

Topeka Chapter Meeting
04/18/2024
North Topeka 2608
Pizza Parlor
Topeka, Kansas

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chapter President Mike Barnard.
2. The Lord's Prayer was said for the opening prayer.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was then said.
4. The Secretary then read the Roll Call of Officers.

Chapter President Mike Barnard: present
Chapter Secretary Pat Winchester: present
Chapter Treasurer Mike McLaughlin: present
District Deputy #18 Brett Bitner: absent
District Deputy #19 Eric Nichol: present
Assembly #286: Rep Ray Rodriguez: present
Assembly #3452: Rep Jesse: present
Council #534: Rep Mike McLaughlin: present
Council #2608: Thurmqn Hiller: present
Council #4254: Ronnie Moeller: absebt
Council #8059: Absent
Council #8411: Chris McGinley: present
Council #11240: Treasurer Pat Winchester: present
Council #11777: Jesus Gutierrez, Jr: present
Council #13012 GK Mike Barnard: present
Guests/others in attendance:
 Tim O'Shea
 Richard Hatch
 Ben Neaves
 Luke Bryant

5. Chapter President Report: No Report
6. Chapter Secretary Report: The minutes of the previous meeting, March 21, 2024, recorded by Pat Winchester, was read by Chapter Secretary Pat Winchester. Motion to approve minutes as corrected was made by Bill Statteman; seconded by Chris McGinley; motion carried.
7. Chapter Treasurer Report: Chapter Treasurer Mike McLaughlin then gave the Treasurer's report:
 1. As of April 2, 2024 our Freestyle Business Checking Account balance is \$2,652.43.

2. Invoices were sent to each council and assembly for \$38.64 for their share of the District 18-19 ad for the Program Book for the upcoming State Convention.

8. Luke Bryant and Ben Neaves presented a report for the Sleep In Heavenly Peace Program
 1. 11 year old program, starting in Idaho.
 2. Currently located in North Topeka; to expand into other parts of Topeka.
 3. On Facebook: Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Topeka.
 4. Beds made from common dimension construction lumber.
 5. Criterion to get a bed:
 - a. Beds are made for kids ages 3-17.
 - b. Must be living in a home.
 6. “No kid sleeps on the floor” is the Program motto.
 7. Plan for building/distributing beds:
 - a. Beds cost about \$250; here in Topeka they run a little cheaper to build.
 8. Looking for build sites and sponsors.
 1. Will provide all tools necessary to build.
 2. Get volunteers together to build beds for distribution.
 3. Build time is 3 hours to build 30-50 beds in a build session.
 4. Delivery dates are separate from build dates.
 5. 10 minutes to build a bed.
 6. Includes mattresses and pillows.
 7. Need Mattresses! Was using Menards as a vendor but they no longer carry them. Currently using Walmart.com
 8. Always looking for bedding materials; drives are encouraged.
 9. Program builds and demands for beds:
 - a. Delivered 120 beds to date.
 - b. Have demand for 138 beds at present.

9. Trustee report:
 - Pay the bills.

10. Fourth Degree Reports:
 - #286: Ray Rodriguez :
 1. Slate of Officers to take office 1 July.
 2. Biennial Meeting: 25 members attended.
 3. 79 new Sir Knights were brought into the Order at the Lenexa Exemplification on April 1.

 - #3452: Jesse Gutierrez reported the following:
 1. Communications with the Supreme Council indicates the Assembly is in good standing.
 2. The application for membership to the Assembly has been withdrawn as the candidate had to attend a graduation ceremony on that date. The candidate did indicate that he will make another attempt to attend the next exemplification if possible.

3. The Assembly continues to perform volunteer work with the Fiesta candidates at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Food sales began April 1 2024 and should run well into the month of July.
4. The Assembly is also volunteering at Hummer Sports Park and hopes to continue into the summer and to the end of the football season next Fall.
5. The remaining dues have been collected from the membership.
6. Have a slate of officers.
7. Final notification of dues have been processed at the Supreme Council and distributed to those remaining members that have yet to submit their dues to the Assembly. Copies of those members that are still outstanding have been processed and distributed to the Faithful Navigator, The Faithful Purser, and the Trustees of the Assembly.
8. Form 990-N e-Postcard for the year 2023 has been filed with the IRS.

11. Council Reports:

#534: Mike McLaughlin reported the following:

1. April 8 Archbishop Naumann blessed the new ultrasound machine at Mary's Choices. Mary's Choices Director, Dr. Melissa Colbern, had a plaque made recognizing Council 534's contributions toward the new machine. The plaque will be displayed in the Ultrasound Room at Mary's Choices. The room will be named for Archbishop Joseph Naumann and St. Joseph. Council 534 has donated \$3,000 toward a monitor and supplies for the machine.
2. Representatives of Hayden High School recently presented to Council 534 on their trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Council 534 had given the group some financial support for the trip and suggested that they approach the Topeka Chapter next year.
3. The council needs five more members to make Star Council and has three solid prospects.
4. Our March breakfast netted \$1,510 for Knights of Columbus scholarships and the Lenten Fish Fry netted \$2,010.
5. Eucharistic Procession Corpus Christus Sunday June 2. 4th Degree Knights will be asked to carry canopy and Council 534 members will set up altars.
6. April 15 is the deadline for applying for Council 534 scholarships.
7. The council approved a slate of officers for the next fiscal year.

#2608: Thurman Hiller gave the following Report:

1. The Council will host a pancake feed at Sacred Heart from 8am-12pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
2. The Council will also be selling Cinnamon Rolls at the above listed breakfast.
3. The Council has also brought in three new members thus far this fraternal year.

#4254: absent/no report.

#8059: Absent/no Report.

#8411: Chris McGinley

1. We had our annual raffle drawing on April 3rd at our monthly business meeting.
2. Our Brothers with Beads video was posted last month and was shared on the YouTube channel 2 weeks ago.
3. We had a pancake breakfast on April 12th to benefit Mary's Choice ultrasound initiative.
4. We are organizing a trip with the Priests to see a Sporting KC soccer game on 5 October—game time 7:30 pm. We will take priests and families to the Sporting KC game that evening. More information to come likely starting next month.
5. We conducted a Delta Church Drive on April 6 and April 7.
6. Charles Robertson is our new Membership director.
7. 24 posters were submitted for our Vocations Poster Contest. The winners at the council level received Chick-Fil-A gift cards.
8. Prayers for:
 - i. Brother Howard Hart – in and out of the hospital due to his heart.
 - ii. Austin Jantz and Marya Jantz (Feldt) family. They were married on April 13th. Marya is the daughter of 8411 Financial Secretary Brother Brice Feldt.
 - iii. Travis Lewien and Kristen Lewien (Kogl) family. They were married on April 13th. Kristen is the daughter of 8411 Co-Pro Life chair Brother Travis Kogl.

#11240: Pat Winchester reported the following:

1. Donated \$100 to the Topeka Chapter for the Chapter Sonogram purchase from the proceeds of the March Breakfast.
2. Completed and submitted the SP-7 for 2023-2024.

#11777: Jesse Gutierrez reported the following:

1. Ladies night out on May 11.
2. Slate of Officers.
3. Not sure if they are running a raffle this year.
4. Donated \$200 for the Parish Picnic.
5. Fish Fries went well; added a new menu item, fish tacos, was a big bonus.

#13012: GK Mike Barnard offered this report:

1. 4-11 council pot luck dinner
2. 4-14 breakfast sonogram fund raiser
3. Cor bible study
4. Hosting Religious Appreciation night dinner at the 2024 State Convention.
5. Manning Registration at the 2024 State Convention.

DD#18 Report: Eric Nichol reported the following:

1. Complete forms to State and Supreme.
2. Don't forget to bring Pennies checks to the State Convention.

DD#19 Report: Absent/no report.

12. Chapter Committee Reports: No Report.

13. Old Business:

1. Low numbers for the Golf Convention at the State Convention.
2. Low numbers for the Religious Appreciate Dinner at the State Convention.

14. New Business:

1. Melissa from Mary's Choice is pitching the idea of "Joseph's Choice." Men available to mentor young fathers.
2. Probably one on one or two on one discussions.

15. Good of the Order:

1. Mike and Kathy Barnard
2. Jesse Rodriguez nephew Anthony who is being deployed
3. Pat Baker's wife
4. The Bonnie Conrad family
5. Howard Hart and wife Carol
6. Jack Cozadd

16. Next meeting: May 16 at Pizza Parlor.

17. Closing prayer was led by Mike Barnard.

18. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Winchester
Chapter Secretary
Topeka Chapter