

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Knights of Columbus Council 12992 Meeting Minutes — September 9, 2009

Opening: Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Brian Johnson at 7:01 p.m. The Council was led in the Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, the singing of the Opening Ode, then the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers & Previous Meeting Minutes: The Minutes for the August meeting were distributed. There were no corrections. Lew Hancock made a motion to accept the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Jim Purcell. The motion carried.

Chaplain's Report: Monsignor Kurwicki has asked for a volunteer to take the position of Lead Usher. Fr. Ben reminded us that the Cathedral's 50th Anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, September 27th. Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the suggestion was made that all Knights should be present. Fourth Degree Knights have been requested for the ceremonies. October is the month of the Rosary – volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary before all Masses during the month. Monsignor suggested that the Knights should support the Eagle Scout project. {See Following Section for Details.} We were also reminded of the upcoming hosting of a dinner for priests in the Jefferson City area (not the entire Diocese.) Fr. Ben told us that he goes to the school every Tuesday to visit the students, answer questions, and stays for lunch. He related that one question asked was "What is God's favorite sport?" His answer was "All sports." He urges the students to ask questions. Grandparents' Day is the 18th of September. At the end of Fr. Ben's comments, Rich Burkemper expressed concern about the lack of organized activities for school children in Jefferson City. He advocated sponsoring a dance on Friday nights at St. Martins or Helias with strict rules for attendance. His concern was prompted by signs posted at the Mall advising parental guidance on the premises and the numbers of school age children there unsupervised.

Grand Knight's Report:

- 1) Aspiring Eagle Scout Steven Stansfield spoke regarding his Eagle Scout project to erect Stations of the Cross outdoors along the walk between the school and Parish Office. He has calculated his cost at \$850.00 and requested that amount from our council. He said that he would solicit support from other entities if necessary. Discussed in New Business.
- 2) A sign up sheet was posted to fill work vacancies for the Sept 18th Fish Fry.
- 3) A letter of support for the approximately 18 ladies attending the CRHP retreat was passed around for signatures along with a request to pray for the ladies during the Sept 12/13 weekend.
- 4) Rich Anderson or Al Meyer will be calling for work volunteers for the 50th Anniversary celebration on September 27th.
- 5) Gretchen Rauch gave a report on her attendance at the week long Aquinas Academy at the Mexico Military Academy recently. She is a 7th grader and one of 93 who attended based on teacher recommendations among other things. She described the activities and how much she enjoyed the academy, then expressed her thanks for our support. She is the third in her family to attend.

- 6) Kyle Daledovich also attended and sent a letter of thanks to the Council which was read by Grand Knight Brian Johnson.
- 7) A postcard was received from National giving us our membership quota for the new year. Up from 5% to 7%, our quota is 24 new members.
- 8) A letter from our sponsored child in the Philippines, John William Agus, was read. Details for an answering letter were made available for any member who wished to respond.
- 9) Reminders of the Bowling Tournament in Jackson October 24, 25, 31, and November 1 and also of the First, Second, and Third Degree which 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 August's beginning balance of \$17,574.24 with receipts totaling \$3,007.62. Checks were written totaling \$1,672.29 for an ending balance of \$18,909.57. Motion to accept by Dave Gramlich and Second by Al Meyer – carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Financial Secretary Steve Daniels reported on receipts and disbursements for the month and then read five bills totaling \$3,397.00. A motion to pay the bills as read was made by Dave Gramlich and seconded by Lew Hancock. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) There are still ball caps to be paid for and picked up. There are also two extras available for purchase.
- 2) The Super Saver cards sent out last month have already shown a profit of about \$300.00. A large sum of money is expected from Helias Council plus additional money from our own Council.
- 3) The sign up sheet for shirts and jackets will be kept open through October. A suggestion was made that the Ladies Auxiliary be invited to place orders as well. Lew Hancock proposed that the Council purchase a shirt and jacket for Fr. Ben. Rich Burkemper seconded the proposal which carried.

New Business:

- 1) The Samaritan Center Food Drive tentatively scheduled for the weekend of September 12 & 13 was cancelled. Dave Gramlich suggested an alternate date. This will be discussed at the officers' meeting.
- 2) After discussion of Steven Stansfield's Eagle Scout request and several suggestions, Jim Purcell made a motion that the Council contribute \$200.00 of the needed \$850.00 with the option for Steven to ask for more if he is unable to obtain the needed money / supplies from other entities. The motion was seconded by Rich Burkemper and was carried.
- 3) A request was made by Mark Ruether on behalf of Deanna Alonzo, executive director of Cole County Adoption and Foster Parenting, to make a presentation to the Council regarding their operations. Grand Knight Brian Johnson will invite her to a future meeting.

- 4) A letter was received from Greg Stratman saying the Vitae Caring Foundation needs assistance financially and that abortions are up 7%. The letter included a request for \$600.00 from each Council. As our Council gives Vitae in excess of that amount annually, no further action was taken.
- 5) The dinner for the Jefferson City area priests will be further discussed at the officers' meeting.
- 6) Jim Laux from the Helias Council returned to talk about plans for the upcoming Scouting Retreat. It is scheduled for September 19th in the undercroft with Mass beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by an awards ceremony. It was also mentioned that Jim was one of three Knights named "Knight of the Year" recently.
- 7) The Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for October 9 & 10. There are still numerous slots available. Sign up sheets were posted.
- 8) Fr. Ben mentioned the Jefferson City Diocesan Priests Institute which will be held at Lodge of the Four Seasons October 5-9. The theme is preaching.
- 9) Rich Burkemper made a short presentation regarding the Eighth Grade project of making clay Rosaries. He said Kate and Alley's had committed to pay for the supplies (estimated at \$50.00 to \$100.00 depending on sale prices) if the Council chose not to. He made a motion that the Council provide the money necessary. Seconded by Ken Gartner. Carried.

District Deputy's Report: District Deputy Mark Reuther said the Soccer Challenge is still on the coordinator for the event has been notified. The State Pilgrimage to Laurie is scheduled for October 4th. He mentioned the Tootsie Roll Drive and the Bowling Tournament discussed earlier. Joe Twehous was presented a VIP Club Certificate for recruiting. An article has been submitted to the Mariner for publication.

Field Agent's Report: No agents present.

Good of the Order: *An Unnamed Brother* is having extreme family problems – prayers requested. *Joyce Kummer* recently had a stent implanted in one leg and will require the same procedure for the other leg in the near future. *George Cable* is experiencing an irregular heartbeat.

Drawings:

50/50 — Lew Hancock

Monthly Attendance — Nathan Perkins: not present

Grand Knight Brian Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. after the singing of the closing ode and reciting of the Prayer for Priests.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Heald, Recorder