



MEETING: 4 August 2016

Council was called to order at: 7:32pm by: DGK.

Prayer was offered by: DGK.

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused, V-Vacant):

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Sam Kopack moved for one amendment to change Operation HOPE to Columbus HOPE. Change was made, and minutes were approved and posted online.

Membership Report: Presented by Sam Kopack. Robert Johnson was interviewed by Sam Kopack and Jim Corbett. They found him worthy to be a member. They offered a motion to accept him as member in 1st degree. Motion was passed.

The results of balloting were: None to report.

The Grand Knight reported as follows: Presented by DGK.

- DGK said Brother John Long has been exceptional in hosting two events. He thanked him for his leadership.
- Columbus HOPE and Grand Knights' workshop were very successful.
 - GK's Workshop was successful and quite valuable. Great to meet Knights from other 2 councils in District 7. One discussion of note was about how to measure success in the council.
- The Council's participation in USC football games for a fundraising activity has been terminated due to lack of manpower.

The Treasurer reported as follows: Provided by Treasurer. FS and Treasurer are preparing for upcoming audit. One check given to Sam. Treasurer said he still needs to write two more checks to John Long to cover event expenses.

- Checking balance: \$6455.47
- Savings balance: \$7085.54

The following communications were read: None.



Financial Secretary report: Provided for FS by John Long.

Vouchers: 6 vouchers for total of \$876.18.

Receipts: 3 receipts for total of \$723.00.

The Trustees reported as follows: Presented by John Long. The council is trying to schedule an audit meeting. FS is getting material together. Trustees will meet 6 Aug 2016 for audit. Sam Kopack said there will be a 1st degree on 7 Aug at 6pm. District Deputy said he wasn't aware of any candidates from other councils in the district, by the other councils have been invited to attend.

The Chancellor reported as follows: None.

The following committees reported:

- Youth Program: Tom Militello said he'll lead this program. He wants the council to consider having a project with the Home Works program to repair homes for the needy.
- Community: Sam Kopack asked for a weekend date for Operation HOPE for the fall.
- Blood Drive: Rob Wiggs presented proposed dates of 9 Oct and 30 Oct for blood drive breakfast. He said we need blood donors and volunteers. He is still working with Red Cross to finalize dates.

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Election of Grand Knight. District Deputy recapped resignation of former GK. Asked for nominations for new GK. Jonathan Fletcher nominated. He accepted. One unanimous ballot was cast for Jonathan Fletcher as new GK.
- New GK asked about filling his DGK vacancy. Trustees will take up task.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows: None.

Report of 4th degree: 3rd Wednesday in Sep will be next meeting.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows: None.

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- He congratulated new GK. He presented a message from State Deputy asking Knights to become what they are destined to be—"Head of the Domestic Church." He mentioned that we hosted a very successful GKs' Workshop. Mentioned our excellent facilities and our Council members who made the event a success. He recommended that the council build on its strength of hosting food events. He wanted to extend his thanks to Monsignor Harris for use of parish's facilities. He recommended that council officers to get together once a month outside of regular business meeting to enhance meetings management and build cohesion.
- There will be changes in degree terminology:
 - 1st Degree will be "Admissions."
 - 2nd Degree will be "Formation."
 - 3rd Degree will be "Knighthood."
 - 4th Degree will be "Patriotic."
- Goal for District 7: One admissions degree per month throughout the district—hosted by a different council each month. Will partner with 2 adjacent districts to work on Birth Right Project for digital billboard (saturation campaign for the Midlands). More to follow.
- Mentioned Orangeburg Women's Center. Over 100 babies saved with investment of ultrasound machine over past year.



Knights in Distress: Rob Wiggs expressed his appreciation to council for its support after the passing of his mother.

Under Good of the Order: Offered by lecturer. He spoke about the Seed of Christ. He discussed a nun he knew while growing up in CCD class. He said the nun was very formative presence in his youth because she had a unique way of teaching her students about love through humor. The Lecturer emphasized that humor enhances faith.

Chaplain's summation: None

Closing prayer was said by: GK at 8:17.

Attest,
Randall G. Owens
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Recorder