



**I. Call to Order – Terry Kruse**



Brothers, we are about to open this council in the first section. All persons not having received the honors of membership in the first section shall please retire from the chamber. The doors shall now be closed and the guards assume their positions.

18 Knights present

**II. Warden’s Report on Membership Cards – Tony McKillip**

Worthy Warden, do you vouch that all present are in possession of a current membership card?  
(Response: Worthy Grand Knight, I vouch that all present are in possession of a current membership card.)

Verified

**III. Opening Prayer –**



**IV. Pledge of Allegiance – Terry Kruse**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



**V. Roll Call of Officers**

Officers are to remain standing until The Worthy Recorder calls your name.



<i>Position:</i>	<i>Officer:</i>	<i>Present/Excused:</i>
Chaplain	Fr. Ken Halbur	E
Grand Knight	Terry Kruse	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Todd Cogdill	E
Chancellor	Jason Richards	E
Recorder	Mitch Geistkemper	E
Treasurer	Mike Roarty	P
Financial Secretary	Jim Roths	P
Advocate	Tom Joensen	E
Warden	Tony McKillip	P
Inside Guard	Dave Clark	E
Outside Guard	Dave Grebasch	P
Trustee	Jason Madison	E
Trustee	Steve Crann	E
Trustee	Paul Moritz	E

Lecturer	Dn Matt Halbach	E
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VI. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The Worthy Recorder has provided the minutes from our last official meeting (no previous meeting for current term). Are there any additions or corrections to these minutes? Do I have a motion to accept these minutes? Do I have a second? All those in favor say “I”. All opposed same sign.

Mostion to accept Jim Iosbaker, second by Mike Gatzke. Motion passed.

VII. **Rosary & Badge Check** - Proceeds from the Rosary & Badge Check will be donated to the Pennies for Heaven projects.

All present had rosary and badges.

VIII. **Grand Knight’s Report – Terry Kruse**

- a. Next Officers Meeting: Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at approx. 1:00 pm in room 124. All are welcome!
- b. Next Business Meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm Rosary, 7:00pm meeting. No meeting in December
- c. Stay after meeting for snacks, refreshments and fellowship – free will donation.

IX. **Chaplain’s Report – Fr. Ken Halbur**



Please let the Chaplain know if you have noticed a person whom you think would be a good candidate for the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. Let us now stand and join in a Prayer for Vocations:

No report

X. **Treasurer’s Report – Mike Roarty**

- a. Expenses: 2298.69
- b. Deposits: 1282.83
- c. Checking: 4654.44\_\_
- d. Savings: 590.89
- e. Investments: 8658.35 – First CD investment comes due in May. Have earned approx. 140.

Are there any questions about this report? Do I have a motion to accept this report as presented? Do I have a second? All those in favor say “I”. All those opposed same sign.

XI. **Financial Secretary’s Report – Jim Roths**

- a. Expenses: \$51.48 KC Supreme for supplies, \$16.65 to Terry Kruse for copies, \$2100 Decatur County Rotary Club for wreaths, \$27.50 Jim Roths for stamps,

\$75.11 Hy-Vee store charge for breakfast supplies, \$59.58 Terry Kruse for meeting refreshments, \$100 to St. Francis of Assisi Council 12242 for seminarian Christmas care packages.

b. Communications:

Are there any questions about this report? Do I have a motion to accept this report as presented? Do I have a second? All those in favor say "I". All those opposed same sign.

XII. **District Deputy's Report - Dennis Westover**

Items for Discussion and Action

Keep submitting Knight and Family of the Month to State. Need to complete form 1728 by Jan 31. Stated 15603 is in a good position to make Star Council. December 14 training at the West Des Moines Marriott, on Sunday December 15 will be holding a 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonies. Will be ordering medals for the free throw contest. Doug is working with Dennis to make St. Luke's the site for the district competition.

XIII. **Insurance Agent's Report – Rob Ryan**

Members that have an interest in meeting with an agent are to contact Rob at Robert.ryan@kofc.org.

No report this month.

XIV. **Officer and Committee Chair Reports:**

a. Skip for now.

XV. **Unfinished Business**

a. Name Badges: anyone still need one?

b. Enter service hours - <https://www.saintluketheevangelist.org/kofc-volunteer-hours-form>

c. See new business

XVI. **New Business**

a. Goals for Fraternal Year

i. Update/Revamp/Revitalize Committees. Supreme requires for Star Council. Draft descriptions and programs are as follows (Adopted from <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/programs/10590-faith-in-action-guidebook.pdf>):

Faith – Chair, Mike Roarty. Co-Chair?

Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. When we entered the order, we were reminded to constantly inform ourselves in the Catholic faith. This formation goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving god and his son Jesus Christ. Programs in this category are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way — whether through helping the future shepherds of the mother Church, quiet contemplation in a spiritual reflection program, or honoring Mary, mother of God. These programs should strive to arm us for the spiritual battle that our men and families face daily.

Programs

- Present Rosaries to parents of Baptized Children
- Corporate Communion Mass
- Keep Christ in Christmas poster coloring contest
- Christmas Wreath Sales
- Red/Blue Mass

#### Community – Chair, Paul Moritz, Co-Chair?

Charity is the first principle of our Order. Being Catholics who embrace the principle of Charity means that we share it with “the whole” or to the “community in general”. There are numerous projects we can get involved with to help our neighbors and assist those in need within our local community. Councils that conduct these programs are positively shaping their communities by addressing the needs of its citizens.

##### Programs

- Habitat for Humanity house builds
- Slumberland mattress deliveries
- Coats for Kids
- Cans for Lent
- St. Vincent De Paul

#### Family – Chairs, Doug Cox and Tony McKilip

Programs developed for families by families. We must strive to help prevent the death of the family by administering preventive medicine. By conducting those programs and activities, which aid in rebuilding the family spirit from within, we aim to make it vital and strong enough to resist society’s ills. We encourage our members and their families to choose as their model the Holy Family, copying their attitude of interdependence, sharing and respect for authority.

Our family programs are an evolution and response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family. We must make it clear that society should value a family that is faithful to God and each other. Father McGivney’s vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength, as holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. Put plainly, the majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs help us to live this call.

##### Programs

- Spelling Bee Contest
- Free-Throw Contest
- Bike/Walk Run

#### Culture of Life – Chair, Bruce Melhop

The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, “Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition” (St. John Paul ii, 1995). The Knights of Columbus defend the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Knights work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Your council should stand ready to assist any pregnant woman in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped, empower those with

special needs to realize their full potential and bring attention to the injustices of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Programs

- Diaper Drive
- Agape Pregnancy Center, Ultrasound funding

Membership and Retention – Chair, Steve Wieneke

Recruiting new members is essential to the continued growth and well-being of our Council and the Order. Offering membership in the Knights of Columbus gives men the opportunity to improve their own life and their community. Membership allows men to experience the fraternal bond that Knights share while growing closer to their family and faith. Membership provides eligibility to participate in the purchase of insurance products and take advantage of other fraternal benefits. This committee is broken down into three sub-committees focusing on recruitment, retention and the planning and conduct of exemplification ceremonies.

Programs

- Exemplification Ceremonies
- Church Drives
- Prospecting

Meal/Fundraising – Chair, Jason Richards

Programs

- Quarterly Breakfasts
- Golf Banquet Dinners
- Teacher Appreciation Dinner

- ii. Reengagement of Inactive Knights
- iii. Safe Environment Training
- b. Paul Moritz – Catholic Workers House.
- c. Bruce Melhop or Paul Moritz - Diaper Drive – Recap
- d. Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest
- e. Apparel Order – From Mike Gatzke.
- f. State Bowling Tournament – Sat/Sun March 28-29, Bowlmor Lanes Davenport IA contact Jason Follett ([jasonfollett@mediacombb.net](mailto:jasonfollett@mediacombb.net)) if interested.
- g. Dan Werner, State Vocations Chairman – seeking donations of \$100 per council in Des Moines Diocese to help create Christmas Care packages to Diocese’s 16 seminarians.
- h. KC Pro Life Run – Sioux City to Davenport, June 2020

Discussion on Safe Environment Training, where to find it, and the reason we need it. Dennis Westover discussed the need to have Knights who have been through the training present at every events with kids present. Diaper drive – delivery will be made the first week of December. Twenty-four boxes were donated. Mike Gatzke will get information from companies regarding orders. We as a council decided we can afford the \$100 for Christmas Care Packages and Jim will be sending the check. KC ProLife Run was discuss briefly.

XVII. **3 Month Look Ahead**

- a. Solidify Calendar
- b. Christmas Wreath Sales. Update?
- c. Church Drive – Sat December 7 and Sun Dec 8
- d. Upcoming Degree Ceremonies – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Sun Dec 8 approx. 11:50 (after 10:30 mass)
- e. Slumberland Bed Deliveries, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>
- f. Dec 14 – State Winter Meeting, West Des Moines Marriott
- g. Dec 14/15 Installation Mass with Bishop Joensen
- h. Knights Breakfast – Sun Dec 15, serving 8:00am-12:00pm.
- i. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony – Sun January 12

Wreath sales – extras we ordered have been purchased by interested families. Some folks who have ordered and paid have not picked them up but Steve Wieneke will be reaching out to them. Church Drive scheduled for after masses weekend of Dec 7-8. First Degree ceremony for Sunday Dec 8. Steve Wieneke may have a few people in the pipeline. Because of that time we will be holding officers meeting immediately following ceremony. A number of Knights have signed-up for Slumberland bed deliveries. Jason Richard will be sending a sign-up soon about upcoming breakfast. Dennis Westover discussed the State Winter Meeting on the 14/15 and there will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremonies on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

XVIII. **Good of the Order - Matt Halbach**  
Knights of Columbus Prayer intentions

- a. All unemployed and underemployed Brother Knights
- b. For a Culture of Life
- c. For our parish - Saint Luke the Evangelist
- d. All of our Military Service Women, Men and their families
- e. All of our departments of public safety (police, fire fighters, etc.)
- f. Brother Kevin Doty is battling cancer
- g. Former ISU basketball assistant coach and found of the Iowa Games Jim Hallahan is battling cancer.

Let us now observe a moment of silence for the Good of the Order.

XIX. **Good for the Order – Matt Halbach**  
Does any Brother present have any positive news, accomplishments, deeds, etc. which he would like to share?

XX. **Closing Prayer - Prayer of an Iowa Knight**



Heavenly Father, You are the author of life and source of grace. Without you, we are nothing, and with you, all things are possible. Guide us that we may humbly serve your people. Bless us with your grace that the work of the Knights of Columbus will make a difference, in that small part of the world, you have entrusted to us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in union with the Holy Spirit, as one God forever and ever, Amen.

XXI. **Adjournment**