

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Knights of Columbus Council 12992 Meeting Minutes — August 12, 2009

First Degree Installation: Prior to the start of the regular meeting, nine new members were installed in the first degree. There were five from Jefferson City, three from Eldon, and one from Columbia.

Regular Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Brian Johnson at 7:15 p.m. with 32 members present. The Council was led in the reciting of the Our Father, then the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the Opening Ode. Four officers were absent. The Minutes for the July meeting were distributed. After one correction in wording in the Treasurer's Report, Lew Hancock made a motion to accept the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Jim Purcell. The motion carried.

A representative from Helias Council 1054 spoke on behalf of the Boy Scouts. The facility for the Starkenburg Retreat is undergoing renovation. Therefore, the one day retreat will be held in the Cathedral Undercroft from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, September 19th. 125-175 scouts are expected to attend. Two volunteers were requested to oversee the Scouts use of the kitchen facilities. This will be discussed at the September meeting.

Jan Houser then spoke about the upcoming 50th Anniversary Gala for St. Joseph Parish. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 27th and will have a picnic theme. She requested our Council provide assistance with money and manpower. This was later discussed during New Business.

Chaplain's Report: Fr. Ben reported on the Year of Priests and a request from Monsignor Kurwicki for the Knights to provide a dinner for Jefferson City area priests. The request was addressed during New Business. There will be an Open House for the new school facilities this Sunday (August 16th) with commissioning and blessing beginning at 3 p.m. A request was made that 4th degree Knights be a part of the program. Monsignor Kurwicki is approaching his fiftieth birthday. In his honor, there will be a Mass at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 24th followed by cake and coffee. The Supreme Knight suggests all Council Meetings start with the Prayer for Priests. This, too, was addressed during New Business. At the end of the Chaplain's Report, Grand Knight Brian Johnson presented Fr. Ben with an annuity purchased in his behalf by the Council.

Grand Knight's Report:

- 1) Thank You letters were read from Morgan Rundle for tuition help with Aquinas tuition and from the Carmelite Sisters for the Fish Fry and \$4500 check that resulted.
- 2) A highway cleanup was scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 13th at Route B and Christy Drive.
- 3) Vitae Caring Foundation has launched an innovative new website. The URL is www.vitaecaringfoundation.org
- 4) Concern was expressed regarding the pending legislation for National Health Care. Members are urged to contact their Legislators to express our desire for specifically disallowing abortion. Deputy Grand Knight Rich Anderson has guidelines for making these contacts.

- 5) First, Second, and Third Degree will be held Sunday, October 18th at Helias Council. 30 - 40 are expected for the First Degree. Participants need to arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. for First Degree and 12:30 p.m. for Second and Third Degree.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Porting reported July's beginning balance of \$23,186.21 with receipts totaling \$2,723.46. Checks were written totaling \$8,335.43 for an ending balance of \$17,574.24.

Financial Secretary's Report: Financial Secretary Steve Daniels reported on receipts and disbursements for the month and then read five bills totaling \$1,354.54. A motion to pay the bills as read was made by Mark Ruether and seconded by Fred Kummer. The motion passed. Steve then reported a July starting membership of 344 members. Complete membership statistics were not available and will be reported at the September meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) The Carry Out Chicken Dinner made \$1,212.00. The Council had promised the NCYC youth \$1,000 in assistance.
- 2) The ball caps were received and distribution to purchasing members began.
- 3) The Sign Up Sheet for purchasing shirts and jackets will be open for about another three months. Lew Hancock reported that at least a dozen orders are necessary to keep costs down.
- 4) Super Saver Cards were received and were stuffed after the meeting.

New Business:

- 1) The plans for the Cathedral's 50th Anniversary were discussed. Alterations to the suggested menu were discussed to keep more in line with the picnic theme. A monetary request of \$2,000 had been made. However, it was pointed out that Council guidelines set a limit of \$1,000 for any monetary donation. After discussion, Jim Purcell made a motion that the Council pay for the modified menu rather than make a monetary donation and that we provide personnel for staffing the event. Mike McKown seconded the motion. The motion passed. Deputy Grand Knight Rich Anderson will coordinate calls for staffing.
- 2) Relating to the Supreme Knight's suggestion for the Prayer for Priests, Sister Evelyn of the Vocations Committee had asked that the Council purchase 500 prayer cards. The decision was made to purchase the cards. As these cards can be purchased for \$3.00 per hundred, no vote was necessary.
- 3) A breakfast will be held this Sunday (August 16th) for the new eighth graders. Staffing will be provided primarily by parents of the eighth graders. Deputy Grand Knight Rich Anderson reported there were still two open slots but that he had not yet heard from all parents.
- 4) The Carmelites will celebrate their Golden Jubilee on May 2, 2010. Our involvement / support will be discussed later this month at the Officers' Meeting.
- 5) A Samaritan Center Food Drive scheduled for September 11 and 12 was brought up. No details have been received from the Center, so its status is in doubt.

- 6) Recorder Bob Heald offered to provide minutes for upcoming meetings to any member who wishes via e-mail in .pdf format. Any member who wishes to receive this file may contact Bob at opr12@mchsi.com

District Deputy's Report: District Deputy Mark Reuther Presented Immediate Past Grand Knight Lew Hancock the Star Council Award pin for the past fraternal year.

Dates of upcoming events were noted:

Sept 26, State Clay Shooting Competition in Branson Oct 4, State Pilgrimage in Laurie
Oct 24-25, Oct 31-Nov 1, State Bowling Tournament in Jackson.

Oct 18: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees at Helias Council in Jeff City

Reminded the council that they need to send Mark their orders for Tootsie Rolls and Roses for Life by the end of this month.

Presented Brian with a certificate noting the Council's contribution to the State Religious Vocation Fund for the past fraternal year. The state council would like all Councils to contribute \$1 per member to the fund this upcoming year.

Field Agent's Report: Larry Hoelscher gave a brief report on the health of the Knights of Columbus Insurance program. Seven year Certificates of Deposit of over \$10,000 are now drawing 3.75%

Good of the Order: *Chuck Zimmerman* has been hospitalized for several days for treatment of post-surgical pneumonia. *Joe Twehous* is experiencing some type of prostate issue.

Drawings:

50/50 — Fred Kummer

Monthly Attendance — Harold Lepper: Present. Winnings: \$200

Grand Knight Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. after the singing of the closing ode.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Heald, Recorder