

**Knights of Columbus
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495
Business Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2008**

Call to Order

The Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the council chambers. [Note: *The meeting was moved from 7:30 p.m. due to Holiday of Obligation mass preceding the meeting regular start time.*] Thirty three (33) members were present. The roll call of officers was conducted and it is attached.

Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes

The Grand Knight stated that the minutes of November 10, 2008 were posted to the website in advance of this meeting. The floor was opened for corrections; there were none. A motion from the floor was made to accept the minutes as posted to the website. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Report of Admissions Committee

1. One application was processed through the Committee: (Deacon) Kerry Diver. Motion was made to accept. Motion carried.
2. One application was presented as pending. The Committee has yet to interview the candidate. Motion was made to accept the applicant contingent upon the Admissions Committee's successful interview and approval of the candidate's qualifications. Motion carried.

Grand Knight's Report

1. The GK introduced Nick Rhea as the newest member of the Council.
2. The Council's Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. A list was circulated to sign up to provide deserts. The ladies auxiliary group was also asked to help with deserts – husbands should consult with wives. Also, volunteers were solicited to set up and take down the meeting rooms at the back of the church. The main food will be catered and drinks will be provided by the Council. The members and spouses (or significant other) will be no charge. Guests will pay \$10.00 each. Dress is golf ("Masters") casual.
3. The next officers' meeting will be on Sunday, January 4, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at Aaron Wahus' residence. Detailed instructions to the residence will be provided as the date gets closer.

Chaplain's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$ 5,171.91
Deposits	365.00
Expenditures	2,421.54
Ending balance	3,115.37

Reading by GK of Financial Report

We are in good standing with Supreme.

Reading of Communications

No report.

Financial Secretary's Report

1. The FS passed out the invoices for next year's dues to those present. The rest will be mailed out. The FS requested that payment be submitted promptly to facilitate accounting. He also urged everyone to be generous in sending extra contributions that will be added to the Seminarian Fund account. We are supporting 4 seminarians at a cost of \$500.00 per quarter or \$2,000.00 for the year.
2. The FS stated that a fraternal volunteer-hours survey is included with the invoices. He needs those figures to prepare the annual report to Supreme. All volunteer hours are put together to show the magnitude of the work accomplished by the Knights on a collective basis.
3. A total of \$238.00 was netted from the Breakfast with St. Nick activity. The gross amount was \$519.50 and 110 meals were served.
4. Pete de Guerrero received "VIP" recognition for recruiting 2 new members this calendar year. He received a pin and a certificate from Supreme will follow.

Report of Auditors/Trustees

No report.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations

1. The Chancellor reiterated the support of 4 seminarians and the need to contribute to the fund when the dues are paid.
2. Ray Adriano reported that the balance in the account is 953.34 after sending the payments for this quarter to the four seminarians.
3. Ray Adriano read a thank you letter received from one of the seminarians.

Membership Director's Report

No report.

Program Director's Report

1. Bill Kulovitz thanked everyone that worked for the Breakfast with St. Nick.
2. There will be no cooking for TeenLife on December 21, 2008.
3. Everyone was urged to check their email periodically for messages of importance from the Council. Also to update email addresses to ensure that all are receiving messages.
4. All were requested to access the website periodically to see what activities are forthcoming and also to volunteer to assist with those activities. Volunteers can enter their names directly on the website rosters or can call Bill Kulovitz.
5. The Keep Christ in Christmas card sales are progressing well. Please assist whenever you are attending church. It only takes about twenty minutes per mass.

Church Director's Report

1. Joe Kise provided an oral brief on Roe vs. Wade activities to be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Coordination is being effected with the Church. In the past the Council acted alone on this activity; however, Fr. Michael wants the church to be involved. An all-night vigil is planned; more details will be provided as the date approaches.
2. Similar activities will be planned for March 25 – the Day of the Unborn Child.

Community Director's Report

1. Bill Priddy stated that the St. Teresa entry (float) for the Martinez-Evans Christmas Parade won first prize in its category. He provided the towing with his truck.
2. The next roadside clean up will be on Saturday, December 13, 2008. Participants will assemble at the Parish Life Annex (white building) at 9:00 a.m. The more volunteers, the faster the job will get done. Please plan to assist in this endeavor.

Council Director's Report

No report.

Family Director's Report

No report.

Youth Director's Report

1. Free throw competition will be held in January. Bob Ollerich will provide date and need for volunteers.
2. District Free Throw Challenge will be February 21, 2009.

Communications Director's Report

No report.

Home Company Report

John Anchor reported the balances on the accounts as follows:

CD Funds	\$17,249.05
Cash	31,335.05
Checkbook	7,145.55
Total	\$55,729.65

Roundtable Report

No report.

Degree Team

1. The next First Degree Exemplification will be held on December 18, 2008 at Council 8495 commencing at 7:00 p.m., ceremony at 7:30 p.m.
2. On February 21, 2009 Council 677 will hold a First Degree ceremony.

Finance Committee

Joe Kise and Tom Howe reported that, after studying various strategies for increasing funds to the Home Company account, they conclusively determined and "we cannot get there from here" in reference to the total amount of dollars needed to build a new home for the Council. Their recommendation was for the Council leadership to determine what would be the best alternatives to raising the required funds. This committee was dissolved by the GK.

Unfinished Business

1. The GK stated that he has formed a committee to address Joe Kise's suggestion presented at last month's meeting. The suggestion was to establish some rules or procedures to ensure that a portion of the funds that the Council raises remain with the Council for the purpose of financing requirements such as equipment and building fund.
2. The GK discussed in detail the status of the lease agreement with the Diocese for erecting a Council home on campus. Everyone involved is working diligently to finalize a lease document. Bill Keogh has drafted a 27-page document that will be reviewed and amended as necessary by the committee sometime in January 2009. The document will then be forwarded to the Bishop for his review and approval/rejection. If approved, the basic time line allows for drafting of final plans in 5 years and completion of building in 7 years.

New Business

1. Meledy Kise is spearheading an activity that will take place on December 14, 2008 at the Church. It is a Musical with participation from the parish children. After the activity a "love" offering will be requested to assist the Hotchkiss family.
2. The Ladies Auxiliary meets on the same night that our Council meets. Their meeting is held downstairs. Everyone is asked to encourage their wives to come on the second Monday of each month to help with the LA planning of activities.
3. We have been asked to contemplate having a fund raiser to support the Fisher House located in Fort Gordon. This is a facility where the out-of-town families of soldiers that are hospitalized can stay so that they can be near to their beloved (husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, etc.) family member.
4. Each year the Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights contribute cash for the religious of our parish. Normally this is \$25.00 each from the LA and KoC for a total of \$50.00 per religious. This year we have 4: Fr. Michael, Fr. Gaspar, Fr. David and Sr. Laura Ann. Tom Howe made a motion that we contribute \$100.00 (\$25.00 per religious) to go along with the LA contribution. The motion received a second and was discussed. The motion carried.
5. The priests will be moved from the old to the new rectory on December 15, 16 and 18. Tom Konitzer is heading the moves. He needs volunteers. All who can help should meet at the old rectory at 9:00 a.m. on each of the above dates.
6. There is registry to donate items for the new rectory. The GK suggested that after the moves are completed, we can check the registry to determine what is needed and then make a decision to donate an item or items for the priests.
7. There will be four large masses coming up. Additional ushers are needed. Please assist if you are attending one of those masses.
8. A CPR course is being set up. Need volunteers to attend a CPR course to become familiar with the equipment that will be available at the church.
9. The Fr. "D" Golf Tournament will be at Gordon Lakes, Fort Gordon, on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning and procurement of sponsors.
10. The Queen of Angels organization is conducting a raffle called "Wheel Barrow Spirits" to support the St. Vincent de Paul Clinic. Pete de Guerrero is the contact to obtain tickets. Cost is \$5.00 per ticket.
11. The 4th Degree Assembly conducts ceremonies for the proper retirement/disposal of the American flag. Anyone having the need to dispose of a flag can turn it in to any 4th Degree member to ensure that the flag is given the appropriate honor upon disposal.
12. The GK asked for a volunteer to head a project for disposing properly of broken rosaries and other religious icons. Volunteers at the meeting were: Aaron Wahus, Bob Hoepfel, Bob Prange and Joe Kise.

Report of the 4th Degree

1. The Annual "Wine and Cheese" social will be on January 10, 2009. Past Faithful Navigator Ken White will host. Location will be provided later.
2. Next meeting will on December 15, 2008 at Council 677, starting at 7:30 p.m.
3. There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Columbia, SC first half of 2009.
4. Council 677 is hosting the St. Mary's dance on January 24, 2009 at St. Mary's Social Hall. Price is \$40 per couple and it is limited to 50 couples.

Field Agent's Report

1. The dividend on children's policy has been raised. Now is a good time to review requirements; especially the 800 series policies are very affordable.
2. Also the annuities for investment are doing very well.
3. Numbers on new insurance members will be provided soon.

District Deputy Report

1. Planning is on the table for creating a 3rd Degree Team for the Eastern part of Georgia. More information will follow.
2. There will be Grand Knights meeting on February 17, 2009.

The Good of the Order

Due to time constraints, Bob Prange provided a short presentation.

Prayers for Sick and Distressed

A list was circulated for review and to add/delete names. Several names were added to the list and were read by the FS. A prayer was recited.

Chaplain's Summation

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Collazo, Recorder
January 3, 2009

**Roll of Officers
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council 8495
December 8, 2008**

Grand Knight	Aaron Wahus	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Kulovitz	Present
Chancellor	Chris Algeo	Present
Recorder	Carlos Collazo	Present
Treasurer	John Vigna	Present
Advocate	Tom Howe	Present
Warden	McKinley Curtis	Present
Inside Guard	Pietro de Guerrero	Present
Outside Guard	Ray Adriano	Present
Trustee, 3 year	Joe Kise	Present
Trustee, 2 Year	Mark Chapin	Present
Trustee, 1 Year	Tim Bair	Excused
Financial Secretary	Bob Hoeppel	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Roverse	Excused
Lecturer	Bob Prange	Present