

**Knights of Columbus
Terence Cardinal Cooke Council #8495
Business Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008**

Call to Order

The Grand Knight brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers with 26 members present. The roll of officers was called and it is attached.

Corrections to Previous Meeting Minutes

The Grand Knight announced that the Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2008 had been posted to the website well in advance of this meeting. He solicited any changes to the Minutes as published. No changes were voiced. The GK accepted a motion for approval. Motion was made, seconded, voted on and passed. Minutes stand as published.

Report of Admissions Committee

There were two applications for transfer to our Council from Sean Aguilar and Jesús Maldonado. Motion from the floor was made for acceptance; seconded; discussed; voted on. Motion passed.

Grand Knight's Report

1. The GK offered thanks to all who contributed their time during the past month. Special thanks to the DGK for presiding at the April's meeting.
2. Next officers' meeting will be on June 1, 2008 at 12:00 noon, in Joe Kise's residence. All officers are required to attend.
3. Next business meeting will be June 9, 2008, in the Annex Building, upstairs. Please pass the word to members not present.
4. The GK handed out certificates for 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications to 4 Brother Knights. Bennie Bobo and Bill Priddy received their 2nd and 3rd Degree; Ray Adriano and Bob Prange received their 3rd Degree. The 2nd Degree on April 27 was in honor of Father (Sir Knight) Frank and the 3rd Degree May 4 was in honor of Brother Knight Joe Soparas who will be ordained as a Deacon at the end of May 2008.

Chaplain's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

We had a beginning balance of \$10,885.50. During the month we had receipts of \$5,104.00 and expenses of \$3,627.96. The ending balance in the account is \$12,361.54.

Reading by GK of Financial Report

No reading.

Reading of Communications

Two "thank you" notes were received and read pertinent to the Bird House Fundraiser for autism. Both expressed deep appreciation to Steve Crawford for spearheading the effort. A total of \$1,351.00 was donated.

Financial Secretary's Report

1. We are in good standing with Supreme.
2. We owe Supreme a total of \$57.40 for various miscellaneous items.
3. We are diligently working on an RSVP application to get back \$100.00 for each \$500.00 that we give to the 4 Seminarians that we support. In addition, we will try to recover \$100.00 related to the assistance of \$500.00 that we provided to a Nun from Africa who is studying in the U.S.
4. We are working on an application for Columbian Award.

Report of Auditors/Trustees

An audit is coming up at the end of June 2008. No other report.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations

We are up to date in payment to our Seminarians. The balance in the account is \$1,400.34.

Membership Director's Report

1. Year-to-date we have a gain of 14 and a loss of 6 for a net of 8 or 72.70%.
2. For Insurance we had a gain of 5 and a loss of 2 for a net of 3 or 60%.

Program Director's Report

Volunteers are still needed to assist this coming weekend at the State Convention in Augusta. A sign-up roster was circulated.

Church Director's Report

No report.

Community Director's Report

1. There will be a road side clean up on June 14. Volunteers are needed on that day for approximately 2 hours starting at 9:00 a.m. Sign up roster was circulated.
2. We have check for \$3,330.70 representing our share of the Tootsie Roll fundraiser. The check will be presented to the Columbia County Special Olympics in the near future.

Communications Director's Report

No report.

Council Director's Report

No report.

Family Director's Report

No report.

Youth Director's Report

1. There are two activities coming up on May 24 and June 21 consisting of volley ball games. This will be to establish relationship with the youth of the Church. Check the calendar of upcoming events to stay current on these activities.
2. Tim Bair expended \$84.20 to purchase the food that was provided. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Tim Bair. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Home Company Report

1. The balance in the account is \$54,030.04. We will be moving \$10,000.00 from the checking account to the Ameriprise (investment) account.
2. The time share sale has not been consummated. We were not aware of this until annual maintenance assessment was received. There appeared to be a problem with the "power of attorney" exercised by the Home Company President. The President contacted the interested parties and the issue has been resolved. They stated that they will pay the bill. Hopefully the closing will take place in the near future.
3. Election of new officers is coming up in June. Don DeClue's 6-yr term is coming up and the President's 3-year term is also coming up.

Roundtable Report

The Financial Secretary received a call from the Coordinator (Johnny C) who could not be present due to urgent activities at Waynesboro. The balance in the account is \$728.91. They need two disbursements from the account.

a. A donation of \$250.00 to the Sacred Heart Church to assist with their spring cleaning. A motion was made by the Financial Secretary on their behalf. Motion was seconded, discussed, voted on. Motion passed.

b. A donation of \$200.00 to Relay for Life (a charity supported by the Round Table every year). A motion was made by the Financial Secretary on their behalf. Motion was seconded, discussed, voted on. Motion passed.

State Convention Committee

1. This is mainly a Council 8495 convention - we are the host Council. Lots of volunteers are needed from our Council. Please sign up to help.
2. Approximately 360 knights have signed up. We are getting a pretty good size crowd.
3. Friday night will be Vegas night with a dinner. On Saturday the general membership meeting will start. In the evening the banquet takes place. The general membership meeting concludes on Sunday morning.
4. Our volunteers will be handling registration and checking of credentials to enter the meeting chambers. Also we will be handling the distribution of convention shirts (yellow in color) that were ordered in advance (i.e., with registration). There will be a listing with names and sizes for these shirts as well as a list for those who ordered a "staff" shirt (burgundy in color).
5. There will be a 50/50 raffle conducted. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.
6. There are 56 registered players for the Fr. D. Golf Tournament. This is the first time that the tournament will be conducted in conjunction with the State Convention. Because of this, the Council's net revenue for charity will be less than in previous years due to the venue costs (inclusive fees at the River Course).
7. (Aside) There is new female parishioner that used to be marketing director for the Hooters Tour. She saw the golf tournament item in the Church Bulletin and contacted John Vigna to provide assistance. She is willing to take this activity over every year. John will continue discussions with her and will report the outcome at a future meeting.

Degree Committee

1. There will be a 2nd Degree Exemplification on May 27. Tim McCarthy has joined the Degree team and will be doing a part. He needs to be certified soon.
2. There will be a 1st Degree Exemplification on May 22.

Nominating Committee

1. The committee members (Bob Hoeppel, Chairman, John Vigna, Chris Algeo, Tim Bair, Don DeClue and Tom Howe) met and developed the following slate of nominees to serve as Council Officers for the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight	Aaron Wahus
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Kulovitz
Chancellor	Chris Algeo
Warden	McKinley Curtis
Advocate	Tom Howe
Treasurer	John Vigna
Recorder	Carlos Collazo
Inside Guard	Pietro DeGuerrero
Outside Guard	Ray Adriano
Trustee, 3 year	Joe Kise
Trustee, 2 year	Mark Chapin
Trustee, 1 year	Tim Bair

2. The GK opened the floor for additional nominations. None were offered. The GK then announced that the vote will take place at the June 9 meeting. At that time the floor will be opened for additional nominations prior to the vote.

25th Anniversary Committee

No report.

Unfinished Business

Tim Bair raised discussed the possibility of the Council members providing assistance to Brother Knight John "Stoney" Cannon in relationship to a scholarship fund that his family has established at Augusta State University in memory of his daughter Alexis. Tim suggested that, in lieu of financial assistance, we could provide volunteer assistance with fundraisers that will be conducted by the family from time to time.

New Business

None.

Report of the 4th Degree

1. The next monthly meeting will be Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council 677 home.
2. The State Convention will be this coming weekend. Volunteers from the Color Corps are needed to assist with the Mass that will be celebrated at the Marriott Hotel on Saturday morning. Please contact Don DeClue or the Color Corps Commander, Tony Prestifillippo, to volunteer.
3. Election of officers is coming up in June.

4. A committee was formed to review the By-Laws. The committee will draft changes will present them to the membership at the June meeting. Changes will have to be approved by Supreme.

5. The memorial mass will be on Friday, November 7, 2008. This year Fr. John O'Brien's name will be on the chalice. Tim Bair urged all Brother Knights to attend this mass. He pointed out that while Fr. O'Brien was with us for a short time, he made tremendous impact and contribution to our Church and Parish as a whole. He was a 4th Degree Sir Knight who was actively involved with, and supported the Knights of Columbus.

Field Agent's Report

1. John Jedlicka is coming to help with the insurance needs of the members. He has agreed to take over the Augusta area until a permanent Agent can be hired. He will attend the State Convention. His phone number is 770 722-9614.

2. Members can help the Council meet its insurance goal by purchasing an annuity for as little as \$300. Even if the member is not eligible for insurance, purchasing an annuity will result in credit given to the Council as having an insurance member. Those who are not currently insured should consider this opportunity to help the Council meet its quota.

3. John will be at the Agents' Hospitality Suite during the convention.

4. The GK indicated that this information will posted to the website.

District Deputy Report

The Deputy rendered his comments when the State Convention issues were discussed earlier.

The Good of the Order

Chris Eckert provided insightful teaching on the concept of "giving" of one's time, talent and treasure from the heart rather than from a sense of duty. We should be eager to give to the Church and to others because we truly want to and not because God would want us to do so. In reality, what God wants is our heart. He does not want our money. If God has our heart, we are going to give freely of our time, talent and treasure. All you have to do is offer your heart to God. Just say God here is my heart, it is not much but it is yours. Then see the changes occur in your life.

Prayers for Sick and Distressed

A list was circulated for review and to add/delete names.

Chaplain's Summation

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Collazo, Recorder
May 28, 2008

**Roll of Officers
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May 12, 2008**

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	Excused
Warden	Brent Allen	Present
Inside Guard	Bill Kulovitz	Present
Outside Guard	Jon Lundeen	Present
Trustee, 3 Year	Mark Chapin	Present
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