

MEETING: September 3, 2015

Council was called to order at: 7:43 P.M. **by:** Grand Knight

Prayer was offered by: Grand Knight

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present; A – Absent):

Chaplain: E	Financial Secretary: P	Inside Guard: A
Grand Knight: P	Treasurer: P	Outside Guard: #1 P ; #2 A
Deputy Grand Knight: P	Lecturer: P	Trustee (3rd Yr.): E
Chancellor: P	Advocate: E	Trustee (2nd Yr.): E
Recorder: P	Warden: P	Trustee (1st Yr.): P

The Minutes of the previous meeting were: Approved with one correction: Alex's last name is spelled Nguyen.

Chancellor report on membership:

- Started out the year with 108 members, and are now up to 111.
- Need 4 more members to reach annual recruitment goal.
- Have added one insurance member, and 2 more are needed to reach annual goal.
- Have one new form 100 in the pipe line.

Membership balloting:

- A 1st degree is scheduled for the 20th of September, but the candidate, Will McDowell, still needs to be voted on.
- Membership director put forth the name of Will McDowell for membership in Council 12554.
 - He is a USC student, and a roommate of Alex Nguyen.
 - Will is an enthusiastic member of Thomas Moore.
- Mitch Michaelis was also put forth for membership in Council 12554. He is active in Marriage Encounter, St. Vincent de Paul, etc...
- Motion made to accept Will McDowell and Mitch Michaelis into membership of our Council.
- Both candidates were accepted by unanimous secret ballot.
- Financial Secretary will look into options for rooms in the administration building for the 1st degree.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- August was an active month. Thanks to everyone who made it a success.
- Mike Wilbur hosted the August 9th Parish Welcome Sunday on behalf of the Knights.
- Worthy Trustees met with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary on August 9th to complete the semi-annual audit.
- A 1st degree was also held on Sunday, August 9th. 3 members were admitted to our Council and 5 into Council 724.
- New member Alex also made his 2nd and 3rd degree.
- The next 2nd and 3rd degree in Columbia will be in January at Council 724.
- Thanks to Rick Coker for organizing the football roster and to Sam for getting parking pass.
 - This is our biggest fund raiser.
 - All participating Knights need to complete an online security clearance check. Details from an e-mail sent by Rick are necessary to complete the form.

- Thanks to the worthy Financial Secretary and the Church administration for getting us use of a meeting room in the new administration building.
- Congratulations to Worthy Outside Guard #1 Tom Militello for his appointment to Youth Services Director of the Parish. Tom mentioned that a couple of members of this Council have already offered to help with the Youth Group.
- Many things coming up in the next month that will have to be taken care of.
- Thanks to everyone working hard for this organization.

Treasurer Report:

Checking balance: \$7,296.90

Savings Balance: \$7,082.30

The following communications were read:

Thank you letter from Midlands Center Family Council for our \$1,000 donation. The thank you letter was sent in December, and it just got to us.

Financial Secretary report:

Vouchers:

\$500.00 for Orangeburg ultrasound initiative

\$266.75 per capita

Receipts:

\$18.00 dues

\$44.00 partial dues for new members

\$180.68 from State Council for food expenses at GK workshop

\$10.00 anonymous donation at Welcome Sunday

The Trustees reported as follows:

Very successful audit on 8/9. We did not spend any more money than we took in.

The Chancellor report:

- The State Council has designated October as a time for a membership drive.
- We are required to have two membership drives in the Church during the year, and we should have one in October. The Grand Knight asked the worthy Chancellor to look into planning this drive.
- New brother Alex Nguyen will be our contact for recruiting at St. Thomas Moore.

The following committees reported:

The Grand Knight wants to meet with the Council's Program Director and make certain everything on our calendar gets done when it should.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Blood Drive and Pancake breakfast scheduled for 10/11.
 - Brothers Rob, Dan, and the Grand Knight met with a representative from the Red Cross on Labor Day (9/7) to work out final details for the event.
 - The Parish's Community Sunday is also scheduled for 10/11.
 - Anyone that donates blood gets a free breakfast.
 - If anyone cannot make the blood drive, they can go to the Red Cross, donate the week before, tell them to count it towards our drive, and it will.
 - This blood drive needs to be publicized early to prevent people from donating blood too close to this date, thereby preventing their participation.

The following new business was brought up:

- St. Joseph School Chess Club leader is needed
 - Thanks to Brother Dan for advising us of this service opportunity with Chess Club.
 - The position is still open if anyone is interested.
 - Bob Fitzsimons had done this in the past.
 - The Deputy Grand Knight offered to find out if this responsibility could fit around his work schedule.
 - If a Cardinal Neumann High School student was interested in being the coach / leader, a participant's parent could probably be found to supervise.

- We have not given our annual the \$1,500 donation to St. Joseph's yet.
 - The Grand Knight will go back to Monsignor with the check.
 - The donation is already in the budget, so it does not need to be voted on separately. However, the budget still needs to be approved.
 - The Financial Secretary will complete the necessary paper work to be certain the check is ready when the budget is approved.
 - The budget and/or the \$1,500 donation will be approved at the next meeting.

- Columbus Hope Foundation Weekend
 - Collection will take place after all the Masses on 10/24 & 25.
 - Tootsie rolls will be given out, and donations will be collected.
 - Brothers Rob and Sam attended a Knights Hope Foundation workshop a month ago.
 - \$1897.65 was collected for this campaign at Wal-Mart in the spring.
 - \$3,000 is our goal for the year.
 - A minimum of 5 people are needed for each Mass, but 8 would be ideal.
 - The Grand Knight will send out an e-mail asking Knights to sign up.

- The Grand Knight suggested putting yard signs by each door of the Church to advertise our functions, such as the Pancake breakfasts and the blood drive.

- No report from 4th Degree

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- Greetings from Supreme Knight and State Deputy.
- A membership guide to was given to the Membership Director / Chancellor.
- New form 100's have been developed. The \$100 annuity application has been eliminated from the form.
- An accelerated term policy, rather than the usual flat, is available if members wish to take it.
- The Knights have a new annuity policy with no early withdraw penalty.
- Two left over glasses from State Convention were raffled off.

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- Greetings from Supreme Knight and State Deputy.
- Congratulations to Council for bringing in 3 new members.
- Thanks to Trustees for excellent, professional audit.
- Thanks to the Council for contributing to the ultrasound machine that was put in place in Orangeburg recently.
 - Vendor installed the machine on the faith that the Knights would pay the bill.
 - The crisis pregnancy center's machine was broken, and a replacement was needed ASAP.
- Another organization has a trade mark on the name "Operation Hope." We now need to call our collection the "Columbus Hope Foundation Drive (or Campaign)" for people with intellectual disabilities.
- There is an order wide membership drive in October.

- Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program:
 - All Knights working with children are required to complete the program.
 - The Youth Director and Grand Knight in our Council need to go through this training.
 - It is not the same as the Church's Virtus training.

Under Good of the Order:

- Solicitations made for prayers.
- Prayers offered.
- Deacon Poole had another stroke and has been hospitalized.
- Sam's wife will have her shoulder replaced on September 18th.
- Tim Militello read a reflection on: What is life in Christ?

Chaplains summation:

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Closing prayer was said by: Grand Knight at 9:11

Attest: *John P. Staab*

Recorder: John P. Staab