

**Knights of Columbus  
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495  
Business Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2007**

**Call to Order**

The Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers with 31 members present. The roll of officers was called and it is attached.

**Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes**

The Grand Knight asked for any changes to the Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2007, as published and posted on the website. There were none. The GK then asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes as published. Motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed.

**Report of Admissions Committee**

There was one transfer from Washington – Gerald Harmon. Motion made to accept the new member, seconded, voted on and passed.

**Grand Knight's Report**

1. The GK offered thanks to all that assisted with the events during the past month. In particular: Breakfast with Saint Nick and Keep Christ in Christmas sales. The GK extended a very special thanks to John and Carol Anchor for making the decorative blocks that were sold at the various events.
2. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree exemplification on December 20. The GK requested members of the team to make every effort to attend and requested other council members to come out to the ceremony to welcome the new candidates.
3. Next officers' meeting will be on January 6, 2008, at noon. Meeting place will be at Joe Kise's residence. All officers need to attend.
4. Next business meeting will be January 14, 2008, in the Annex Building, upstairs. All members are encouraged to attend and get involved.
5. The GK announced that he nominated John and Carol Anchor for Family of the Month. John and Carol were instrumental in creating and selling the lighted blocks. They spent many hours making the blocks and the results in profits were well above expectations.
6. The GK announced that he nominated Steve Crawford, a relatively new comer, as the Knight of the Month. Steve came up with the idea of developing locally the "I Celebrate Christmas" buttons. This resulted in lower costs and higher profits. In addition, Steve proposed the idea of building bird houses out of scrap pieces of wood and other materials. These will be sold during future events to benefit the building fund.

7. The GK met with Father Michael to discuss issues concerning the Church and the Knights of Columbus and how to ensure proper coordination to prevent scheduling conflicts and duplicative efforts.

8. The GK also met with Father David to discuss issues concerning the Youth activities/programs and how the Knights can assist him in various ways.

### **Chaplain's Report**

No report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

1. The balance in the account is \$5,113.12.
2. Expenses for the month were \$4,603.85 and receipts were \$3,976.08.

### **Reading of Communications**

1. The GK read a note of thanks from the family of Romano "Nonno" Bailo in appreciation for the many prayers and for the services provided during his funeral. Also the family gave thanks for adding his widow, Dora "Nonna" Bailo to the prayer list.
2. A note of "thanks" from Fr. Michael was read. He expressed heartfelt thanks to the Council for the excellent dinner for the Bishop and for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Guard's participation in the Confirmation ceremony. Fr. Michael expressed that it added pump to the liturgy.

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

1. We are in good standing with Supreme; we owe a balance of \$225.13 for purchase of several balls to support a youth event.
2. The dues for the coming year will be \$36.00. Notices will be mailed out on December 15, 2007, and payment is due back on January 15, 2008. All members are requested to mail payment on time to avoid the cumbersome process of collection and/or suspension of membership. The FS explained in detail the process. It takes several months to complete and it requires written and telephone contact with the member to ascertain that every effort is made to retain the member on the active roles.
3. A fraternal survey is being mailed to every member to request the amount of volunteer hours spent in support of the Knights' activities. Please complete and return the survey as soon as possible so that a consolidated report can be prepared and forwarded to Supreme.
4. If not already a member, every active Knight should become a member of the Father McGivney Guild. There are no dues or requirements. Periodically, you receive a letter that keeps the members abreast of the status to have our Founder canonized.

### **Report of Auditors/Trustees**

No report.

### **Chancellor's Report on Vocations**

1. A note was received and read from one of the seminarians, Chris Ortega, thanking the Council for its financial support. He was very appreciative.
2. We received a total \$191 from a memorial. A Knights' mother, who passed away, requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Seminarian fund. The current balance in the seminarian fund account is \$639.51. Chris Algeo reminded everyone to include extra dollars when paying the annual dues. Anything over the \$36 dues is transferred to the Seminarian Fund. We are supporting 4 seminarians requiring disbursement of \$500 per quarter.

### **Membership Director's Report**

The membership quota was 11; we had a gain of 8 and a loss of 5, for a net gain of 3 (40%). Insurance quota was 5; we had a gain of 4 and a loss of 1, for a net gain of 3 (60%). For those who are not insurance members or are not eligible, there is a plan that allows the purchase of an annuity for \$300.00. Presently the yield is 5%. If purchased, it is counted towards the Council's insurance quota. Members can help themselves by purchasing such an annuity and at the same time help the council in meeting its quota.

### **Program Director's Report**

1. The website has the information on forthcoming activities. The website is being kept up to date by Aaron Wahus and Joe Kise. Please visit the website often.
2. An event was added to the calendar for January 19-21, 2008. This will be for Father John O'Brian memorial. Set up will take place behind the Education building for some of the activities planned for the Youth programs. There is a total of \$606 in the memorial fund. In addition, there is possibility of receiving \$1,000 from Parish Council.

### **Church Director's Report**

1. Pietro DeGuerrero stated that the package for Brother Bill Kulovitz, deployed to Iraq, was prepared and mailed to him prior to Thanksgiving.
2. There will be an activity to observe the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. A rosary will be conducted. If any one wants to participate by reading/reciting parts of the rosary, please contact Pietro.

### **Community Director's Report**

1. As part of our "Adopt a Highway" initiative, we had a roadside cleanup on the first weekend of the December. Only six (6) Knights participated. A total of 31 bags along with some large items were picked up from both sides of the road. The next roadside cleanup will be in March. This activity is spearheaded by Brother Larry Dreiling. Please see him before the March clean up to volunteer your help.

2. Chris Algeo stated that spoke with Tom Clark, manager of FATZ Café, concerning and event coming up on April 19, 2008. Chris indicated that Tom is seeking some support from the Knights. More details will be provided at the January meeting.

### **Council Director's Report**

1. John Anchor reminded everyone that the Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 15 at 7:00 p.m. We still need a few volunteers for this activity to discuss menu and other items.
2. A spaghetti dinner is planned for the next "Cook's Night Out" activity on January 12, 2008. More detail will be provided later.
3. The "Breakfast with Saint Nick" was very successful. We had \$650 net income for the Youth.

### **Family Director's Report**

No report.

### **Youth Director's Report**

1. As mentioned before, Breakfast with St. Nick went very well. Many of the youth participated to make the event successful. Over 200 tickets were sold; it was the best ever.
2. There will be a "Free Throw" contest in January. No date has been set.

### **Home Company Report**

1. The donated steel was sold for \$1,000.
2. The sale of the time-share condo is still in progress.
3. The lease agreement for building the Knights' facility on campus is being ironed out. Bobby Christine is overseeing this activity. The GK explained some of the requirements stipulated by the Bishop. Primarily, the Bishop wants the outside of the structure to conform to those of the existing buildings, and no selling of beer or alcohol to the general public. More details will be provided at the January 2008 meeting.
4. The balance of the Home Company funds is \$43,891.05 (Checking \$9,721.30 and Ameriprise CDs \$34,169.75).

### **Roundtable Report**

1. The Roundtable sold 20 Deep-Fried Turkeys at \$30 per turkey cooked.
2. Around Valentines Round Table members will get together with a person they have been supporting on a medical mission to receive a briefing.

### **State Convention Committee**

1. All coordination is moving along well.
2. The conventions for the years 2010, 2012, and 2014 will be held in Augusta. The reason is that hotel rates have been locked in for all those years. This is normally an area where the most expense occurs for those coming from out of town. Rates are now guaranteed through 2014.
3. Please solicit ads for the convention booklet. These ads make money for us as well as provide great exposure to those who advertise. Between 600 and 1,000 Knights will have access to the booklet. Also ads or sponsorships can be tied with to the Golf Tournament, such as sponsoring a whole or providing prizes for the tournament.
4. Info will be posted to the website.

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Committee**

1. There are Keep Christ in Christmas buttons left. They are \$1 a piece and do not expire.
2. Motion was made to transfer money left from the Christmas sales to the Wheel Chair Foundation fund. Motion was seconded, discussed, voted on and passed.

### **Father O'Brien Memorial Committee**

See above – activity will be take place on January 19-21, 2008.

### **Resolutions Committee**

No report.

### **Unfinished Business**

Council shirts can be ordered. See Benie Bobo if interested. Price is \$30 each.

### **New Business**

1. The GK stated that Fr. David requested financial assistance for the Youth of the Parish who will be attending the Diocese Youth Conference in St. Simons Island. Cost is \$95 per youth. There are approximately 10 youth of limited financial resources that would need such assistance. The total cost would be \$950.
2. A motion was made to raise the dues to \$36 a month or to \$100 a year. The motion received a second and moved to the discussion phase. Research revealed that changing the dues requires amendment to the by-laws. Therefore, the original motion is not in order. The requirement will be to make a motion to amend the by-laws then voted on at a subsequent meeting to the one in which the proposed motion to amend is made. In addition, it will have to be disseminated at least 5 days prior to the regular meeting and then presented at that meeting and the vote tabled until a subsequent meeting.

3. Motion was made from the floor to purchase of contribute not more than \$500 towards the purchase of equipment (AED) to use for emergencies. Motion was seconded and moved to the discussion phase. After lengthy discussion, the motion was put to vote. The motion was defeated.

4. There is need to replace the existing ciboria (used to administer the communion at each mass). Bill Kemp has asked the Council to help with the replacement. A set of 4 is approximately \$1,000. Each is around \$250 each and six are needed. Exact pricing will be obtained and passed along at the January's meeting.

### **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

1. The Color Guard participated in three functions at St. Mary's. The turnout was very poor. Only three Sir Knights showed up. Don DeClue requested that Sir Knights that are available during weekdays (such as retirees) should make a concerted effort to support the Color Guard events.

2. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 17, 2007 at the 677 Council building on Monte Sano Avenue.

3. Dick Mann has been doing a great job working with the VA Hospital programs in behalf of the Assembly.

### **Field Agent's Report**

No report.

### **District Deputy Report**

No report.

### **The Good of the Order**

No lecture.

### **Prayers for Sick and Distressed**

A list was circulated for update. The GK lead the members in prayer.

### **Chaplain's Summation**

Read by the GK.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:59

Respectfully Submitted

Carlos Collazo, Recorder  
January 4, 2008

**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	Present
Advocate	Tom Howe	Present
Warden	Brent Allen	Excused
Inside Guard	Bill Kulovitz	Excused
Outside Guard	Jon Lundeen	Present
Trustee, 3 Year	Mark Chapin	Excused
Trustee, 2 Year	Tim Bair	Excused
Trustee, 1 Year	Bryan Tuschen	Present
Financial Secretary	Bob Hoeppel	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Roverse	Excused
Lecturer	Chris Eckert	Excused