

**Knights of Columbus
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495
Business Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009**

Call to Order

The Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Thirty five (35) members were present. The roll call of officers was conducted and it is attached.

Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes

The Grand Knight declared that the minutes of December 8, 2008 were posted to the website prior to this meeting. The GK asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes as posted. None was received. A motion from the floor was made to accept the Minutes. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Report of Admissions Committee

The Committee presented one transfer, Steven Espinosa, for acceptance. A motion was made, seconded, and the motion passed.

Grand Knight's Report

1. The GK presented degree certificates to: Tom Gill, Marty Whitener, Steve Schafer and Joe Spencer.
2. A thank you note from Father Reverse was read. He thanked the knights for their Christmas wishes and continuous support, especially during the recent move from the old to the new rectory.
3. The next officers' meeting will be on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at Council 8495 (Annex building).
4. The next business meeting will be on Monday, February 9, 2009. Social starts at 7:00 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m., at Council 8495 (Annex Building).
5. Round Table meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in Waynesboro. The GK and others plan to attend. Anyone interested in going, please be at Council 8495 (Annex Building) at 6:00 p.m. to carpool. The RT meetings normally follow on the Wednesday after the regular Council 8495 meetings.
6. There are lots of activities coming up during the next three months. All members are requested to visit the website to determine which activities they are able to support and to volunteer by using the website or by contacting the DGK, Bill Kulovitz.

Chaplain's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$ 3,115.37
Deposits	1,100.75
Expenditures	760.53
Ending balance	3,455.59

Reading by GK of Financial Report

We are in good standing with Supreme.

Reading of Bills and Communications

1. The Supreme per capita tax bills were received. The membership is \$1.75 per member every six months and advertisement is \$.50 (cents) per member every six months. In addition, a bill for supplies was received in the amount of \$41.85. The total owed to Supreme is \$535.56.
2. The State per capital tax bill was received. The State's is \$8.50 per member.
3. The per capita amounts are paid from the annual dues (\$36.00) from each active member not otherwise exempt from paying dues. For Supreme is \$4.50 and for State is \$8.50 for a total of \$13.00 paid out of the \$36.00.

Financial Secretary's Report

1. About one half of the members have paid their dues for the coming year. All that have not paid are encouraged to do so promptly to avoid the initiation of suspension letters. The process is cumbersome and time-consuming. The goal is to retain rather than suspend members for non-payment of dues. If a member is experiencing financial difficulties, he can contact the GK or FS and discuss alternatives for paying the dues. For example, the District Deputy pointed out that payment can be submitted quarterly (\$9.00 per quarter) and the member will be considered current.
2. New Form 100 should be used for all new members. The old green form is not longer valid.
3. The FS stated that a fraternal volunteer-hours survey was included with the invoices for annual dues. 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. Please submit the completed survey to the FS along with your dues, or separately if you already paid dues.
4. If anyone has not signed up to be a member of the Fr. McGivney Guild, please do so and submit the form to the FS. The FS will submit it to Supreme.

Report of Auditors/Trustees

There will be an audit conducted with the Financial Secretary on January 25, 2009.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations

1. The seminarian funds have increased by approximately \$1,200.00 as direct result from the generosity of members that have remitted funds over and above the \$36.00 annual dues. The Chancellor thanked all of those who have done so and encouraged those who have not paid dues to also contribute to the fund by sending more than the \$36.00 that cover dues. We are supporting 4 seminarians per year at \$500.00 each. Total outlay for the year is \$2,000.00.
2. Ramón Adriano reported that the balance in the account is \$1,721.51.
3. Ramón Adriano indicated that there were two articles in the Southern Cross regarding one of our seminarians (Scott Winchell).
4. Ramón Adriano placed a suggestion on the floor to send additional help to the seminarians in the form or care packages with things such as toiletries that will allow the seminarians to retain more of our "cash" contributions for items of their choice, such as going out to eat or clothing.

Membership Director's Report

1. As of January 1, 2009 we have 247 members. Of those, 71 are insurance and 176 associates, the rest included in other categories.
2. We still need 6 new insurance members for the Ff. McGivney award.
3. There has not been a First Degree since November. There will be one in Council 677 (St. Mary's) on January 21 and one in Council 8495 on February 19, 2009.
4. Everyone is encouraged to carry a Form 100 to give to prospective new members.

Program Director's Report

1. The DVD produced for the 25th Anniversary is available for sale. Price is \$5.00 each.
2. The DGK thanked everyone who assisted with the selling of Keep Christ in Christmas cards. We netted \$312.70.
3. An order for Council Shirts is being contemplated for February 19. Anyone interested should contact Bill Kulovitz. Price is \$30.00 per shirt.

Church Director's Report

1. Joe Kise provided a brief on Roe vs. Wade activities to be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009. A mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. followed by a rosary and an all-night vigil (adoration) until 8:30 a.m. the following day.
2. Similar activities are planned for March 25 – the Day of the Unborn Child. More information will be provided later.

Community Director's Report

1. Bill Priddy requested the annual donation to "Morality in Media." He made the request in the form a motion. A second was received. Motion passed.
2. Tootsie Drive is coming up in April. Volunteers are needed. This has been one of our best fund raisers every year.

Council Director's Report

1. Fish Fries will commence on February 27. Lots of volunteers (set up, cook, serve, cashier, clean up, etc.) are needed for various shifts from set up around 3:00 p.m. to closing around 9:00 p.m. Dinners are served between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
2. We will have about 6 Fish Fries during lent. A "lead" person is needed for each.
3. The Lady Knights have offered to help set up and decorate, if desired. Contact Meledy Kise.

Family Director's Report

See Church Director's Report.

Youth Director's Report

1. The Knights will cook for TeenLife after the 5:30 mass on Sunday, January 18. Please come out and help support this youth activity.
2. The Council Free throw competition will be held February 7, 2009. Volunteers are needed to assist. The State date has not been set.
3. The Annual Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Volunteers are needed.

Communications Director's Report

1. Various notices for KoC activities will be sent to be published in the weekly bulletin.
2. In April we will sell bird houses as we did last year. Any one that can construct some please see Steve Crawford. Last year's fund raiser was very successful.

Home Company Report

1. No change in financial condition.
2. A safe will be bought to keep the change that is normally kept in the cash boxes. Only small amounts will be kept, all other cash will be placed in the bank accounts.
3. The problem with the timeshare unit still persists. Tim Bair is working with Bobby Christine to resolve the issue.

4. The lease agreement with the Diocese/St. Teresa is still being worked out. It appears to be doable; however, Tim Bair warned about the possibility of incurring too large a debt in the process. He stated that other Councils that have permanent homes, especially off campus, are struggling with their debts and are not able to do as much charity work as they could do if it were not for their existing mortgages.

Roundtable Report

No report.

Degree Team

1. The next First Degree Exemplification will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Council 677.

2. Tim Bair indicated that when a Knight proposes a new candidate then that Knight (sponsor) should attend the Exemplification ceremony. In addition, the sponsor should also attend the 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonies, or if unable, then should find a replacement to attend in his stead. The concept is to be a true sponsor through the progression of the new Knight.

3. There is 2nd Degree Exemplification coming up on January 25, 2009 at St. Joseph. However, they may have a schedule conflict with their facility and the ceremony may have to be moved to our Council.

4. A 2nd Degree Team practice will be held on Thursday evening, January 15, 2009. All team members should attend. In addition, 3rd Degree team members that have received a script are welcome to attend this practice. Anyone interested in becoming a Degree Team member is also welcome to attend provided that the interested member has attained the degree level of the Team. That is, a 2nd Degree Knight can not join a 3rd Degree team.

5. Next 3rd Degree will be in Duluth on January 31, 2009. Any one interested in attending see Tim Bair; there are still three sits available.

6. There is also a 3rd Degree on February 28, 2009 in Cathelene. Three sits are also available for that event.

7. The FS advised the new 1st Degree members that they are eligible to advance to the next degree in the upcoming 2nd Degree ceremonies. If interested, please see the FS.

8. The dress for 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonies is coat and tie.

Golf Tournament Committee

1. The tournament will be held on April 25, 2009 at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

2. John Vigna indicated that he would like to grow this event by expansion of the tournament to include more organizations and individuals in the area. The tournament will be The Fr. "D" Right to Life Golf Tournament. John needs 3 to 4 volunteers to assist, especially with obtaining sponsors.

Unfinished Business

1. Ladies Auxiliary (reported by Joe Kise):
 - a. Staged a Nativity Musical in December and raised \$940.00. The funds were donated to a parishioner who has had difficult health and financial problems.
 - b. Sent Christmas gifts to our three priests and to Sr. Laura Ann. Each were given \$25.00 and each was matched by the Knights for a total of \$50.00 per individual.
 - c. Gave a gift to the Fisher House and received a thank you note.
 - d. Created a "Lecturer" position in similarity with ours and asked Sr. Laura Ann to their Lecturer. She accepted.
 - e. The GK stated that the spouses of the Knights are automatically members of the Ladies Auxiliary. They meet on the same night as we do. The GK encouraged all knights to ask their spouses to participate actively.
 - f. Tim Bair suggested that the Ladies Auxiliary keep good documentation because they are on pace to become easily the Auxiliary of the Year. They are doing lots of good activities and are more active than other Auxiliaries.
2. Tim Bair spoke about the Lexis Scholarship Fund established at Augusta State University (ASU) in memory of the daughter of Brother Knight's John Cannon and his wife who lost Lexis to a tragic automobile accident. The scholarship is awarded to young married women seeking an advanced degree at ASU. Tim Bair indicated that the Council could participate in future fund raisers to contribute money to the fund on an annual basis. For this year, Tim Bair made a motion for the Council to donate \$150.00 to the fund. Motion was seconded, discussed and passed unanimously.
4. Larry Dreiling indicated that the priests received lots of items for the new rectory that were donated by parishioners using the registry at Bed, Bath and Beyond. The priests are still sorting through the donations. The Council will wait and then obtain an item or items that the priests may still need but did not receive via the registry.
5. Larry Dreiling stated that there is a need for volunteers to reinstall some shelves that were mistakenly removed from the closets at the old rectory. Anyone that can assist contact him after the meeting.

New Business

1. The FS asked members to donate any award points received from Supreme to be combined and used to purchase an American flag for St. Teresa Church. It takes approximately 20,000 points, including the pole, base and eagle.
2. Every year our Council purchases an ad for the State Convention program. Steve Crawford made a motion that the Council spend \$100.00 to purchase a full-page ad for this year's program. Motion received a second, was discussed, and passed. Members that own small businesses were encouraged to also purchase ads to assist in defraying the cost of the programs.

3. Ed Belinski, Assistant Principal at Holy Trinity School (HTS), addressed the attendees to present a revenue-making proposal for the Council. Ed indicated that HTS owns three small parking lots in the vicinity of the Bell Auditorium and James Brown Arena. These parking lots are used to park cars of patrons attending functions at those venues. Normally, there are three to five functions per months. The parking fee is \$5.00 per vehicle and the proceeds are to be split on a 60/40 basis with HTS receiving the 60%. The proposal is for the Council to provide approximately 6 volunteers per function to park the cars. The time frame is approximately one and one half (1 ½) hours per event. Ed Belinski will be the point of contact and will advise the Council when an event is coming and inquire whether we would agree to work the parking for the event. There is no requirement to work every event. After the parking is full or the possibility of parking additional vehicles has passed, the volunteers are free to go. Ed was asked about the possibility of liability against the Council for damage to parked vehicles after the volunteers have departed. Ed indicated that there was one incident in the past three years where a vehicle window was broken. HST assumed the responsibility and wrote a check for the damage. Everyone was receptive to the proposal.

Report of the 4th Degree

1. The Annual "Wine and Cheese" social was held on January 10, 2009. Forty-one persons attended.
2. The George Washington's Birthday Celebration will be held on the last Sunday in February. More information will be provided later.
3. There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Atlanta on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Don DeClue suggested that Fourth Degree members should attend ceremonies away from Augusta so that when the ceremonies are conducted in Augusta members from out of the area will come here.
4. On January 22, 2009 we will need Color Corps members for the Roe v. Wade mass to be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. on that day. To sign up see Don DeClue or send him an email.

Field Agent's Report

1. The Field Agent (Bryan Tuschen) distributed forms to keep track of important documents.
2. Bryan stated that the KoC has had a very good year on insurance and annuity products. These are good to accumulate retirement income. Annuities are currently paying around 4.25 to 4.50 %. He also indicated that the KoC has good long-term care policies.
3. Bryan stated that the General Agent (Doug) is retiring due to health reasons. A new agent should be appointed shortly after the current GA retires. Keep Doug in your prayers.
4. There is a "new-member annuity" that can be started for \$100.00. A new member is considered for 12 months from the date of completion of First Degree initiation. Old members can obtain an annuity for as little as \$300.00. Once started, money can be added to the annuities as desired. Contact Bryan for detailed information.

District Deputy Report

1. The District Deputies Meeting was held in December. A round-table discussion allowed Tim Bair to share with his fellow Deputies several things that Council 8495 do. In particular, he spoke about the Standard Operating Procedures and After Event Reports used by our Council. The State Deputy asked Tim to prepare an article for the Newsletter to share those ideas with other Councils.
2. The GKs meeting is this coming Saturday in Macon.
3. Input for the Newsletter is due by February 10, 2009. Councils have been negligent in providing input. We have many activities worthy of mentioning.
4. The State Regional Free Throw Competition will be on April 4th with the Atlanta Hawks. Winners will receive tickets to see the Hawks play.
5. For the first time ever there will be 2nd and 3rd places given for programs at the Convention this year. Therefore, there are 10 more chances to add hardware by submitting multiple programs for award in five areas.
6. An item discussed at the DD meeting was that Supreme has always had the VA programs under the 4th Degree. However, Supreme wants to expand this to include 3rd Degree. In our area, we are fortunate to have a major VA hospital and lucky to have Dick Mann as the representative. He does an outstanding job for the Knights. Dick Mann was asked to get together with Tim Bair to determine needs and what assistance can be obtained from other District Councils, to include volunteers and funds.
7. We are due to get the Marion Prayer materials on March 24-27. All Councils are asked to keep the materials flowing.
8. New membership and retention numbers are not doing too good within the District. Several Councils are using the opportunity to clean out their rosters. However, the goal is to increase retention no get rid of members. Council 8495 is on the positive side on this issue.

The Good of the Order

The Lecturer, Bob Prange, presented a topic based on "evil" and why it exists among society. The gist of the lecture is that: "The opportunity for evil only happens when good men do nothing." As Knights we are called to confront situations and do something so that evil does not happen.

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 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Collazo, Recorder
January 20, 2009

**Roll of Officers
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council 8495
January 12, 2009**

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	Excused
Inside Guard	Pietro de Guerrero	Present
Outside Guard	Ramón Adriano	Present
Trustee, 3 year	Joe Kise	Present
Trustee, 2 Year	Mark Chapin	Excused
Trustee, 1 Year	Tim Bair	Present
Financial Secretary	Bob Hoeppel	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Roverse	Excused
Lecturer	Bob Prange	Present