

**Knights of Columbus
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495
Business Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009**

Call to Order

The Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Twenty eight (28) members were present. The roll call of officers was conducted and it is attached.

Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes

The Grand Knight indicated that the minutes of February 9, 2009 had been posted to the website in advance of this meeting and asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes as posted. A discrepancy was brought to attention. In the "Call to Order" section the written and figures number indicated "Thirty five" and "(33)," respectively. The correct figures number is "(35)." A motion from the floor was made to accept the Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Report of Admissions Committee

No report.

Grand Knight's Report

1. The Field Agent traveled to Waynesboro last month to represent the Council at the Round Table meeting. The GK indicated that he would like to have at least one Council member attend the RT meeting each month. Anyone willing to attend should contact the GK or the Deputy GK. The RT meets each second Wednesday of the month (usually the Wednesday following our Council meeting).
2. The next officers' meeting will be on Sunday, April 5, 2009. That is the last day of the Tootsie Roll Drive. After the collections are sorted out and counted, the Officers Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Las Lomas restaurant. All officers and directors are invited to attend.
3. The next business meeting will be on Monday, April 13, 2009. The social starts at 7:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location: Council 8495 (Annex Building).
4. Last month we accepted three new members into the Council. If you see them around, please extend a warm welcome to each of them.
5. Members that completed 3rd and 4th Degrees were recognized by the GK for their advancements.
6. Members that have not satisfied their dues for the coming fraternal year will be contacted shortly by the Retentions Committee. The goal is retention, not suspension. Hopefully they will respond positively and remit their dues.
7. The GK stated that the DGK had sent out an email regarding the 3rd Annual Catholic Day in Atlanta. The activity will be held this coming Thursday, March 12. The GK urged

members that can make the trip to do so and support the various Georgia Diocesan Bishops on this endeavor.

8. An issue surfaced during the last Fish Fry dinner concerning payment for the food by those who volunteer to work. Primarily, the youth volunteers were under the impression that they would receive a meal free of charge in exchange for their work. The Council has a policy that all volunteers (adults and youth) that avail themselves of a meal during a fund-raising activity, will pay for such meal. The issue with the youth was clarified at a meeting with Wendy, Bob and Aaron. Wendy would like to provide a meal for the youth when they work an activity that involves food. An agreement was reached to provide such food and charge the cost of the meals to the youth account that is maintained by the Council.

Chaplain's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance	\$ 6,513.99
Deposits	3,675.48
Expenditures	1,984.53
Ending balance	8,204.94

Reading of Bills and Communications

We have one bill for \$112.34. The amount represents reimbursement to the Church to cover the cost of dishes that were accidentally broken during the last Fish Fry dinner.

Financial Secretary's Report

1. We are in good standing with Supreme. All documents that have to be submitted have been sent to Supreme.
2. We still have about 35 to 40 dues outstanding. One member has been moved to the Disability Rolls. This is important because Supreme does not bill the Council for the "per capita" taxes on such members.
3. We had one member transferred to our Council who is an "honorary" member: Edward Brawn. Brother Ed was present and the GK presented the honorary life-time membership pin to him.
4. The FS read a letter received from Patrick Marshall, son of Raymond Marshall who was one of the Council's chartered members. Patrick was very complimentary of the Council's charitable work and indicated that, although he is not in the area, he remitted his dues and stated that he will forever be a member of this Council.

Report of Auditors/Trustees

No report.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations

1. The balance in the fund account is \$ 2,328.51.
2. Ray Adriano read notes that he received from three of the seminarians thanking the Council for the quarterly monetary support.
3. Ray stated that he purchased about \$40.00 worth of goodies from local stores and sent care packages to each seminarian.

Membership Director's Report

1. We have 254 members – a gain of 3 (1 insurance). We have 2 disability, 7 honorary, and 18 life-time members.
2. There will be a second degree exemplification on Sunday, March 22, 2009.

Program Director's Report

Bill Kulovitz thanked everyone that has been working the Friday Night Fish Fry dinners and encouraged all to continue to support this activity throughout the Lenten season.

Church Director's Report

Corporate Communion Mass is coming up this month on Sunday, March 29. The designated mass will be the 12:15 p.m. Discussions have taken place indicating that the traditional luncheon be held at the Chop House.

Community Director's Report

1. Bill Priddy reminded everyone of the upcoming Tootsie Roll drive on April 3, 4 and 5. The businesses this year will be Wal-Mart and Food Lion in Evans and Kroger in Martinez. The Kroger in Evans denied our request to fund-raise at the locale. A sign-up roster was circulated.
2. Road-side clean-up will be Saturday, March 14, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Council Director's Report

1. Fish Fries will continue every Friday during Lent. Dinners are served between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A sign up roster was circulated. We have spent lots of money purchasing food and supplies. We are still \$57.90 in the red. Hopefully, the forthcoming Fish Fries will pull us out.
2. Following this coming Friday's Fish Fry dinner, Joe Kise along with the Education Committee will be showing the movie Passion of the Christ. He will need volunteers to help him reconfigure the meeting rooms into a theater style arrangement. Because of the nature of the film, a second film will be shown for the children in the Education Building.

Family Director's Report

No report.

Youth Director's Report

1. We will be cooking for the youth on Sunday, March 15. Aaron Wahus will be the lead. He needs volunteers to assist him. Food will be served at approximately 6:40 (following the 5:30 p.m. mass). Volunteers should arrive by 5:00 p.m.
2. We are in need of a Knight to be the lead for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 12. Bob Hoepfel has done this in the past and he will work with the new lead. It entails purchasing approximately \$200.00 worth of candy and recruiting volunteers to hide the candy around the church grounds. Not hard work, but lots of fun!
3. The balance in the youth account is \$2,887.00. The Fat Tuesday dinner netted about \$850.00.

Communications Director's Report

Steve Crawford has been having some personal issues and has not been able to devote much time in this area. The GK asked for anyone willing to assist in getting the information out to the various sources such as Church bulletin, newsletter and emails.

Home Company Report

1. John Anchor reported the following balances:

Check book balance	\$ 7,776.43
Ameriprise investments	17,249.05
Ameriprise cash	31,335.05
Total	\$ 46,360.53

2. The GK indicated that Bill Keogh is working on finalizing the lease agreement according to the latest revisions. It will then be submitted to Fr. Michael Reverse and then to Bishop Boland in Savannah. No date for completion was given.

Roundtable Report

1. Bryan Tuschen, Field Agent, traveled to Waynesboro last month to attend the Round Table Meeting.
2. Bryan stated that the RT is working on setting up Stations of the Cross; planning on how to utilize the funds from the Tootsie Roll drive; and working with the Special Olympics. They also provided their priest with a briefing of the KoC organization and the priest expressed appreciation for the work that the Knights do in support of the Church.

Degree Team

There will be a 3rd Degree team practice on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council building. Team members and any other Knights interested in becoming team members should attend.

Golf Tournament Committee

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

2. John Vigna stated that he sent letters to businesses to solicit sponsorships. He needs volunteers to assist in making phone calls to follow up on the written requests.
3. Email has been sent to all members as well as to all the parishes within the Deanery. John Vigna requested that, although the tournament is 6 weeks away, those who plan to participate should complete the application as soon as possible to facilitate the planning process.
4. John requested that members contact local businesses to request "small" gift cards/certificates to be awarded at the golf tournament. These small gifts are good for the businesses in attracting customers who will in-turn spend more dollars in the process of redeeming the gift amount.
5. John stated that he has pre-printed letters to pass out to businesses that may require them for tax purposes.

Priests Appreciation

1. The activity will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Carlo Bracci is spearheading it.
2. Our Council will be hosting and doing the cooking. Approximately 25/30 priests/nuns will be invited. All Councils will be chipping in.
3. A program with advertisements will be prepared. One of the Council Knights has agreed to print the program free of charge. Ads will be sold to help defray the costs associated with this event. Our Council will purchase an ad for the program.

Unfinished Business

1. McKinley Curtis coordinated with Judy Konitzer on obtaining a gift for the rectory to be provided by the Council. It was agreed that a patio table with chairs would be the preferred items to be donated. McKinley made a motion that the Council would spend not more than \$499.00 towards the purchase of the patio furniture. The motion received a second and discussions ensued. The vote was then taken and the motion carried with one NO vote.
2. The Financial Secretary sent a newsletter to every member this past week. Included with the newsletter are five (5) State Charities Raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for five. Members can buy or sell the tickets. First place prize is \$5,000.00 and seller also receives a percentage of the prize. The State returns 50% of the selling price to the Council. At a previous meeting the membership voted to donate the proceeds to Birth Rights of Augusta. Last year we received over \$500.00 that was also given to Birth Rights of Augusta. All are encouraged to support this worthy cause.
3. The vote on a motion from the February meeting, that was seconded and discussed, was tabled due to the dollar amount being over \$500.00. The by-laws require that the vote is taken at a subsequent meeting. The motion was to reimburse the delegates for the difference of what the State does not reimburse the Council. The FS explained the cost and the reimbursement process. The vote was taken and was approved with one NO vote.

New Business

1. Dick Mann stated that the State has asked that the 3rd Degree membership be involved in the activity that the 4th Degree (Patrick Walsh Assembly 174) carries out in support of veterans hospitalized at the VA Hospital. This activity consists of making visits and providing refreshments and some food each month. Dick man has visited various Councils in the area to solicit support in the form of volunteer labor and dollars. He has secured pledges of monetary support from various Councils. Dick Mann requested that our Council contribute at least \$25.00 per month to this effort. A motion from the floor was made to support Assembly 174 with payment of \$100.00 per quarter (\$400.00 per year). The motion received a second and was opened to the floor for discussions. After extensive discussion and questions answered, the GK conducted the vote. Motion passed unanimously.
2. There will be a Flag Retirement ceremony on June 14, 2009. Details have not been finalized.
3. Brother David Titus was given the floor to make a proposal. He is associated with the non-profit organization "Columbia Cares" of Columbia County that provides assistance to approximately 400 to 500 families each month. David solicited the assistance of the Council in hosting the Columbia Cares' annual fund-raiser. The fund-raiser consists of a spaghetti dinner. In the past few years United Methodist Church has lend their gym facility to Columbia Cares. David stated that he is not asking for financial assistance, rather he is making an ecumenical spirit appeal for his brother knights to provide some "labor of love" by cooking the dinner and serving it at the St. Teresa Church facilities. The event is to be held on Thursday, September 24, 2009. Approximately 500 to 600 tickets are sold annually for this fund-raiser.
4. The GK stated that discussions with the Field Agent (Bryan Tuschen) have taken place to determine if the Council could purchase a Death Benefits Whole Life (DBWL) insurance policy for Fr. Michael. The Field Agent suggested that a DBWL policy that would pay \$7,500.00 death benefit could be purchased with no medical underwriting at a premium cost of \$286.58 per year. A motion from the floor was made to purchase such policy. During the discussion period, the GK indicated that the idea was presented to Fr. Michael and was told that he could name anyone of his choice as the beneficiary. He was then asked that, if the policy were to be obtained, whom he would name as the beneficiary. Fr. Michael stated that he would choose the Home Company. Bryan asked for the floor. He explained in detail the coverage of the policy. If death occurs during the first two years of the policy, the premium plus 5% is returned to the beneficiary. After two years, the full dead benefit is paid. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
5. March 25, 2009 is the Day of the Unborn Child. Various activities, similar to Rove v. Wade, are planned. In addition, Icon of Mary Our Lady of Charity is making its rounds to various locations. It will be here, at St. Teresa, on March 24 through 27.
6. On March 14, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. the State Deputy will be at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center to present veterans 130 wheel chairs. Twenty chairs will be awarded on that day and the rest will be awarded twenty at the time at future dates.

Report of the 4th Degree

1. There will be a Confirmation ceremony at St. Michael's (Fort Gordon) on March 12, 2009. Members of the Color Corps are still needed.
2. On March 14, 2009, in a ceremony at 9:30 a.m., the State will be donating wheelchairs. Many Color Corps members have signed up to participate in the ceremony. Members should arrive not later than 9:00 a.m.
3. The St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Augusta will be on March 17, 2009 at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Color Corps Commander, Don de Clue.
4. There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Atlanta on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Any 3rd degree member interested in advancing should see Bob Hoeppel for payment and details.
5. The next 4th Degree meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Council 677 building on Montesano Avenue.

Field Agent's Report

Bryan Tuschen reiterated that he is working on contacting every member within the Council to afford everyone the opportunity to be informed about the insurance programs.

District Deputy Report

The 100th Council in the State of Georgia was recently formed at Fort Benning.

The Good of the Order

Dispensed - Worthy Lector excused from the meeting.

Prayers for Sick and Distressed

A list was circulated for review and to add/delete names. Several names were added to the list. In particular, Andrew Von Plinski requested that his brother Alex be added to the list. They both advanced to the 4th Degree recently. Chris Algeo requested that his mother-in-law, Rachel Wittschen, be added to the list.

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 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Collazo, Recorder
March 18, 2009

**Roll of Officers
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council 8495
March 9, 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	Present
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	Excused
Financial Secretary	Bob Hoeppe	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Michael Roverse	Excused
Lecturer	Bob Prange	Excused