

**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 7880  
Business Meeting Minutes January 2, 2024

Location: Dwyer Hall, Ave Maria Church  
Time: 6:00pm  
# Of Total Council Attendees: 28

Officers Attending (P – Present, A – Absent, NR – Not Recorded)

Chaplain: Deacon: Paul P  
Advocate: Manus Hand P  
Grand Knight: Jeff Cannella P  
Warden: Mark Gruenewald A  
Deputy Grand Knight: Bill Wasserman P  
Inside Guard: Joe Behringer A  
Chancellor: Stan Syta P  
Outside Guard: Rick Fischer P  
Recorder: Michael Coons A  
P Trustee (3rd Yr.) Jim Prestel A  
Financial Secretary Phil Barenberg P  
Trustee (2nd Yr.): Todd Wasserman A  
Treasurer: Burt Stevens P  
Trustee (1st Yr.): George Demetrion P  
Lecturer: Deacon Paul Ruff P

The Council was called to order by WGK Jeff Cannella at 7:31pm PM.

The opening prayers, and the Pledge of Allegiance, were said.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

There are no minutes from the previous month due to the first Tuesday being reallocated for an

**Chaplain's Message**

Knights to Christ Reading – Deacon Paul Ruff

**Grand Knight Report – Grand Knight**

1. We will be starting our Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 16th
  - a. Please remember to sign up on our Knights of Columbus website ([https://knights-parker-7880.org/admin/event\\_quick\\_registration.php](https://knights-parker-7880.org/admin/event_quick_registration.php)) to ensure we have the best tracking for state
2. For our social night on Tuesday, January 16th, the council will be watching the movie Sound of Freedom. Refreshments will include pizza, popcorn and refreshments

**Financial Report – Treasurer <Burt Stevens>**

Account Update: I should have picked up the information from Burt (George the temp. Recorder)

Membership Report:

1. Current Fraternal Year Totals
  - a. 19 new members for the Fraternal year, being the top council within the State
  - b. 5 new members tonight; 11 potential new members in the waiting

**Financial Secretary's Report -**

1. Remember it is that time of year that dues are being both processed and due. Payments may be made on our website (<https://knights-parker-7880.org/admin/dues.php>), or in person if you happen to catch Phil at church or in a meeting
2. The Annual Golf Tournament will happen again at the Black Bear Country Club, here in Parker, CO on Monday, August 19th
3. This year, for the Fish Fry, we will have the opportunity to purchase personalized "Follow Me to the Fish Fry" t-shirts. Please let Phil know if you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt

**Faith and Spiritual Committee: Director Dan Baca**

1. There is still a collection occurring for the victims of human trafficking. So far to date, \$2,500 have been collected
2. As a result of a reflection on marriage, our Faith Direction distributed a reflection on Fiducia Supplicans that speaks to the controversial topic of the same sex marriage blessings

**Church and Community: Director Burt Stevens**

1. The Free Throw Contest starts in January. We are looking for help.
  - a. Dates: January 22nd and 23rd with the event running from 8am - 2pm with a break in between depending on scheduling by the Ave Maria Athletic director
  - b. Monday the 22nd we ask the Knights to report at 715am to set up the gym for the event. Burt will provide the AD a list of all volunteers since the school requires a list of names. We check in at the school office each morning. Please sign up on the Knights web site as soon as it is available. In the meantime, notify Burt at [oldbogies@aol.com](mailto:oldbogies@aol.com)
  - c. We need at least 10-12 volunteers. We will have 4 hoops that need a scorer and rebounder at each hoop and also others for check in and other duties needed during the event.
  - d. We will host the district event at Ave on February 17th details TBA
  - e. Please call me or text me at 303-877-9174 with any questions
2. Already have Wal-Mart set up for the Tootsie roll drive this coming September

**Family Committee: Director Jeff Cannella**

Nothing new

**Communications: Co-Directors Michael Coons & James Damrau**

Nothing New

**4th Degree: Representative: Ed Coleman or other**

Nothing new

**District Deputy Report: Mike Burkett**

1. Worth District Deputy Mike congratulated us once on again on our amazing member progress, being at 127% of our goal, or having recruited 19 of the 15 required new Brothers
2. State 2024 Colorado Convention
  - a. April 26-28 Antlers hotel.
  - b. Bishop G wants to do a procession that Friday night.

**Unfinished Business**

Nothing new

**New Business**

Knight of the Month o Dec: Deacon Paul

Lecturer's Reflection (Optional): Paul Ruff or Dan Baca

Closing

Closing prayers were recited.