

MEETING: November 5, 2015

Council was called to order at: 7:33 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: E	Inside Guard: E
Grand Knight: P	Treasurer: E	Outside Guard: 1: P 2: A
Deputy Grand Knight: E	Lecturer: Vacant	Trustee (3rd Yr.): P
Chancellor: E	Advocate: P	Trustee (2nd Yr.): P
Recorder: P	Warden: P	Trustee (1st Yr.): P

The Minutes of the previous meeting were: Posted on the website as of November 3rd. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting (October). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Another motion was made to approve the minutes from the September meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Grand Knight read applications for membership approved by the Admissions Committee as follows:

- The Chancellor position is vacant.
- Rick Gleissner expressed an interest in joining the Knights at the All Souls Day reception. He has filled out a form 100.
- Mitch Michaelis's application has already been approved.
- Two other possible candidates are in the pipe line.
- A 1st degree is scheduled for 11/15 at 5 PM.
- A business meeting will be held prior to the 1st degree, at 4:45 PM on 11/15, to vote on new candidates. A quorum must be present.

The results of balloting were:

No ballots

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Thanks to everyone who has worked hard this past month.
- Rob Wiggs did a tremendous job organizing the blood drive.
 - Rob received a letter from Red Cross thanking us.
 - 41 units of blood were donated, which exceeded our goal.
 - 70-80 people were served at the pancake breakfast.
 - We had a good turnout of members to help with breakfast.
 - A form 100 was obtained at the membership drive that day.
- Columbus Hope Foundation Drive
 - At least 5 Knights were present after every Mass.
 - About \$1,100 was collected for the weekend.
 - The total collection for the year is \$3,011 (includes Wal-Mart effort this past spring).
 - Our assigned goal is \$50 per member. We are short of that, but we exceeded our budgeted goal of \$3,000.
- Concession stands
 - Two football games took place this past month.

- Only four people were present at last stand.
- Volunteers are still needed for the final 3 games: 11/14, 11/21, & 11/28.
- New volunteers need to go through an online security clearance process.

The Treasurer reported as follows

Checking balance: \$7,296.90 + \$1,984.16 (5 deposits) = \$9,281.06

Savings Balance: \$7,082.89

The following communications were read:

None.

Financial Secretary report:

Vouchers:

No Report

Receipts:

No Report

The Trustees reported as follows:

No Report

The Chancellor reported on vocations:

Recruitment and retention report:

- Two transfers in.
- Will probably have 3 more members added this month.

The following committees reported:

4th degree report:

- Next 4th degree meeting will be on 11/18 at Council 724's hall.
- 4th degree will host their usual Thanksgiving dinner for Christopher Tower.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

Approving the budget:

- Discussion:
 - The Catholic information booth no longer exists, so the \$100 for that can be removed.
 - Council suppers are not planned, and the \$500 income and expenditures planned for them can be removed. However, they cancel out anyways.
 - Concession stand parking for the year costs us the income from one game.
- Motion made to accept the 2015-16 budget as amended. Motion was seconded.
- Further discussion: Noted that \$200 has been budgeted for 1st degree reimbursements.
- Budget was approved unanimously.

The following new business was brought up:

- Free throw and soccer shootout competition for youth:
 - Free throw contests needs to be held before end of January.
 - The worthy Advocate will contact Brian Binette to coordinate this and the soccer shootout.
 - The Council's report on the soccer shootout was due at end of October.
 - No council in the District has had the soccer shootout. Therefore, no district shootout will be held.
 - No date has been set for the state shootout, but it will probably be held in early December.
- A 2nd and 3rd degree will be held on January 16 at Our Lady of the Hills.

- A 4th degree will be held on February 20 at St. John Neumann.
- The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has made a fundraising arrangement with Amazon.
 - Council websites can link to Amazon.com.
 - A few percent of any purchases made through a Knights website will go to Supreme and some of that will go to the council.
 - Amazon is now the largest retailer in the world (surpassing Wal-Mart).
 - St. Joseph school has already set up a similar arrangement.
- Charlie Poole's family was very appreciative of the Honor Guard at his funeral and visitation.
- The Senior Ministry is having a dance this Friday night with a live band.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- Greetings from Supreme Knight and State Deputy
- Knights of Columbus insurance surpassed \$100 billion this past week.
- Fraternal benefits are what the Knights are all about.
 - A main reason knights were formed was to assist widows.
 - Card is a benefit: verifies you are a practical Catholic.
 - Rosary received at 1st degree is a benefit.
 - All Knights and spouses get \$2,500 of accidental death coverage.
 - Field agent will assist families of all Knights upon a Knights death.
 - Insured member benefits:
 - All insured members get coverage for miscarriage, still born babies, etc...
 - Can get a guaranteed insurance policy on disabled children.
 - 9 agents field agents and 10,000 Knights in South Carolina.
 - Life insurance, disability, long term care (due to accident, old age), retirement annuities.
- Be mindful to update your insurance policy as your life changes, including updating your beneficiaries. If the policy beneficiary is not alive when you die, the money will pass to the estate.
- Be certain to have a will and get it updated. However, the will does not determine who gets the life insurance policy benefit.
- Durable power of attorney is the strongly preferred over a living will. A durable power of attorney works for both health and finances.

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- Greetings from Supreme and the State Deputy.
- They are aware of what has happened in South Carolina, especially in Columbia, this past month.
- Supreme sent two delegates to the area to see how they could help.
- Two beloved Council Members have passed recently: Deacon Poole and Dr. Austin Hughes.
- A past State Treasurer also passed recently.
- Remember to keep their families, and families of previously deceased members, in mind and stay in touch with them.
- Christmas season is coming.
 - Council has Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets that we have been selling for \$5.
 - Very important that we get that message out this time of year to our secular brothers and sisters.
- The annual March for Life rallies will take place in January with the state march set for January 9.
- Council 12554 is on its way to making Star Council.
- State charity raffle tickets will be mailed out in the next month.
- A 2nd and 3rd degree will be held on January 16 at Our Lady of the Hills.

Under Good of the Order:

Solicitations made for prayers and prayers offered.
 Brother Tom talked about Deacon Poole's paper on Christian unity.

- Catholics and Protestants represent 3.5 billion people in this world but we have become divided.
- Tom made one special request: pray for our Protestant brothers tonight, and think about Deacon Poole.

Chaplains summation:

None.

Closing prayer was said by: Grand Knight **at** 9:03

Attest: *John Staab*

Recorder: John Staab