



Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

SW Iowa Catholic Foundation

Moved by Mike G. Seconded by Mike R. to suspend rules and allow an outside speaker. Motion passed.

Sue Macatee and Rachel Stafuer from the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa made a presentation on what our council can do with our money. They gave a nice summary of what the Foundation does for financing. They distributed a handout on financial planning. Graystone is the backing investment company for the foundation, and it specializes in three portfolios. If we invested with them, it would be set up in a separate 501 C3 account, such that the diocese has no say in how we use our funds. 98% of funds that Graystone uses have been filtered for Catholic values.

In past years the yields were low but these current funds yield competitive rates and there are plentiful choices. They are also a resource for fund raising, planned giving, questions about gifting, etc. to the council at no cost.

This is a community foundation for Catholics. Donor-advised funds have taken the place of private family foundations. They work with these funds a lot. You get an instant charitable benefit. Sue can explain this more if needed.

Rachel: She presented a fact Card by Morgan Stanley. Updated monthly – how the growth funds are performing. Three portfolios highlighted that we could put our funds in. She is based out of Morgan Stanley, located in WDM. They manage billions for Catholic organizations and do rigorous research. Hired by SW Iowa Catholic Foundation. The handout lists the three funds available to us:

1. SGF Strategic Growth Fund for long-term growth. Highest risk. Strong returns. Large fund with lower fees (around 1%). This includes all underlying fees. The returns shown on the sheet are net with these fees included.
2. MGF Moderate Growth Fund is a bit more conservative. They watch the markets closely to maximize returns.
3. CPF Capital Preservation Fund is very low risk but the yield is better than a bank rate. Takes the place of a passbook savings account. Used for parishes for capital campaigns that will need to spend dollars soon. Cemetery funds are usually deposited in this account. For those who want liquid funds quickly.

We could write checks out of all of the 3 funds. Can wire funds or get a check to us quickly. 4-5 days at the most. They have some international investments, but they are vetted the same as domestic funds. The Council decides how to spend their money. Depends on the donor designation if the original purpose is not reached or realized. There is no minimum initial investment, but they would like to see \$5,000 to start. We would get on-line quarterly statements. They are not a broker firm, so can't check constantly for on-line balances like those firms provide.

515-237-5044 is Sue's phone number if we have further questions. Jim will bring this up at our next Officer's Meeting for consideration.

Rosary & Badge Check - Proceeds to Pennies for Heaven.

Tom Judge: Checked all present. Jason donated as a voluntary giving act.

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Chaplain's Report

The chaplain was not present to make a report.

Grand Knight's Report – Jason Richards

1. Officer Positions that need to be filled yet -
 - Recorder
 - Chancellor

Still looking for these two roles. If a member knows of anybody, let Jason or Ryan know.

2. Thank you to those that took time out of their busy schedule to work our CPID events. State Fair and at Hy Vee. We were short workers so it was decided to skip doing Fareway. We may decide to work this store on an upcoming weekend. We will discuss this possibility at next Officer Meeting. We did have electronic capability this year for the first time, but it was not utilized much, if at all. We will consider doing them at Mass, before wreathes.
3. Next Officers Meeting: Monday, October 4th at 7:00pm. All are welcome! In the new meeting room.
4. Next Business meeting: Monday, October 25th 7:00 with Rosary at 6:30.

We will continue having both our business and officer meetings in the new meeting room within the addition.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Mike Roarty

September Expense	\$527.62
September Income	\$19.41
Checking Balance	\$3462.73
Savings Balance	\$641.55
CD Balance	\$8916.09

We could invest in the three funds presented earlier, as we would have enough minimum funds.

Income for the month was from Jim's CPID deposit. Our CD matures in October. Balance is normally expected to be used to fund the scholarships.

Motion by Tom Judge, second by Mike G. to accept the report. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Secretary's Report – Jim Roths

List of Expenses:

Ryan Schon	\$73.59 for Fr. Larry Brunch supplies
Bruce Mehlhop	\$ 9.50 state fair tix / parking
Paul Moritz	\$ \$61.00 for shelter reservation, state fair tix and parking
Jason Hatch	\$218.50 for Fr. Larry Brunch supplies
Steve Wieneke	\$40.77 for picnic supplies
Ryan Schon	\$494.47 for golf dinner supplies
Tom Judge	\$19.05 for charcoal

No communications this month. Motion by Todd C. Seconded by Tom J. Motion passes to accept the report as presented.



District Deputy's Report - Dennis Westover

Form 100s are no longer being used. Instead we are doing it by Officer's on-line. No new members for this council yet. This works for transfers into our council as well.

Our district of four councils needs to have an exemplification every month. We can work with another council to organize and schedule our ceremony. We are no longer using the on-line process, since the covid restrictions have been eased up. Dennis wants us to do a ceremony soon. Don't need to do any memorization, and the ceremony is relatively short and easy to do. Can do 1/2/3 degrees all at once. Team participants can advance as well.

Presentation by Dennis to Todd C. for earning the Columbian Award for our council last year when he was Grand Knight. Congrats to Todd.

Chuck Beard is the Faithful Navigator of our four councils and was present for our meeting. He checked to make sure we are getting his e-mails. General assemblies are bi-monthly. Wants to move that meeting to each council on a rotating basis. Next one is October 11th at St. Mary's. Then it goes back to OLIH. He tries to have a speaker at each meeting. Last one was on the Steven's Ministries. Next one will be on being a deacon. In December he will have Bishop Joensen speak. Chuck is starting up a calling tree to update records, check on status, etc. Are members home-bound and need our help?

Next exemplification is Oct. 4th at OLIH. Oct. 10th is exemplification for 4th Degree in Waukee. Bishop Joensen will become a 4th degree at that event.

Honor Guard at funerals: Any Knight can be honored by one. Contact Chuck or Jason if the need for one presents itself.

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.

Included Rob's message in the agenda, by Jason.

Unfinished Business

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

New Business

1. Oxtober Fest – Oct. 16th. We have been asked to help grill and serve beer. Fairly simple menu so don't need a lot of men in the kitchen. Bruce M to put out an invite soon. His preference would be Knights only.
2. Breakfast – Oct. 24th. More info coming. Invite coming from Jason or Ryan Schon.
3. Christmas Wreath Sales - Discussed at Officer's meeting. Change of plan: We will sell them the first two weekends of November rather than in October, which is so far in advance of the Christmas holiday.

Drake Concessions Opportunity – Steve Weineke was contacted on this. We can do this if we want. 3-6 needed. Money collected from basketball games. Pretty good money earned. A certain percentage is awarded to the organization that volunteers to help. \$400 plus per game is about average. A shift runs five hours for a football game, less for a basketball game. Need to have a certification from IBEV state licensing. We will need to get more information on this. OLIH will do some football games. We may want to check into a couple of basketball games. This will be discussed at the next Officer's meeting.

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3 Month Look Ahead

Oct 7th – Mosaic Partners in Possibilities Event – Virtual this year. Jason can line you up with the info to attend virtually.

Oct 16th – Oxtoberfest. Grilling brat/hot dogs. Likely additional involvement in the event.

October 24th – Breakfast by the Knights.

November - Christmas Wreath Sales.

Good of the Order

Knights of Columbus prayer intentions.

1. All unemployed and underemployed Brother Knights
2. For a Culture of Life
3. For our parish - Saint Luke the Evangelist
4. For military service women, men, and their families
5. For departments of police, fire, emergency response
6. (Intentions from the Council Membership) Craig Hand passed away. Rosary for Fatima Oct 16th at noon on Statehouse steps.

Good of the Order

Does any Brother present have any positive news, accomplishments, deeds, etc. to share?

Dennis: Into the Breach program is. Available for us Knights to attend. OLIH will start each of the 12 programs, watch the video, then have a discussion afterwards. The program is aimed to make us better Catholic men. On Wednesday nights starting in October. Dennis will provide additional details.

Mike G's daughter got sworn in as an attorney, and he has a new grandson and two new knees.

Deacon Fred has a granddaughter in Japan.

Now is the 35-year anniversary for Deacon Fred too.

New transfer to our Council was present and introduced himself: Chris. He has worked at Accumold for the last 7 months. He will close on a house in Westwinds shortly. He has been a Knight since age 18. Previously at Keokuk, where he was Grand Knight there. He was also the State Coordinator for Silver Rose.

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, God forever and ever, Amen.

Adjournment

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Council 15603 Officers

Position	Officer
Chaplain	Fr. Ken Halbur
Grand Knight	Todd Cogdill
Deputy Grand Knight	Jason Richards
Chancellor	Ryan Schon
Recorder	OPEN
Treasurer	Mike Roarty
Financial Secretary	Jim Roths
Advocate	Tom Joensen
Warden	Tony McKillip
Inside Guard	Dave Clark
Outside Guard	Dave Grebasch
Trustee	Terry Kruse
Trustee	Jason Madison
Trustee	Steve Crann
Lecturer	Dn. Matt Halbach

Council 15603 Committee Chairs

Committee	Chair
Faith	Mike Roarty
Community	Paul Moritz
Family	Tony McKillip
Culture of Life	Bruce Melhop
Membership & Retention	Terry Kruse
Meals & Fundraising	Ryan Schon