



The Galleon



Windsor Park Council #5244
Knights of Columbus
Chartered February 26, 1962

Grand Knight's Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

I reach out to you in the capacity as Grand Knight for one of the last times as my role will come to an end in June.

These past 2 years have been very difficult for us all, but especially hard for the church, our parish and the Knights of Columbus organization. I am personally still having trouble readjusting as we emerge from the pandemic.

Please try to recruit new members, we are currently missing key and critical roles to continue the successful survival / operation of our council.

Your brother in faith and hope,

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Minutes from last meetings

April 19, 2022

Meeting Date: 4/18/2022

This is an online meeting via Google Meet.

In Attendance: Joel Parent, Brian Steeves, Harvey Suski, Gerald Slive, Brian Fraser, Andre Guay, Marcel Rainville, Klem Gelowitz, Doug Markewich, Roger Dacquay, Don Buccini

1. **Call to Order** at 7:30pm
2. **Grand Knight's Report**
 - a. Br. Joel has not heard back from organizers regarding the ICCD dinner ticket. He will follow up with them later this week to confirm a ticket is available for Doug.
 - b. GK also noted that he will be stepping down at the end of his term in June, and emphasized the need to find replacements for all of the vacant positions in order to carry on the important work of the council.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. General Account: \$ 6,339.93
 - b. Charities Account: \$ 5,403.53. Note by Br. Brian that the charity acct, one of the knights made a \$200 donation!
 - c. Vocations Account: \$ 658.28
 - d. ICCD Acct: \$320
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. ICCD tickets need to be returned ASAP!
 - i. Br. Brian F asked if we had filled in all the proper forms for the ICCD sales.. This is how we get our funds from ICCD. We didn't get our funds from last year, this is likely the reason. GK will locate the form, and send it to Doug.
 - b. Re: cheque for Ukraine support was delivered last month. Br. Brian mentioned that the Knights had raised almost \$400,000 in total.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Br. Doug noted that Frank Scaletta's funeral is coming up, and Deacon Doug asked that the Knights attend and say the Knights Prayer. Br. Don Buccini is attending the funeral. There was some discussion about whether or not an Honor Guard in full regalia is warranted. Apparently the Honor Guard is reserved for certain 4th degree Knights only.
 - i. Br. Doug M has requested that at his funeral, every Brother Knight should bring or wear a feather, the more colorful the better. NOTED.
 - b. Bob Love suggested that we provide an update every week on the progress of the Ukraine Fund. Gerald Sliva shared that so far we've had a promising start, with approximately \$600 in donations collected at a mass in the first week.
 - c. Br. Brian S (Recorder) advised that the following Brother Knights are no longer at the addresses listed in our Galleon listing for mail delivery. Would like to confirm if they are deceased or simply moved: George C Bouchard, Gerry H Smith, Claude Verrier, David A Dheere.
 - i. Br. Marcel will look up these brothers and advise their current addresses.

- d. We currently have 33 Knights on the hardcopy mailing list for the Galleon. If there are other Knights who wish to receive the Galleon by mail, please let me (Brian Steeves) know their name and mailing address.
- e. New fundraising efforts should begin this summer, with Grey Cup tickets, and other means. We should, however, consider HOW/WHERE we sell tickets as the conventional places may no longer be available.
 - i. Regarding Grey Cup tickets, the cost depends on the price of tickets, but it's generally about \$240 for 2 bundles of tickets. Each Bundle contains 900 tickets.
 - ii. We need a "chairperson" to lead the effort, which has yet to be decided. Motion to be made about this at the next meeting.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm

March 21, 2022

This is an online meeting, via Google Meet.

In attendance: Joel Parent, Brian Steeves, Harvey Suski, Marcel Rainville, Bob Love, Brian Fraser, Roger Dacquay, Gerald Sliva, Doug Markewich

1. Call to Order @ 7:30pm

2. Grand Knight's Report

- a. Deacon Doug asked about the Knights doing a Stations of the Cross event. The last one was a few years ago, but involves a few guys being the volunteers for every part of the service.
 - i. Br. Doug will follow up with Deacon Doug to pick a Friday that works for everyone, and sign up some volunteers.
 - ii. He will also touch base about the tables for ICCD ticket sales at mass. (See unfinished items below about this)
- b. **Moved by Brian Fraser and Seconded by Gerald Sliva that Windsor park Council challenge St Bernadette Parishioners to raise money in support of Ukrainian refugees. We propose that Windsor Park Council match parishioners' donations up to \$1,000 donated. Furthermore, any monies donated will be split equally among three charities: The Canadian Red Cross; Doctors Without Borders; Knights of Columbus Ukrainian Solidarity Fund. If/when this motion passes at our next meeting Gerald Sliva volunteers to do the following - unless someone else would like to take on the task.**
 - 1. Contact the parish office to arrange for Ukrainian Refugee collections and solicit their agreement to handle the funds and make the donations to the three charities.
 - 2. Place a notice in the Parish bulletin each week until such date as the Council decides.
- ii. Discussion/Questions: How would this be communicated and managed? Could we use the "Tithely" system?
- c. **Br. Bob Love put forward an amendment to the Motion, to increase the matching limit to \$2,000. Seconded by Br. Gerald Sliva. Carried.**
- d. The motion will be distributed immediately by email with a voting date of Monday, March 28th, at 7:30pm in a Google Meeting. GK will forward this notice to all current members.
- e. Br. Gerald will give the parish notice that this fundraiser is coming, and to prepare for communications regarding our intentions from our council.

- f. Upcoming event: April 23, 2022, ICCD dinner at St. Alphonsus Parish. **GK moves to pay \$50 for a ticket for Br. Doug M. to attend.** Second by Harvey Suski. Carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. General Acct: \$6,821.18
 - b. Charity: \$7,203.53
 - c. Vocations: \$458.28
 - d. Some minor expenses paid: \$1095 for per capita fees, and \$66 in expenses to Don Bodnarchuk, \$200 to L'Arche
4. **Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting**
 - a.
5. **Report of Service Program Committees**
 - a. No report
6. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. GK asked for an ICCD ticket sales update: Br. Doug advises that there have been NO additional sales in 2022. Br. Doug asked if we could sell tickets at masses, but have not heard back yet. Will follow up. In the meantime, let's plan to have people at mass times to sell tickets.
7. **New Business**
 - a. Br. Brian Fraser advises that [Ray L'Heureux](#) passed away on March 9th. April 25th is his funeral at St. Gerard's.
 - b. Next meeting will be in-person. GK advised the parish office of ALL of our upcoming meeting dates for 2022.
 - c. Br. Marcel asked about annual bursaries: will we be doing them again? Fewer and fewer applications are being received. Maybe it's time to revisit this and determine if it's viable.
8. **Meeting adjourned @ 8:15pm**

Council Information

Council Chambers: St. Bernadette Parish,
Lower level 820 Cottonwood Road.

Meetings (typically) held on the 3rd Monday of the month

Virtual Meeting Access:

Council #5244 - Regular monthly meeting

Monday, May 16 · 7:30 – 8:30pm &

June 20 · 7:30 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/juj-wsgr-mwq>

Or dial: (CA) +1 587-794-9523 PIN: 918 567 048#

More phone numbers:

<https://tel.meet/juj-wsgr-mwq?pin=3623744894021>

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Harvey Suski
Gerald Sliva
Don Buccini
Cliff Chojko-Bolec
Don Bodnarchuk

Knights News and Events in Manitoba



The State Convention was held virtually on May 14, 2022 - additional news/information from the convention will be shared in our next Galleon.