

# Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Knights of Columbus Council 12992

## Meeting Minutes — December 9, 2009

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Brian Johnson at 7:02 p.m. The Council was led in the Our Father, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Ode, and the Prayer for Priests. Eighteen members in attendance. The planned First Degree Ceremony was cancelled due to last minute personal concerns of the prospective new members. It will be held at a later date.

**Roll Call of Officers & Previous Meeting Minutes:** Four officers were absent. The Minutes for the November meeting were distributed. Lew Hancock made a motion to accept the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Al Rush. The motion carried.

**Chaplain's Report:** Fr. Ben reported that Monsignor Kurwicki preferred that the dinner for area priests be held on a date by itself rather than coinciding with our January steak dinner. He said that time should be dedicated to the priests rather than splitting it with other steak dinner activities. Bishop Gaydos will officiate at a blessing service for the new statue of St. Joseph in the school on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop also celebrated a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 11am on Saturday, December 12. Fr. Ben will be traveling to West Virginia in mid-December; it will be his longest driving journey in the United States. In February, Fr. Ben will travel to Nigeria.

### **Grand Knight's Report:**

- 1) The Samaritan Center food drive was down this year due to scheduling conflicts. Lew Hancock reported that 1970 pounds of food was collected by three councils: Bishop McAuliffe, Helias, and St. Martin's. Money collected by our council and Helias totaled \$736.47. The total from St. Martin's was not reported as they write their own check directly to the Samaritan Center. The Grand Knights will coordinate next year's food drive to eliminate conflicts. The center is now well stocked.
- 2) The officers' meeting for December will be held as scheduled.
- 3) The youth pancake breakfast was held on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Steve Daniels reported a total intake of \$746.00. After expenses, there was a net profit of \$174.80, plus \$19.00 from the sale of magnets, and \$118.50 from the 50/50 drawing, of which all winnings were donated back. (More in Unfinished Business.)
- 4) There will be no general meeting in January.
- 5) Julie Gramlich brought six of the young people who attended the recent National Catholic Youth Conference. Each spoke of their experiences with over 22,000 other attendees. Their presentation was concluded with the performance of a song from the conference, *We Are One*.
- 6) The St. Jude Walkathon has been set for May 15<sup>th</sup> with May 22<sup>nd</sup> assigned as a rain date. We will discuss in later meetings our support of the event.
- 7) A Christmas card was received from Msgr. Kurwicki and Fr. Ben. A Christmas card was also received from our sponsored child in the Phillipines. John Wilson Egus.
- 8) A Thank You card was received from the Samaritan Center.
- 9) Grand Knight Brian Johnson received a card from Supreme headed, "Volunteerism is our foundation, neighbors helping neighbors is our legacy." The card listed several volunteer related totals: 68.7 million hours of volunteer service, \$150,000,000.00 in Charitable Contributions bringing the total for the last ten years to over 1.3 billion dollars, and 413,402 blood donors.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Doug Porting reported November's beginning balance of \$17,774.89 with receipts totaling \$238.88. Checks were written totaling \$680.40 for an ending balance of \$17,333.36 comprised of \$300 in cash, \$10,328.98 money market, and \$6,673.37 in the checking account. Motion to accept by Al Rush and Second by Frank Kempker – motion carried.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Financial Secretary Steve Daniels reported on receipts and disbursements for the month and then read six bills totaling \$431.60. A motion to pay the bills as read was made by Al Rush and seconded by Lew Hancock. The motion carried. November starting membership was 358. There were 7 additions during the month for an ending membership total of 365.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) There is one ball cap left but it has been spoken for.
- 2) The free throw contest will be held in January on a date to be announced. An after school date is being considered rather than a weekend in hopes of increasing participation. Mike Shimmens is coordinating.
- 3) Lew Hancock reported that he talked to the family we adopted through the Samaritan Center and their Christmas requests were primarily gift cards along with a washing machine and a box springs/mattress combination. The gift cards and washing machine were obtained and delivered on Friday, December 11. A box springs/mattress combination has not yet been located.
- 4) A sign-up sheet for the January 10<sup>th</sup> breakfast was passed around.
- 5) Proceeds from the December 6<sup>th</sup> breakfast will be given to the youth group. Mark Ruether made a motion that we increase the amount to \$500.00. Frank Kempker seconded and the motion carried.

**New Business:**

- 1) The District of Columbia March for Life is soliciting donations and sponsorship. Al Rush made a motion that the proceeds from the Roses for Life be donated. The motion was seconded by Frank Kempker and carried.
- 2) One of our assisting priests, Fr. Clarence Wiederholt, will be 80 years old on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Ben suggested we send a birthday card. Lew Hancock made a motion that \$50 be included with the card. Jerry Rauch seconded. There was no vote.

**District Deputy's Report:** District Deputy Mark Ruether reported that the state officers will meet at Tan-tar-a the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup>. The date for a district meeting will be decided after that. He also mentioned the Free Throw Contest. The Roses for Life will be picked up at the Tan-Tar-a meeting. The campaign will be the first week in January.

**Field Agent's Report:** Larry Hoelscher reporting. The Knights of Columbus passed last year's coverage amount in November. We are on track to set a new record this year. We need to encourage young families to participate and become members. Larry complimented our council for our visibility in the parish.

**Good of the Order:** Justin Schnieders is doing well. He is still in therapy and is working on a thumb and finger that are not yet fully recovered. Jim Purcell is being treated at St. Mary's Wound Care for an injury to a lower leg. Jack Dowd is doing well after his 32<sup>nd</sup> catheterization procedure. Mike Ledbetter, soon to become a member is scheduled for surgery soon. Sr. Evelyn Peterman just celebrated her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**Drawings:**

- 50/50 — Doug Porting
- Monthly Attendance — Norbert Kempker – not present

Grand Knight Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. after the singing of the closing ode and reciting of the Prayer for Fr. McGivney.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Heald, Recorder