

**Knights of Columbus – Penn Allegheny Council No. 4242
Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2018**

Frank Opice called the Council to order at 7:30PM. Fr. Poecking led the opening prayer.

The Role of Officers was called and noted as follows: (P-resent, A-bsent, E-xcused)

P – Chaplain: Rev. Kevin Poecking	P - Financial Secretary: Mike Lynch	P - Inside Guard: Jerry Donovan
P - Grand Knight: Frank Opice	P - Treasurer: John Kutzner	P - Outside Guard: Tim McKee
P - Deputy Grand Knight: Ron Gratz	E - Lecturer: Greg Davidson	P - Trustee (3 yr): Jack Koehler
P - Chancellor: Pete Konieczka	P - Advocate: Leo Grady	P - Trustee (2 yr): Don Tappe
P - Recorder: Dom Travisano	E - Warden: Bill Seidel	E - Trustee (1 yr): Andy Smith

Opening Ode: Sung by all.

The status of the Minutes of the preceding meeting: Approved as read.

Report of Admissions: Progress.

Grand Knight’s Report: Grand Knight Frank Opice welcomed Fr. Poecking to tonight’s meeting. Frank thanked John Fesz for putting the together the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner.

Chaplain’s Report: Fr. Poecking was happy to be with the Council tonight.

Treasurer’s Report: Balance is \$15,249.94, including \$1,172.53 in the Charity Fund and also including \$145.27 in the Squire’s Fund.

The following receipts were read:

Receipt #	Date	From	Line Item Total	Total Amount
6-018	03/31/18	50/50 (March) Interest (March)	7.00 0.12	\$7.12
7-018	04/20/18	Initiation Dues Spaghetti Dinner Pirates Baseball Game	20.00 205.00 65.00 62.00	\$352.00
8-018	04/17/18	Tootsie Roll Drive Spaghetti Dinner	586.00 156.00	\$742.00

The following bills were read and referred:

Voucher #	Date	Payable To	For	Amount
18-011	04/01/18	StorExpress	Storage Unit Rental (April thru June)	\$320.84
18-012	04/10/18	John Fesz	Memorial Mass at St. John the Baptist (2018)	\$10.00
18-013	04/10/18	John Fesz	Business Meeting Refreshments - March	\$64.20
18-014	04/10/18	U.S. Postal Service	Post Office Box (05/01/18 to 04/30/19)	\$74.00
18-015	04/17/18	Michael Lynch	Seminarian Nicholas Clinton – Attendance at Bishop’s Project Appreciation Dinner	\$30.00
18-016	04/17/18	Nicholas Clinton	Seminarian Support	\$250.00
18-017	04/17/18	Brendan Dawson	Seminarian Support	\$250.00
18-018	04/17/18	Gabriel Salibi	Seminarian Support	\$250.00
18-019	04/17/18	Andy Smith	Squires – Bowling Social	\$94.50
18-020	04/17/18	Jerry Donovan	Business Meeting Refreshments – April	\$55.27
18-021	04/17/18	The Arc of Pennsylvania	Donation	\$100.00
18-022	04/17/18	Special Olympics of PA	Donation	\$100.00

The following communications were read: A Thank You letter from Fr. Poecking for birthday wishes. St. Joseph Marathon fundraiser solicitation. Go for the Gold Medallions solicitation from Special Olympics. The Arc of PA (intellectual and developmental disabilities) sent a solicitation.

Financial Secretary's Report: We are a Council in Good Standing. The Council has 162 members, which includes our two newest members. Second notices have been sent out. Twelve members have not paid. This list of members has been shared with the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight.

Committee Reports:

Program Director (Ron Gratz): Ron called upon the following Directors for reports:

- **Membership Director** (Andy Smith) – **Membership Drive Boards** (Don Tappe) – The boards are available for use. Please contact Don for borrowing one.
- **Church Director** (Jim Rogers): **Rosary for Life** (Frank Opice) – Frank thanked the members and parishioners for a great turnout. **RSVP** (Mike Lynch) – Mike encouraged the Council to extend personal support to the Seminarians. Please pray for these young men. The second round of financial support is going to be mailed out. Please sign the greeting card that is being circulated to re-inforce the Council's support of the Seminarians. Four Seminarians will be ordained to the Diaconate on June 23. There will not be any priestly ordinations this year. **Round Table Report** (Frank Opice) – Frank submitted the report on time (before the end of the fraternal year).
- **Culture of Life Director** (Jerry Donovan): Encourage your representative to support bills that promote life. When you patronize businesses, think about what organizations that the businesses donate funds.
- **Community Director** (Ron Gratz): **Penn Hills Service Association (PHSA)** (Ron Gratz) – May and June sign-up sheets are being circulated. Please volunteer.
- **Council Director** (Leo Grady): **Business Meeting Refreshments** (Leo Grady) – Thanks to Jerry Donovan for providing tonight's refreshments. Please volunteer to be a host of a future meeting. **Memorial Mass** (John Kutzner) – November 5, additional details to follow. **Council Web Site** (Frank Opice) – Please volunteer to work on this project. **Council Newsletter** (John Kralik) – John would like to have content submitted by the Wednesday following the Council's Officer Meeting. Ron Gratz thanked John for his efforts with the Newsletter. **Presentations** (Frank Opice) – None. **Upcoming Degrees** (Frank Opice) – An updated schedule of Degree Ceremonies is available on the sign-in table. Naming convention has changed to Initiation (^{1st} Degree), Formation (^{2nd} Degree) and Knighthood (^{3rd} Degree). **Tootsie Roll Drive** (Reuben Obiekezie) – Reuben reported on the event at Community Market on April 14. Close to \$600 was raised for the Bishop's Project. The next event will be on June 23 at Shop 'n Save. **Retreat** (John Kralik) – February 8-10, 2019 is the tentative date for next year's retreat. The cost is \$225 p.p. To improve attendance, a silent auction is underway to help fund accommodations for Council members. **Adopt-a-Highway** (Pete Konieczka) – Due to weather, the first pick up of the year was moved to April 21. **Building the Domestic Church** (Frank Opice) – Frank and Liz Opice will Chair the Committee. Please attend Good Friday services, as well as, other liturgies. **Bishop's Project** (Mike Lynch) – The Bishop's Project Appreciation Dinner is on April 19. Proceeds from Tootsie Roll collections and Christmas Seals donations (from both Council members and parishioners) are used to support St. Anthony School and McGuire Memorial.
- **Family Director** (John Fesz): **Family of the Month** (Jack Koehler) – Congrats to the family of Tim McKee! **Council Christmas Party** (John Fesz) – Friday December 8 at Veltre's Wedding and Event Center. Cost is \$39 p.p., includes tax and gratuity. **Pirates Game** (John Fesz) – The cost is \$31 p.p. for an extra \$5, a baseball cap is included. There's also a concession stand discount available. Reserve with as little as 15 seats. The game is on Sunday, June 24 when the Pirates play the Arizona Diamondbacks. **Bob Mineo Memorial Picnic** (John Fesz) – Saturday July 28 at St. Januarius. The Mass will take place in the church. **Spaghetti Dinner** (John Fesz) – Saturday April 21 at Villa Ballanca.
- **Youth Director** (Pete Konieczka): Andy Smith reported that the Regional Free Throw Contest and State Free Throw Contest are complete.

Unfinished Business: None.

Trustee's Report: Recommend a \$100 donation to the Special Olympics and a \$100 donation to the Arc of PA. The St. Joseph Marathon fundraiser solicitation will be tabled.

New Business: John Kralik asked if it would be permissible to distribute the Tootsie Roll Drive candy on Halloween. John Kralik offered to create a Council Business Directory. It would contain the services that Brother Knights provide. Ron Gratz wished Reuben and Regina Obie... a Happy Anniversary – 27 joyful years. Fr. Poeking explained that Seminarians are required to take a year of Pastoral Care prior to priestly ordination. Jack Koehler made a motion for a \$100 donation to the Special Olympics and a \$100 donation to Arc of PA. Ed Senge requested financial assistance for Fr. Faustine's return trip to Tanzania. Since a donation of this sort is not allocated in the budget, the request did not materialize into a motion. Ron Gratz made a motion to pay the bills. All motions were unanimously approved.

Squire Circle's Report: Don Tappe reported that a Bowling Part took place and a business meeting took place this month.

Fourth Degree's Report: George Scribe has application forms available.

District Deputy Report: Andy Smith reported on a recently created form of membership to the Order: e-membership. It's not a First Degree replacement. A Supreme Webinar is scheduled for March 24. Andy thanked the Council for completing the Clearances for the Youth Directory and Grand Knight. Please remember to ask a Catholic gentleman to join the Order and benefit from Council membership.

Manager of Fraternal Field Support and PA Past State Deputy Report: Eric Johnson reported that the KofC will have a booth at the CMF. An e-member (a non-degree member) is now available in PA. The Program Model is changing next year. The Youth Director and Council Director positions won't exist in the next fraternal year. A short bulletin article was published at St. Joseph Parish. It was well received.

PA Master West Report: Mike Lynch has Form 4 forms for those interested in joining the 4th Degree. Three Exemplifications are scheduled this year.

Good of the Order: *Special Intentions of Brother Knights Living* – (All Brother Knights, especially PGK Jim Davis, Paul Herrle, Tim McKee, Reuben Obiekezie, Bill Seidel). *Special Intentions of Knights Deceased* – (All Deceased Brother Knights, especially Guy Caranfa, Blaine Curran, Leo Duman, Guy Ingagliato, Bob Merten, Bob Mineo, Bob Monroe, Guy Pugliese, Art Raible, Larry Scott, Nick Travisano). *Special Intentions of Living* – (All Living Persons, especially Helen Cash, Vince Hanley, Julie Hutchinson, Chris La Bertew, Mary Ann La Bertew, Janine Koritko, Athena McCallum, Gail Mertens, Margaret Scribe, Paul Seidel, Rick Speck). *Special Intentions of Deceased* – (All Deceased Persons, especially Barbara Bush, Jay Capretta, Louise Dudas, Henry Gonsowski, Darrell Grossett, Louis Karish, Brenda La Bertew, Gloria Ley, Paul Miller, Virginia Opice, Anthony Palmer, Gino & Maria Santucci, Nick Tamburro, Chuck & Edith Tappe, Lee Toth).

Closing Prayer: Led by Frank Opice.

Closing Ode: Dispensed due to late night.