

**Knights of Columbus
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495
Business Meeting
August 13, 2007**

Call to Order

The Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers with 25 members present. The roll of officers was called and it is attached.

Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of July 9, 2007 were amended to reflect that the Blue Mass will be on September 9, 2007.

Report of Admissions Committee

One application was reviewed. The applicant received a favorable review and was approved. In addition there were three other candidates nominated for First Degree induction. Based on the Committees review and recommendation, a motion for approval was made and seconded from the floor. Motion was voted on and passed.

Grand Knight's Report

1. The GK offered thanks to the many volunteers who helped with Father John O'Brien's mass and funeral activities; especially in assisting with care and feeding of his family. The Council's website has postings with information on Fr. John.
2. A First Degree Exemplification will be conducted on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. by Council 8495 in the Parish Annex. A Second Degree Exemplification will be conducted on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. by Council 8495 in the Parish Annex. The GK encouraged everyone to come out and support the new members and those advancing to the Second Degree.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Financial Secretary's Report

1. The Financial Secretary reported that we are in good standing with Supreme.
2. The expenses and receipts for the month were \$3,578.89 and \$477.00, respectively.
3. As of August 1, 2007 the Council had 217 roster members; 6 were suspended for non-payment of dues; two received lifetime honorary membership for reaching 70 years of age and having paid dues continuously for the required number of years.

Report of Auditors/Trustees

The semi-annual audit was conducted. No discrepancies were noted.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations

1. The balance of the seminarian fund is \$1,306.51.
2. A suggestion was made from the floor as to the possibility of supporting 4 seminarians. At present we are committed support 3 at a cost of \$125 each per quarter. Discussion ensued but no decision was made.

Membership Director's Report

The director stated that information on this area is available on the website.

Program Director's Report

1. Aaron Wahus stressed that volunteers are needed for the many activities that are coming up. Members can volunteer by accessing the Council's website.
2. Cook's Night Out will be on September 8. Assistance will be needed with ticket sales after each mass, also with setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning.
3. Ushers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed to help with the Blue Mass on September 9.
4. The Round Table (Waynsboro) will be serving a spaghetti dinner on August 24. Tim Bair needs help to prepare and deliver the sauce for our Brother Knights in Waynesboro.

Church Director's Report

1. A suggestion was made to change the Corporate Mass time to increase participation. Some discussion followed. No decision was made.

Community Director's Report

1. There will be a roadside cleanup for our portion of Columbia Road. This will take place on Saturday, September 8, at 9 a.m. We need at least 8 volunteers for approximately 2 hours to police approximately 1 mile on both sides of the road from St. Teresa heading east.
2. Arts in the Heart of Augusta is coming up on September 14/15. We are 100% signed up for this event. We will be manning a beer kiosk for which we normally receive tips. A motion was made and seconded to donate the "tips" money to the Wheel Chair Foundation. Motion was voted on and passed.
3. We received a letter of "thanks" from the Columbia County Special Olympics for the contribution we made of \$2,760 from the Tootsie Roll Drive. We are still waiting to receive matching funds of \$1,600 which will be forwarded to the Special Olympics.

Family Director's Report

No report.

Youth Director's Report

1. The kit has been ordered for the Soccer Challenge that will be conducted sometime in September.
2. A program is being coordinated for the Squires Group.
3. Breakfast with St. Nicholas will be done on December 8.

Home Company Report

1. The balance in the checking account is \$7,528.08 and the certificate of deposit is \$33,053.38 for a total of \$40,841.46.
2. The Capital Campaign was launched in July. To date we have received a total of 15 pledges totaling \$14,720.00. Pledge collections totaled \$2,045.00 for the month of July.
3. John Anchor and Carlos Collazo will attend a meeting in reference to the Time Share property. Timeshare Relief, Inc. will have representatives on September 19 at the Marriott in Augusta. The objective is to rid the Council from ownership of this property.
4. The Car Show will be held October 27; the event will be conducted on the St. Teresa Church grounds. Don solicited help with obtaining sponsors and with helping on the day of the event. Sponsorships are as follows: 2 Major Sponsors @ \$250; 2 Major Sponsors @ \$150; and 4th Place Sponsors @ \$25 (no limit). Also miscellaneous prizes are needed, such as gift certificates to restaurant and/or retailers. All members were asked to assist in obtaining sponsors and prizes; and to make sure that sponsors are made aware to label their contributions as advertising and not as donations.

Roundtable Report

1. Two case packages are being prepared to send to soldiers overseas.
2. The proceeds of the Spaghetti Dinner on August 24 will be donated to an Animal Shelter in Waynesboro.

Unfinished Business

1. An order for Council Shirts will be placed soon. The cost is \$30 and must be paid in advance.
2. The "I celebrate Christ in Christmas" button can be produced locally at a substantial cost savings. A Brother Knight volunteered to obtain the information and will make a report on design and cost at the September meeting.

3. The Oktober Fest event will be on October 6. Chris Algeo is coordinating the activities.
4. The State 2008 Convention is slated to be in Augusta on 15/16/17 May. Our Council has the lead. Various activities are planned. The traditional Father DiFrancesco Golf Tournament will be moved to this weekend and will be part of the Convention package. The Ladies Auxilliary will assist with putting on a luncheon and other activities. Teri Bair will spearhead this area. Please have your spouses contact her to volunteer to assist Teri.

New Business

1. The GK handed out various awards and certificates: two Shining Armor Awards to Gary Welcher and Chip Harris; 2nd Degree to Bill Turner; and various 1st Degree to members of the Round Table.
2. A motion was made and seconded for the Council to pay for expenses related to the dinner for the family of Father John O'Brien. Motion was voted on and passed.
3. A motion was made and seconded to set aside \$200.00 to create a memorial or identifiable item in the memory of Father John O'Brien when the Rectory is built. The GK will form a committee to head this objective. In addition to the funds to be set aside, an impromptu collection was made during the meeting and a total of \$181.00 was collected. These funds will be set aside pending outcome of the committee's recommendations.
4. The State Council is conducting a raffle with proceeds to be split 3 ways. One third will go the purchaser of the ticket. Tickets are \$10 each.
5. The Autism Group will be conducting a walk. No details available at this time.

Report of the 4th Degree

1. Don DeClue stated that the Faithful Navigator Roast was a success. About 60 Knights and guests were present. This was also the last Knights of Columbus activity attended by Father John O'Brien.
2. The turnout for the mass in memory of Fr. John was excellent here and in Savannah. Don encouraged all 4th Degree members to obtain their regalia and get involved.
3. The next meeting of the 4th Degree will be August 20 at Council 677, Monte Sano Avenue.

The Good of the Order

Chirs Eckert discussed the Assumption of Mary holiday and why we as Catholics are required to attend mass. He lectured on the merits of reconciliation as a mean of cleansing the soul of any sins.

Prayers for Sick and Distressed

The GK lead the members in prayers.

Adjournment

Chris Algeo offered the closing prayer. The Grand Knight adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carlos Collazo, Recorder
August 17, 2007

**Roll of Officers
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council 8495
August 13, 2007**

Grand Knight	Joe Kise	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Aaron Wahus	Present
Chancellor	Chris Algeo	Present
Recorder	Carlos Collazo	Present
Treasurer	John Vigna	Excused
Advocate	Tom Howe	Excused
Warden	Brent Allen	Present
Inside Guard	Bill Kulovitz	Excused
Outside Guard	Jon Lundeen	Present
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