

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Knights of Columbus Council 12992
Meeting Minutes — April 14, 2010

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Brian Johnson at 7:06 p.m. The Council was led in the Our Father, Pledge of Allegiance, and Prayer for Fr. McGivney. Twenty two members were in attendance.

Roll Call of Officers & Previous Meeting Minutes: Seven officers were absent. The Minutes for the March meeting were previously distributed by e-mail. Frank Kempker made a motion to accept the Minutes and was seconded by Al Meyer. The motion carried.

Chaplain's Report: Fr. Ben was absent due to another commitment but expressed his thanks for our support while he was on vacation. He asked that we be patient while his English skills return.

Grand Knight's Report:

- 1) Request for eight to ten members to assist with clean up after Deacon Ordination on Saturday, April 17th at about 3:00 p.m.
- 2) Reminder that the state convention begins Friday, April 23rd at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.
- 3) The annual Barbeque was held April 10th at the Wal-Mart West Parking lot. Recognized the efforts of Ray Jansen, Al Rush, Ken Gartner, Doug Porting, Brad Dobbs, and Frank Kempker. Al Rush added thanks for all the assistance, beginning Thursday Evening. Attendance was down this year, possibly due to the closure of Stadium Drive just south of Wal-Mart. Added that without Ray Jansen's equipment and participation, the Barbeque would likely not happen. Expect to net about \$1,528.00. There are 120 pork steaks and 2 bags of pulled pork left over. They are stored in the undercroft freezer. Half the proceeds were committed to Pro-Life causes. Al Rush made a motion to give \$500.00 to Vitae Caring Foundation and \$250.00 to Pro-Life Across the Nation. Doug Porting seconded the motion and it carried.
- 4) Our new member count stands at eight. We still need another sixteen to make Star Council.
- 5) Reminders: Missouri State Golf Tournament in Joplin; Horseshoe Tournament in Cottleville; St. Jude Walkathon is scheduled for May 15th with May 22nd set as the rain date. Members were scheduled to solicit donations at all Masses weekend of April 17/18. Two local children have been helped by St. Jude.
- 6) The St. Joseph Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 13th at Eagle Knolls. We will be providing and cooking lunch, which will start serving at 11:00 a.m. Thanks to Al Meyer for coordinating. District Deputy Mark Ruether has flyers for anyone interested.
- 7) First, Second, and Third Degree Ceremony was held in Vienna on Sunday, April 18th.
- 8) Prayer cards for Pope Benedict XVI were passed out with the suggestion to say the prayer daily.
- 9) Recognition of First Degree Team.
- 10) Highway cleanup was set for Saturday, April 17th at 8:00 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Porting reported March's beginning balance of \$21,203.33 with receipts totaling \$7,568.97. Checks were written totaling \$5,476.52 for an ending balance of \$23,295.78 comprised of \$300 in cash, \$10,330.83 money market, and \$12,656.95 in the checking account. Motion to accept by Al Rush and Second by Clarence Hoelscher – motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Financial Secretary Steve Daniels reported on receipts and disbursements for the month and then read bills totaling \$3,776.10. A motion to pay the bills as read was made by Al Rush and seconded by Jim Purcell. The motion carried. Starting membership was 356 and ending was 345.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) A \$1,500.00 check for Super Saver Cards was received from Helias Council.
- 2) Al Rush is waiting until after the Deacon Ordination on Saturday, April 17th before arranging the next group of chairs for refurbishing.
- 3) A letter was received and read from our adopted child, John Wilson Agus.

New Business:

- 1) A request was received from the Helias Foundation for a donation for their annual fund drive. In the past, prior to 2009, we have donated \$150.00. In 2009, that was increased to \$300.00. Bruce Bredeman made a motion to donate \$300.00. Seconded by Al Rush and carried.
- 2) A request for support for the Aquinas Academy was received from sixth grader Braden Raymert. Total cost is \$425.00. After discussion, it was decided to wait until our next meeting to see how many applicants we have. In the past, we have pledged up to \$1,000.00 total with a maximum of \$250.00 per applicant. A motion to continue that practice was made by Mike Hoffman and seconded by Al Meyer. The motion carried. The Academy will be held at the Mexico Military Academy from June 27th through July 2nd.
- 3) Christ Power is scheduled for the week of July 14th at Helias. There will be a Mass and dinner at the cathedral. We will cook and serve the dinner (lasagna is main course). Attendance expected to be about 200 people – 60-70 high school and college students, 30 councilors, and many parents. Frank Kempker made a motion that we donate \$200.00 to the effort. Second by Clarence Hoelscher. Motion carried.
- 4) Update on the Scouts from Kirk Daledovich. The Pinewood Derby was scheduled for the weekend of April 17th at the Ike Skelton Center.
- 5) Larry Hoelscher reported on the Membership Retention Committee progress. Dues have been paid by all members visited so far.
- 6) Steak Dinner for the State Convention will begin serving at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23rd. Al Meyer passed around a sign-up sheet for workers.
- 7) A letter was received from Ralph Cupelli, State Church Activities Director, asking for \$1.00 per member to fund Catholic Faith Insurance which assists seminarians with their education. In the past, we have donated 50¢ per member. A motion to donate 50¢ per member was made by Ken Gartner and seconded by Jim Purcell. Motion carried.
- 8) A grass roots effort was started by Council 7198 to raise funds for support of the post graduate seminary in St. Charles. It asks each council to establish four dedicated fund raisers per year with a goal of \$500,000.00. Discussion was tabled until a later meeting.
- 9) Ken Gartner made a request that we look into purchasing aprons for workers in the kitchen as the ones currently in use are worn out.

District Deputy's Report: District Deputy Mark Ruether reminded the Council that there is a First, Second, and Third Degree scheduled for April 18th at Vienna. The First Degree begins at 10:30 a.m. and the Second and Third at 1:00 p.m. The next First Degree after that will be held by our Council at our June 9th meeting. We need to nominate officers for the coming year at the May meeting.

Field Agent's Report: Larry Hoelscher passed out brochures describing the current status of our insurance. He was also recognized as the top agent in the state.

Good of the Order: Chris Baker's father has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Bob Buell had carotid artery surgery; Doug Porting's brother-in-law underwent surgery and his wife's sister-in-law has been diagnosed with breast cancer; Charlie Rackers had valve replacement surgery on April 15th. Charlie is not a member but he does quite a bit of work in and around the cathedral. On April 30th, Lew Hancock underwent emergency surgery in Pennsylvania to remove a food blockage in his throat. All went well and he was discharged Saturday morning.

Drawings:

50/50 — Clarence Hoelscher

Monthly Attendance — Jeffrey Cowley — not present

Grand Knight Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. after the Prayer for Priests and the singing of the closing ode.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Heald, Recorder

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