

**Knights of Columbus
Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272
Business Meeting Minutes
1/25/2024, 6pm at Founders Hall**

Officers in Attendance:

Faithful Navigator- John Martin
Faithful Captain- Roger Brouillette
Faithful Pilot- Corey Schneider
Faithful Admiral- Bob Frappier
Faithful Purser- Colin Peterson
Faithful Scribe- Phil Bath
Faithful Outside Sentinel- Brian Reid
Faithful 1 Year Trustee- Victor Diaz
Deputy HG Corps Commander- Dan Roberts

Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:

- Faithful Navigator John Martin called the meeting to order at 6:03pm with 28 Sir Knights present.
- Faithful Admiral Bob Frappier led us in praying the *Our Father*.
- Faithful Navigator John Martin led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes:

- Faithful Navigator John Martin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the last Business Meeting Minutes (November). A motion to approve the minutes was made by SK Bill Sturgeon and seconded by SK Ed Slomkowski. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Communications:

- Faithful Navigator John Martin presented a thank you letter from Friends of Fisher House Charleston:



1 November 2023

Knights of Columbus
Assembly 3272
167 Johnstone Ln.
Georgetown, SC 29440

Dear Knights of Columbus,

As 2023 draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on the journey of Fisher House Charleston, humbled by the impact we've made and the community that makes it all possible. This year, we surpassed the milestone of serving over 4,500 families, an affirmation of our commitment to ensure no caregiver worries about lodging while their Veteran receives care at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center.

Your support has been instrumental in achieving these feats. Here are some highlights from 2023:

- Occupancy & Impact:** We've continued to run at near full capacity, a testament to the growing need and our unwavering support. This year alone, we've seen an influx of families, furthering our ranking among the top Fisher House locations nationwide.
- Infrastructure Upgrades:** We've enhanced the homeliness of our facility. New kitchen appliances, linens, and new desk chairs for each room were added. We bolstered our outdoor spaces with improved landscape lighting for safety and added cozy benches for relaxation.
- Beyond the House:** Continually striving to serve, we've provided transportation to and from the Medical Center, hotel accommodations when Fisher House is full, and ensured our house remains stocked, always echoing a warm 'welcome home.'
- A Touch of Festivity:** From holiday decorations to fresh flowers on the patio, we've added those extra touches that transform a stay into an experience.

Your unwavering support since our inception in 2018 has been the backbone of our success. As the year-end approaches, we invite you to continue championing our mission. It's more than just lodging; it's about nurturing the caregivers so they can focus wholly on their Veterans. Your contributions reinforce the gratitude of a nation that never forgets its Heroes.

Stay tuned for our Open House event in January, and as always, follow our journey and activities on Facebook and our webpage. Every gesture, big or small, echoes the spirit of Zachary Fisher, ensuring we remain a beacon of hope and home-away-from-home for many.

Sincerely,

Josh Strimple
President

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Comptroller's Report:

- Due to the excused absence of the Faithful Comptroller, Faithful Purser Colin Peterson presented the Operating Statement as of January 11, 2024:

Father Philip Grant Assembly 3272 Operating Statement			
		2023/24	As of January 11, 2023
Balance as of December 31, 2023			19,646.61
Balance as of January 1, 2024			19,646.61
Deposits	Dues	24-1	1,340.00
	Dues		70.00
	Dues	24-2	55.00
	Name Badge	24-2	10.00
	Dues	24-2	280.00
	Holiday Pies	24-2	10.00
	Dues		70.00
	Total Deposits		1,835.00
Warrai 34-37	Stamps		(39.60)
	Membership Cards		(10.26)
	Total Warrants		(49.86)
Balance as of January 5, 2024			21,431.75
Membership	123		
Memorial Fund	6902.22		
Vet Fundraiser Advent/Christmas	1,328.94		
Veterans Golf Tournament	5,600.47		
Total Donations to Vets	(6,000.00)		
		929.41 Remaining	
July 4th	1,281.29		
Holiday Pies	773.00		
Operating Funds	11,545.83		
Current Balance	21,431.75		

Purser's Report:

- Faithful Purser Colin Peterson reported that as of January 11, 2024, the total deposits for the Assembly were \$ 1,835.00.

Honor Guard Corps Commander's Report:

- Faithful Navigator John Martin gave an update on upcoming events:
 - 2/03/24- 81st Anniversary of the Four Chaplains, PBOC, 8:30am Mass.
 - 3/16/24- St Patrick's Day Parade, Myrtle Beach.
 - 3/25/24- Mass for the Unborn, PBOC, 8:30am Mass.
 - 3/26/24- Viet Nam Veterans Ceremony, Georgetown VFW, 5:30pm.

Unfinished Business:

- Veteran's Charitable Organizations Report- No report.
- 4th of July Program- SK Jim McMahon and SK Ferg Foley will co-chair the event.

New Business:

- Faithful Navigator John Martin presented a proposal to contribute \$1,200 to the Georgetown County Veterans Memorial. They are having to replace approximately 24 lights at a cost of \$1,200/each. Our contribution will pay for one light. (It is our understanding that PBOC Council 11028 is also considering contributing \$1,200 for a light.) A motion to accept the proposal was made by SK John Morris and seconded by SK Brian Reid. The motion was passed by unanimous consent.
- Faithful Navigator John Martin stated that nominations for The Monsignor Manning Catholicity Award are being accepted. The award is open to all PBOC and St. Mary's Georgetown high school age youths. SK Joe Ferreira is Chairing this program and applications are due by 3/31/24.
- Faithful Navigator John Martin is in the process of working on the To Be a Patriot Award.

Council 11028 Report:

- A 2024 Economic Outlook webinar will be held on Tuesday 1/30 by the Knights of Columbia Asset Advisors. Contact Grand Knight Corey Schneider for details and registration details.
- The 200 Club will hold its annual dinner on 2/4/24 at the PLC.
- The council will host the 2024 Free Throw Contest 2/17 at the PLC, 9-11am.
- The 23rd Annual Lenton Fish Fry will be held 2/23 at the PLC, 5-7pm.
- The Council will hold a St. Patrick's Day Party for Brothers and their guests on 3/14 at the PLC, 6pm.
- Adoration will be held every Friday during Lent.

Council 3067 Report:

- The Annual Columbus Hope Banquet was held 1/11/24. Checks of \$3,410 each were presented to Special Olympics-Area 9, J.O.Y. School of Pawleys Island and the Georgetown County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. Walmart of Georgetown was recognized for allowing us to collect donations again this year.
- A new Brother, Bob Ramsey, was introduced at the January Business Meeting. He was one of six new Knights who satisfied the Exemplification 1/4/24 at PBOC.
- The Four Chaplains Memorial and Coast Guard Person Recognition Ceremony following the 8:30am Mass was promoted to all Council members by email and at the January meeting.
- The Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner FREE to the St. Mary's Parish will be held Tuesday 2/13 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The Georgetown Knights of Columbus will prepare and serve again this year.
- The Council 2024 Free Throw Championship will be held Saturday 2/17, 3pm at the Beck Recreation Center in Georgetown.
- The Council will again host another biannual American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday 2/20, starting at 1pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

- The Seminarian Breakfast, to raise donations to support the two seminarians the Council committed to support each year, will be held Sunday 3/3; and will also serve to provide a free meal for the CCD children.

Trustee's Report:

- No report.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

- Officers Meeting- Thursday 2/15, 6pm in Founders Hall.
- Business Meeting- Wednesday 2/22, 6pm in Founders Hall.

50/50 Drawing:

- SK Dave Goulet was the winner of \$45.00.

Closing Prayer/Adjournment:

- Faithful Admiral Bob Frappier led us in praying our intentions, the *Glory Be* and *Hail Mary*.
- Faithful Navigator John Martin closed the meeting at 6:45pm.

Faithfully submitted,
Phil Bath
Faithful Scribe