

Knights of Columbus Council #3134

Sleepy Eye & Leavenworth



Knights of Columbus council 3134 Officers' Teleconference on April 18th, 2020

Teleconference began at 7:00 AM.

Attendance Present: Grand Knight Ryan Braulick, Recorder Tim Windschitl, Financial Secretary Matt Wagner, Treasurer Loren Ludewig, Advocate Phil Sellner, Warden Dean Ibberson, 3rd Year Trustee Jim Soukup, 2nd Year Trustee Mark Schwartz, 1st Year Trustee Pat Hoffmann.

Absent: Chaplain Eugene Lozinski, Deputy Grand Knight John Schwartz, Chancellor Brian Braun, Lecturer Dick Schroepfer, Inside Guard Charles Hoffmann, Outside Guard Roger Kral.

Communications: Thank yous from: Tom & Bernie Kachelmeier for sympathy card upon passing of Aloysius Kachelmeier; Sister Rhonda on behalf of Divine Providence Community Home for monetary donation from Super Sunday brunch; Audrey Milbrett on behalf of Lake Villa Maria Apartments for monetary donation from Super Sunday brunch.

Bills: Moved by Jim Soukup and seconded by Loren Ludewig to pay the \$514.46 in bills received since the 3/9/20 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business: Cadillac Dinner Raffle: Event was cancelled and the uncashed checks were returned by mail to the buyers. One buyer told the council to keep his \$125 check as a donation. The state of MN is holding on to our money for the gambling permit, but this money could be used for a permit for next year's event. Twenty turkeys purchased from Stark Farmers Insurance and intended as prizes will likely be sold or donated to the food shelf. KC Fish Fry Event cancelled. Only items the council ended up having to pay for were some ads for the event. Men's Group: Monthly group at Care Center is on hold for now. Priests Appreciation Dinner: Event for April 27th in Willmar is cancelled. Tentative date next year 4/19/21. KC Degree Ceremony: Postponed until sometime in summer. Semi-annual Audit: Did not get turned in yet. Treasurer says he will reprint the form with his completed part and relay it to the new financial secretary so he can complete his part about membership.

New Business: Next regular monthly meeting: May 11th meeting may have to be cancelled too, and may hold another officers' teleconference in its place. An election of council officers is supposed to occur in May. A June meeting is a possibility if social constraints are relaxed enough by then to meet in person. KC Auction: Postponed until possibly late June or July, but can't set a firm date until restrictions are released. If it has to be cancelled for this year, it is unknown what can be done with donated items for the auction currently stored in Harry Wurtzberger's shed. Food stand for 4th of July: Unknown whether it can be held. KC Corn Feed: Del Monte corn no longer available, so have been looking into possibly obtaining corn from a Seneca grower. Ditch clean-up: Will look into doing it when social constraints are relaxed. KC State Convention: They are holding a virtual business meeting by teleconference at 1PM on May 16th. The grand knight will ask someone to attend with him as a delegate.

Adjournment: Moved by Pat Hoffmann and seconded by Dean Ibberson to end conference call at 7:57 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Recorder Tim Windschitl

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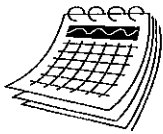
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Brother Knights,

Happy Easter Season to you all. Amidst the pandemic, the change in lifestyle has brought its challenges, including some positive ones. Even though I miss physically going to mass, our family has taken the opportunity like many others to stream/replay mass online from our own St. Mary's parish, but also other parishes with priests from our past, and even from the Vatican. I will admit, even if we prepare the living room for mass, and everyone gets dressed up, it's a struggle to keep our four kids focused partially because the environment hasn't changed. However, I then smile and remember that focus is an issue with our kids at actual church sometimes too, so maybe it's a wash. In the end, we may have missed the usual Easter family gathering this year, but the Lord still rose from the dead and that is what we should all continue to focus on. God Bless,

Ryan Braulick
Grand Knight, Sleepy Eye Knights of Columbus Council #3134



Upcoming Calendar Events:

1. All April Events have been cancelled or postponed.
2. 5/1/20 Ladies Gala Event cancelled
3. 5/11/20 KC May meeting is pending at this point.
4. 5/16/20 KC State Convention Business meeting via teleconference (1 PM)



Other Reminders:

1. With no KC fish fry this lent, please support our local supermarket, Schutz Family Foods by purchasing some of the back stocked fish. Earlier this month it was going for \$19/ 10 lbs. box, which I believe was big pollock filets.
2. As you receive the membership dues and state raffle tickets in the mail, please make one check covering both to the Sleepy Eye KC's. Thank you.



Knights in Distress: Please extend your condolences and prayers to:

1. Steve Windschitl and his family for the passing of his mother, Marlene.
2. Dennis Sellner and his family for the passing of his brother in law, Randy Hauth.

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A Message from our KC Insurance Agent:

UNCHARTERED WATERS – COVID 19 VIRUS

Most of you know me as your Knights of Columbus Field Agent but before that I'm a Brother Knight and as such I wanted to send you a quick note that reflects the posture of the Knights of Columbus and my own commitment to serve you and your family in these unprecedented times. As a framework, I want to employ the five pillars that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has pointed to as characteristics found in men who, **in time of crisis, not only survive but lead.**

First, **we remain rooted in the truth of the faith.** We pray for one another, for the sick and the dying, and for the Church and world. In this we remain true to Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting families within the sure tracks of the Catholic faith.

Second, the Knights can be counted on to **step into the breach.** When disasters strike, the Knights are there with prayer and work, supporting first responders, providing shelter and assistance to those affected. This time is no different. Working together, we remain united and strong.

Third, **a Knight stays at his post.** I understand that you have concerns about health, finances, job security, savings, retirement, and these have only increased in these days. I am here to help allay those concerns and to answer any questions you may have.

We are ready **to suffer for the good.** It has fallen to us agents and our Supreme Council leadership to roll up our sleeves and get to work so we can remain effective as we work remotely and maintain social distance. To that end, we are employing new technology that allows us to meet "virtually," using a secure video conferencing software. It allows us to see each other, and to share a screen that features forms and other graphics.

Finally, **a Knight maintains humble confidence.** My commitment to you, our members and families, remains steady and is built not primarily on my qualifications but on the strength of our Order, which has grown and strengthened over more than 135 years. Our Order is strong and our guarantees remain in place.

As always, I stand ready to help. If you or anyone you know are in need of assistance of any kind during these trying times, please feel free to contact me, Denny Schommer, at 507-276-4172 or denny.schommer@kofc.org.