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**Knights of Columbus Council Meeting Notes September 2025**

This meeting transcript outlines a successful month for the Knights of Columbus. The council had a financially successful Old Settlers' Day and burrito sale. There was a presentation from Jim and Kathy Hutchinson about the JPK House of Love foundation, which seeks small, monthly donations to help priests assist people in need in Wyandotte County. The meeting also covered upcoming events, membership updates, and director reports.

**Financial Report**

* **Treasurer Report (Rob Raggeson):** At the end of August, the account balance was $54,240.60, an increase of $3,857.40 for the month1. This was primarily due to receipts from Old Settlers' Day, an equipment purchase (a new freezer), and expenses from Christmas in July2. Year-to-date, the council is down $3,839.503. The new freezer was purchased on sale for $2,700, a significant saving from its original price of $4,8004.
* **Financial Secretary Report (Jeff Bars):** As of September 1, there are 377 members5. The council has sent out second notices for dues and is 78% complete with collections6.

**Director Reports**

* **Membership Director (David Anderson, Red Sea Santos, and Miles Law):** The council has a total of 377 members and officially gained three members for the year7. There are four candidates for the upcoming exemplification8. The supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, has a "Go for Two" promotion, where members who recruit two men between September 1 and December 31 are entered into a drawing for a $1,500 gas prize9.
* **Director of Programs (John Keegan):** The First Sunday donuts event was a success, with a profit of $7.7510. He is looking into whether pre-confirmation youth can receive service hours for helping11. The first Corporate Communion of the school year is this Sunday at the 9 a.m. mass, followed by donuts12. The St. Mary's Food Kitchen served 325 people with the help of six knights on September 1, and 224 people with the help of three knights on September 1313.
* **Director of Social Concerns (Bill Sh.):** Bill highlighted the Uplift Blue Jean Bash, an event on Friday, November 7, which will feature food and live music14. The organization, Uplift, serves hot meals, drinks, and emergency supplies to people in camps and where they live15.
* **Worthy Life Director (Troy Mills):** Troy discussed the "Cost of Property Experience" and a "retrospective" on the Care Photo event16. His wife, Phyllis, organizes the Care Photo event, which was successful enough that he can't walk through his garage due to the number of donations17.

**Knight & Family of the Month Designees**

* **Man of the Month:** Bob Davis (July) 18
* **Family of the Month:** Tony Martinez's family 19

**Old Business**

* The Old Settlers' Day event was more successful than last year20.
* The burrito sale was a success, with a complete sell-out of burritos and tacos21.

**New Business**

* **JPK House of Love:** Jim and Kathy Hutchinson presented the JPK House of Love foundation, which was started to create a fund to help priests assist people in need without using their own salaries22. They are seeking small, monthly donations ($1, $2, or $5) to help people in Wyandotte County23.
* **Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival is this coming Saturday, but more volunteers are needed, especially for cashier and runner positions24.
* **Catholic Man:** The Catholic Man event is on the 27th of the month25.
* **Delta Member Chief Church Drive:** The drive is scheduled for October 4, and the council is looking for "ambassadors" to help at all masses26.
* **Educational Tickets:** Tickets for education will be sold after the meeting and must be returned by November 127.
* **Shalone House:** A work day is scheduled for this Thursday, and more volunteers may be needed28.
* **Street Cleanup:** Oscar is planning a street cleanup for December 629.

**Action Items & Due Dates**

* **Financial Secretary (Jeff Bars):** Continue collecting dues from members who have not yet paid30.
* **Membership Director:** Encourage members to participate in the "Go for Two" promotion by recruiting new members between September 1 and December 3131.
* **Membership Ambassadors:** Sign up to be ambassadors for the Delta Member Chief Church Drive on October 432.
* **All Members:** Sign up to volunteer for the Fall Festival before Friday33.
* **All Members:** Sell and return education tickets by November 134.
* **All Members:** Help with the Corporate Communion on Sunday at the 9 a.m. mass and with donuts afterward35.
* **Oscar:** Plan for the Street Cleanup on December 636.
* **Tom F:** Gather more volunteers for the Shalone House work day this Thursday37.
* **Bill Sh.:** Continue to share information about the Uplift Blue Jean Bash on Friday, November 738.
* **Suzanne:** Get the notice about the Corporate Communion to the priests39.
* **John Keegan:** Talk to April to confirm if pre-confirmation youth can receive service hours for helping with the donuts event40.
* **Grand Knight:** Talk to Stephanie for more information about tents for the Fall Festival41.
* **Tom F:** Get information about the Uplift dinner and dance time to Richard to post on the website42.