

**Knights of Columbus
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495
Business Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2008**

Call to Order

The Deputy Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers with 30 members present. The roll of officers was called and it is attached.

Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes

The Deputy Grand Knight announced that the Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2008 were posted to the website. He solicited any changes to the Minutes as published. No one offer any changes. The DGK accepted a motion for approval. Motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed. Minutes stand as published.

Report of Admissions Committee

There was one application that has been delayed until May's First Degree exemplification.

Grand Knight's Report

1. The DGK offered thanks to all who participated in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Special thanks were expressed to Larry Dreiling who spearheaded the drive for 2008 with a great deal of success. Amount collected totaled \$5,551.16.
2. A new member (transfer) was welcomed to the Council. David Lubbers comes to us from Northern Virginia.
3. A formal ceremony was conducted within the chambers to confer the title of "Honorary Member" to 4 long-standing members for at least 25 years of service to the Knights of Columbus. Those honored were: Brother Robert F. Ambach, Brother Larry W. Colbert, Brother Richard J. Hroblak and Brother Eugene Sides.
4. There will be a 2nd degree exemplification on April 27 at Council 677.
5. The next 1st Degree Exemplification will be held on April 23 at Council 677. It is important to come out to meet and support the new members.
6. Next officers' meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Bob Hoeppe's residence located at 315 Gardenia Drive, Evans, GA. Directions will be provided via email at a later date. All officers are required to attend.
7. Next business meeting will be May 12, 2008, in the Annex Building, upstairs. Please pass the word to members not present.

Chaplain's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

1. The balance in the account is \$10,885.50
2. Expenses for the month were \$10,030.10 and receipts were \$11,723.41.

Reading by GK of Financial Report

No reading.

Reading of Communications

No reading.

Financial Secretary's Report

1. We are in good standing with Supreme.
2. As witnessed by the previous ceremony, we added 4 honorary members. The criteria are 65 years of age and a minimum of 25 years of membership. At age 70 with at least 25 years of membership, the member becomes exempt from paying annual dues. Therefore, it is important for each member to pay dues annually and maintain the membership current.
3. We had one membership withdrawal in March.
4. Supreme is owed \$81.16 for supplies and that check has already been submitted.
5. There are approximately \$700 in outstanding dues. Additional attempts will be made to contact members who have yet to submit payment.

Report of Auditors/Trustees

No report

Chancellor's Report on Vocations

The quarterly contribution to seminarians was made. Each seminarian received \$125 for the quarter. The balance in the account is \$1,334.34

Membership Director's Report

1. We had a gain of 13 against a loss of 6 for a net of 7.
2. For Insurance we had a quota of 5. Had a gain of 4 against a loss of 2 for a net of 2.

3. There will be an exposition for new (and old) members on Sunday, April 20, at Council 8495. The purpose is to portray the activities of the Council and to provide information on the Knights of Columbus insurance program. The portion for new members will be at 1:00 p.m. and the insurance portion will be at 2:00 p.m. There will be an insurance agent coming from Atlanta to cover/discuss/answer questions on insurance.

4. Existing members who do not participate in the insurance program can still help the Council by purchasing an annuity. Minimum purchase is \$300 and it classifies the individual as an insurance member and counted towards the Council's quota. Everyone not enrolled in the insurance program is urged to consider purchasing an annuity.

Program Director's Report

1. The cook out for the weekend of April 19 has been cancelled.
2. See "**Grand Knight's Report**" above for listing of 1st and 2nd Degree Exemplification dates, times and locations.
3. There will be a 3rd Degree Exemplification on May 4th at St Joseph.

Church Director's Report

Chris Algeo took over as "Temporary" Head Usher for the St. Teresa Church. He will hold the position until the "Permanent" Head Usher, Pietro de Guerrero, returns. Return is expected on May 1, 2008.

Community Director's Report

1. Tootsie Roll Drive was a success. A few emails were sent to solicit volunteers and everyone responded real well.
2. Collections exceeded last year's collection by more than \$800.
3. There were 5 Ladies Auxiliary that came out to help count the collections on Sunday afternoon.

Communications Director's Report

Two areas were submitted for award: The new Youth Recreation Area and the Birdhouse project. Steve Crawford prepared the submissions.

Council Director's Report

1. Forty seven birdhouses were made and all were sold. Thank you to all that helped with this project.
2. Revenue collected was \$1,351.

Family Director's Report

We had approximately 41 persons attend the luncheon at the Double Tree Hotel following the Corporate Mass on March 30. Father David and his parents attended.

Youth Director's Report

1. Bob Oellerich could not be present. The Father John O'Brien Memorial grounds were blessed. Activities included the Youth Band. Food was provided.
2. Tim Bair expended \$84.20 to purchase the food that was provided. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Tim Bair. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Home Company Report

1. The balance in the account is not available; however, there is approximately a \$50,000 balance between checking account and certificates of deposit.
2. An agreement with the Church has not been reached concerning the building of a Council home on Church property. It appears that the Church has been dragging the process. They have not given a reason for the delay.

Roundtable Report

No report. The next meeting is May 14th.

State Convention Committee

1. We are the host Council. Lots of volunteers from our Council are required to stage this function. Please sign up to help.
2. The Ladies Luncheon is all set. Ready to roll!
3. A motion was made from the floor to pay the cost of meals for Fr. Michael and Fr. David. The motion received a second and placed for discussion. Neither of the priests has made a commitment to attend; however, if either or both decide to attend, the Council will pay the costs. The motion was voted on a passed without opposition.

25th Anniversary Committee

The committee will meet immediately after the Council's regular meeting ends this evening.

Resolutions Committee

The proposed resolution for presentation at the Convention was submitted.

Unfinished Business

A vote to pay for expenses to set up a “Hospitality Suite” during the Convention was postponed last month because the expense exceeds \$500. The motion was restated to ensure that the covered costs would read “no more than \$1,000 will be...” The motion was voted on and passed.

New Business

1. Tim Bair raised the possibility of the Council to make a donation to a scholarship fund that has been established at Augusta State University in memory of Alexis Colohan (deceased daughter of Brother Knight John “Stoney” Colohan. It was suggested that the proceeds of one of our fund-raising activities be designated to have the proceeds donated to the scholarship fund. The subject was tabled until next meeting.
2. Tim Bair is the new “Wall, Table and Chairs” coordinator for the Church. He is looking for volunteers to help him tear down and set up the rooms at the back of the Parish Life Center – includes the movable walls and portable tables/chairs in the stipulated configurations. The first opportunity comes up on May 2 to set up for the First Communion mass on Saturday morning.

Report of the 4th Degree

1. The next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council 677 home.
2. The Catholic Church in Thompson will have it’s confirmation ceremony on May 19th. Fourth degree members with regalia are needed to assist in this event.
3. Election of officers is coming up. A slate of candidates has been compiled and will be presented to the Faithful Navigator.

Field Agent’s Report

No report.

District Deputy Report

No report.

The Good of the Order

Chris Eckert lectured on the subject of persecution, drawing analogies between the persecution on Jesus and the behavior of parents towards their off-springs. He also alluded to individuals who become hostile towards “Christians” and sometimes specifically towards Catholics. This is because we, as Catholics, are representatives of God. We should take pride and dignity in being representatives of Christ.

Prayers for Sick and Distressed

A list was circulated for review and to add names others.

Chaplain's Summation

Continue to pray for the sick and the needy and continue to do God's work.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Collazo, Recorder
May 1, 2008

**Roll of Officers
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council 8495
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Grand Knight	Joe Kise	Excused
Deputy Grand Knight	Aaron Wahus	Present
Chancellor	Chris Algeo	Present
Recorder	Carlos Collazo	Present
Treasurer	John Vigna	Present
Advocate	Tom Howe	Present
Warden	Brent Allen	Excused
Inside Guard	Bill Kulovitz	Present
Outside Guard	Jon Lundeen	Excused
Trustee, 3 Year	Mark Chapin	Excused
Trustee, 2 Year	Tim Bair	Present
Trustee, 1 Year	Bryan Tuschen	Excused
Financial Secretary	Bob Hoeppel	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Roverse	Excused
Lecturer	Chris Eckert	Present