

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Knights of Columbus Council 12992
Meeting Minutes — February 10, 2010

Opening: The meeting was preceded by our annual chili cook-off with seven entrants. Joe Twehous's entry garnered the most votes. The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Brian Johnson at 7:01 p.m. The Council was led in the Our Father, Pledge of Allegiance, and Opening Ode.

Roll Call of Officers & Previous Meeting Minutes: Two officers were absent. The Minutes for the December meeting had been previously distributed by e-mail. Frank Kempker made a motion to accept the Minutes and was seconded by Lew Hancock. The motion carried.

Chaplain's Report: Fr. Ben was absent. Monsignor Kurwicky attended. Msgr. Kurwicky announced that a letter had been received from the State Deputy and that the Cathedral would host the State Convention Mass on April 24th for the State Meeting. He would like for as many members of our Council as possible to attend wearing Knights shirts. Fr. Ben had called from Nigeria and said it was a "cool" 85 degrees. He had to travel six hours from Lagos to his home village. He will return about March 19th. In the meantime, Fr. Wiederholt will assist with Masses. Bishop Gaydos will celebrate the weekday Masses except for Fridays. The Boy Scouts will sponsor shrimp dinners on the Fridays we do not have fish fries. Work is progressing on the conversion of Parish offices into temporary lodging for the priests in preparation for construction of a new rectory. Rosemary Bennett is at Heisinger and is not doing well.

Grand Knight's Report:

- 1) Thanks to attending members.
- 2) Thank you letters received from Fr. Ben, Vogelweid Center, Capitol Projects, the children of Cardinal Glennon Hospital, and Fr. Dolan.
- 3) A VIP Certificate was awarded to Paul Oligschlaeger in recognition of his recruiting of 75 new members.
- 4) The Boy Scout Breakfast produced good results with about 400 people attending and a cash intake of about \$1400.00.
- 5) The Scouts have asked for some help with their Friday night Lenten Dinners which will begin on February 19th and alternate with our fish fries. (Our first is February 26th.)
- 6) The District Meeting was cancelled due to weather.
- 7) The RCIA Candidates' Rite of Election is scheduled for February 21st. A sign up sheet for assistance was passed around.
- 8) There will be a First Degree preceding our March 10th Meeting.
- 9) Conception Abbey is hosting a retreat for Knights members the weekend of March 19th. Cost is \$125 for a single room and \$200 for a double.
- 10) Some banners were found in our store room – these will be utilized for the fish fries.
- 11) We are currently at six new members of our required twenty four for the Star Council award.
- 12) Congratulations to Mike Shimmens for an outstanding free throw contest.
- 13) The St. Jude Walkathon is scheduled for May 15th at the Helias track.
- 14) The first annual Cathedral Golf Tournament has been set for August 13th. Help will be needed from Knights – details will be discussed at later meetings.
- 15) Missouri Right to Life sent flyers promoting "Wear Red for Life Day". These were distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Porting reported January's beginning balance of \$17,303.35 with receipts totaling \$1090.69. Checks were written totaling \$1,819.85 for an ending balance of \$16,574.19 comprised of \$300 in cash, \$10,330.00 money market, and \$8,600.00 in the checking account. Motion to accept by Al Rush and Second by Al Meyer – motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Financial Secretary Steve Daniels reported on receipts and disbursements for the month and then read fifteen bills totaling \$4121.23 which included several regular annual payments. A motion to pay the bills as read was made by Lew Hancock and seconded by Jim Purcell. The motion carried. January starting membership was 357. There was 1 suspension during the month.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) The District Deputy will talk to Helias and St. Martin's Councils regarding the Super Saver Cards. Approximately \$1,500.00 is expected from Helias Council.
- 2) March 29th is Founder's Day for Knights of Columbus. (128 years)
- 3) Grand Knight Brian Johnson reminded members that there is a lot of good information in both the Knightline and Fr. McGivney Guild publications.

New Business:

- 1) Distribution of proceeds from our 2010 Fish Fries was discussed. Dave Gramlich talked about the needs for a new computer system in the Parish Offices. Proposed plan will cost about \$7,000.00. Several ideas were discussed. Doug Porting commented that, since we are only having two fish fries and they are our primary fund raisers, we should allocate only the proceeds of the first fish fry to this need. He followed with a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Lew Hancock. The motion carried. During the discussion, Lew Hancock suggested that we could increase attendance by including the benefactor in our ads about the fish fries.
- 2) The Evening With the Bishop is coming up and we have sponsored half a table for the seminarians. This is a \$500.00 sponsorship. Frank Kemper made a motion to do the same this year and was seconded by Al Rush. The motion carried.
- 3) Grand Knight Brian Johnson asked for suggestions for other fund raisers and none were presented.
- 4) Chuck Zimmerman has resigned his position with the Knights of Columbus Newsletter. Keith Kellner will be approached as a replacement.
- 5) Paul Oligschlaeger commented on the need for a Membership Retention Committee and reported that he has already started building the committee.
- 6) Al Rush reported on the chair refurbishing project. He has contacted Prison Industries and price per chair remains the same as last year (\$12.00). We still have about 400 chairs needing repair. Al suggested we allocate \$500.00 to the project this year. He will also contact other Parish groups to assist in the project. Al ended his comments with a motion to allocate \$500.00 to the project. Lew Hancock seconded the motion and it was carried.
- 7) Lew Hancock reported on the collection of recruiting points. He has found out that the awarding of points will end in June. For 21,000 points, we can get a 30 inch diameter logo sign with an 18x6 inch text sign below it for posting outside the main entrance. Paul Oligschlaeger reported that he had sufficient points to get the signs.
- 8) Twelve volunteers are needed to assist with the State Convention Mass on April 24th.
- 9) Special collections were taken up at the morning Masses to assist Fr. Ben with his travel expenses. A total of \$930.00 resulted.

District Deputy's Report: District Deputy Mark Ruether reported that our Tootsie Roll Sales intake exceeded Helias Council by \$6.00 with half the membership. He commented that the district meeting had been cancelled due to weather. There will be a First Degree at Mary's Home on March 4th in addition to ours on March 10th. Brian Johnson has asked to be replaced as Warden on the Degree Team. Second and Third Degrees will be held at Vienna starting at 1:00 p.m. on April 18th. March is Membership Blitz Month – ask friends and family to join. We still need 18 new members to continue our unbroken string of Star Council awards. Mark commented on the success of the free throw contest. Four winners from our council advanced to District. The Fr. Mancuso grant applications are due March 1st.

Field Agent's Report: Gary Struempf reporting. The Knights of Columbus insurance had a record year in 2009. Annuity sales were up 60%. Nine of the twelve months were also record months. Life terms may be raised to age 80.

Good of the Order: Fr. Ben's safe trip. Dick Hyleck is looking good. His daughter is also hospitalized. Roger Bisges' step-father passed away as did the sister of John Wenzlick. Members and children in colleges and other schools.

Drawings:

50/50 — Ray Jansen

Monthly Attendance — Raymond Casberry – not present

Grand Knight Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. after the Prayer for Priests and the singing of the closing ode.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Heald, Recorder