

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Knights of Columbus Council 12992

Meeting Minutes — November 9, 2011

Opening: The November meeting was preceded by a visit from Isabelle Chickanosky, daughter of Mike and Jeanne Chickanosky. She, along with three other St. Joseph students (Annie Donovan, Maura Shimmens, and Joey Tornes,) were sponsored by our Council to St. Thomas Aquinas Academy. She shared some of her experiences at the Academy. The other three students appeared at our September meeting. The meeting was then called to order by Grand Knight Rich Anderson at 7:05 p.m. Twenty members were in attendance. The opening ceremonies consisted of the Our Father, Pledge of Allegiance, and the Opening Ode.

Roll Call of Officers & Previous Meeting Minutes: Three officers were absent – Warden Gerry Rauch, Inside Guard Kirk Daledovich, and Outside Guard Rob O’Hanlon. The Minutes for the October meeting were previously distributed by e-mail. There were no corrections. Motion to accept by Al Rush. Second by Lew Hancock. Carried.

Chaplain’s Report: Fr. Reid reported that Monsignor Kurwicki has returned from his European pilgrimage. Use of the new translation of the Missal will begin on November 27th.

Grand Knight’s Report:

- 1) We received a very nice thank you note from Marylyn DeFeo of the Samaritan Center concerning our \$1,300.00 donation from the October Fish Fry.
- 2) We also received a nice note from Brother Knight Will Tollerton. Many will remember him as being very active in our Council until his search for employment required a move to Columbia. His note was read to the Council.
- 3) Mark Ruether reported on the results of the Tootsie Roll Drive – we took in \$2,831.23. With a cost of \$345.00, our net was \$2,486.23. All of this amount is forwarded to state and then half the amount goes to Cardinal Glennon Children’s Wing. The remaining half goes to an entity or entities of our choosing. After discussion, Jack Dowd made a motion that the money be split between Capitol Projects and Vogelweid Learning Center. The motion was seconded by Al Meyer and carried.
- 4) Several members attended a fund raising dinner to support the new Pregnancy Help Center being established here in Jefferson City. It was a wonderful event with a very moving narrative by a woman whose tragic life experiences and subsequent restoration lent powerful witness to God’s healing power and confirmed the need for pregnancy resource centers to combat the pro-choice movements in our communities. The event reportedly raised about \$20,000.00 in cash plus pledges not yet totaled. They also confirmed the donation of an ultrasound machine by our State Council.
- 5) The order for Knight’s shirts and jackets was finalized.
- 6) Doug Porting reported on our breakfast proceeds – Total gross was \$1,052.50; after expenses, our net was \$637.00. Many thanks to our Deputy Grand Knight, Jason Torres, who among others, lent timely assistance to a woman who became ill that morning while attending the event. We have been assured it was not caused by the food. The woman’s daughter contacted the Parish Office later in the week to express her appreciation for the care her mother received and to say that she was doing well and had been discharged from the hospital.
- 7) The Highway 179 cleanup was conducted on October 22 by just two Knights (Dale Highfill and Ken Gartner.) Normally there are four to six participating. Our next scheduled cleanup is April 14th. Dale reported that he thinks three cleanup dates per year is adequate. Therefore, we are adding Saturday, June 23rd to our calendar of events.
- 8) The Knights coordinated the Deacons’ lunch and dinner on Saturday, October 22nd; it was received very well and much appreciated by those in attendance. We ended up serving about 156 people for a total cost of about \$600.00, which was covered by the Diocesan Office budget (reimbursement has been received.) Grand Knight Rich Anderson acknowledged and thanked Brother Knight Rich Burkemper, owner and operator of Kate and Alley’s Pizza, for selling us his special salad dressing at cost for this event.

9) *Upcoming Calendar Review:*

- a. The annual Christmas Bazaar was held on November 13th. Our Council committed to providing manpower for setting up on Thursday, November 10th and for the clean up following the event.
- b. God has blessed us all. Grand Knight Rich Anderson urged all members to reach out to someone in need for Thanksgiving.
- c. Our next breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th.
- d. Our December 14th meeting will be preceded by a First Degree Ceremony to be held at the Catholic Center. A meal will be served afterward in the Undercroft. Prospects include Larry Schulte (sponsored by Rich Anderson), Jay Tioleco (Rich Anderson), Scott Thierot (Steve Daniels), David Cheese (Brian Johnson), and David Lanigan (Brian Johnson).
- e. Our calendar of events has been updated to include First Degree Ceremonies in March and June of 2012.
- f. There will be a First Degree at Tan-Tar-A during the State Semi-annual Meeting on Friday, December 9th.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$22,519.03; Receipts: \$4,221.92; Checks Written: \$6,417.91; Ending Balance: \$20,323.04. Motion to accept by Al Rush, second by Harold Kempker. Carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Ten bills totaling \$3,830.01 were read. A motion to pay the bills as read was made by Jack Dowd and seconded by Brian Johnson. Motion carried. We have gained five new members, but lost three. Our goal for this year is 24 regular members and 9 insurance members.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) At our October meeting, Grand Knight Rich Anderson mentioned the "Coats for Kids" program being sponsored by our State Council. There was no discussion or motion regarding this issue at the November meeting and it was dropped.
- 2) Rich Burkemper expects the Super Saver Cards to be ready for distribution by our December meeting.
- 3) Lew Hancock reported on the progress of the Habitat for Humanity project – the plumbers and roofers were on-site earlier in the day but the shingles are still bundled. The next work day is Saturday, December 3rd.
- 4) We received a thank you letter from Marcella Kempker thanking the Council for our participation in Frank's funeral.

New Business:

- 1) A request for assistance has been received from Shelley Quinn, Enrichment Director at St. Joseph School. Her letter was read and discussion followed. It was unknown if Msgr. Kurwicki had approved the effort. As the request is in support of conservation education, it was mentioned that the Dept. Of Conservation has grants available for this sort of thing. Grand Knight Rich Anderson will follow up and report later.
- 2) We have received an informational mailing from Pro-Life Across America, which included an update on their activities and an opportunity to make a donation to their worthy cause. After discussion, this issue was tabled – we donate to this effort with proceeds from our spring barbecue.
- 3) We received a thank you from Msgr. Kurwicki for our Patron Memorial Gift to the 2006 Capital Campaign. He asked how we want our plaque to read – decision was: "Knights of Columbus, Bishop McAuliffe Council 12992".
- 4) We had a bit of preparation problems at our breakfast: the freezer quit due to a loose electrical connection, and the biscuits thawed. This resulted in them becoming a large glob of dough which then had to be separated and reformed by hand. On the plus side, many in attendance at the breakfast commented that the biscuits were the best they had eaten. Al Rush will look for a locking electrical outlet.
- 5) Lew Hancock mentioned the RIB mailing. \$7.50 of our dues goes to RIB, so we get 100% participation.
- 6) Regarding the Coats for Kids project, Jack Dowd mentioned that St. Mary's Health Center has a similar program which also includes hats, gloves, and ear bands.

District Deputy's Report: Reminder of the annual free throw contest (Mike Shimmens is coordinating). There is a possibility that the practice of holding all three Degree Ceremonies on the same day will be reinstated. There will be a combination of all three in Jefferson City in the spring; date will be announced later.

Field Agent's Report: None present.

Good of the Order: Bill Kremer (since deceased), Rose Mengwasser, Fr. Joe Shetler, Spencer Allen's mother, Ron Strong, Loyd Kintz, and all veterans especially those deceased.

Drawings:

50/50: Stuart Howser

Attendance: Chandra Prasad (not present)

Closing: Grand Knight Rich Anderson adjourned the meeting 8:09 p.m. after the singing of the Closing Ode and three Hail Marys.

Respectfully submitted,
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