in the near future, keep it.
- Grand Knight discussed the need of keeping up with members who are sick or in distress. To that, a Sunshine Committee should be formed. Jack Kanet volunteered to head it up, he will need assistance from long standing members.
- Thanks to Bill and Karen Andrews for their donation of \$500 to the council.
- Anyone interested in coming to the Hall on Monday night to watch the college basketball national championship game on our new tv. Based on interest, we will provide pizza. Other food and beverages can be brought to the hall.

17. Good of the Order

- April birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.
- Knight of the Month: Fred Burton, for his work including the Fish Frys.
- Family of the Month: Jim and Diane Gerhum for their work, especially the Saturday morning clean-ups after the Fish Frys
- Prayer List: Read; prayers led by Deacon John.

18. Grand Knights closing remarks: don't forget the Membership Challenge. Just because we reached our goal, we should still endeavor.

19. Meeting Adjourned; 45 members present

50/50: Don Flint, \$31.00. Membership chip: Mike Panther (not present).

Attachments:

Financial Secretary Report

Club 6884 Report

Trustee Flanagan's report (Respect Life)

Attendance Report

Special Olympics schedule

Good of the Order Prayer List

Special Grand Knights post-convention report

Respectfully submitted,

S/K Kevin J. Lynch

QR Code for signing up for an hour of prayer for the Kairos Weekend:

