

MEETING: January 7, 2016		
Council was called to order at: 7:42 P.M. by: Advocate		
Prayer was offered by: Advocate		
The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present; A – Absent):		
Chaplain: Excused	Financial Secretary: P	Inside Guard: Vacant
Grand Knight: Excused	Treasurer: E	Outside Guard: 1 st : A 2 nd : A
Deputy Grand Knight: Excused	Lecturer: P	Trustee (3rd Yr.): A
Chancellor: A	Advocate: P	Trustee (2nd Yr.): A
Recorder: P	Warden: P	Trustee (1st Yr.): P
The Minutes of the previous meeting: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as posted on the website. The motion was seconded and approved.		
The Grand Knight read applications for membership approved by the Admissions Committee as follows:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Gunter is ready for 1st degree 		
The results of balloting were:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Col. Halleran needs to be voted on for re-instatement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He does not need to go through a 1st degree again. Warden has seen him at the 8 AM Daily Mass He is a retired Air Force Colonel. Son is in the Air Force Academy Motion made to readmit Col. Halleran. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. 		
The Grand Knight reported as follows:		
In lieu of a Grand Knight's Report, the Advocate reported as follows:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glad and thankful everyone who is here, as the January meeting is usually the toughest meeting of the year to get to. The frequency of events will be picking up quickly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pancake breakfast will probably be held on January 31st (the first Sunday of Catholic Schools week). The council free throw contest will probably be on the weekend of January 23 & 24. Our next meeting on February 4th will be the week before Ashe Wednesday. A 4th degree exemplification is also coming up. 		
The Treasurer reported as follows		
Checking balance: \$6,289.74		
Savings Balance: \$7,083.78		
Membership dues are due. Dan will accept dues by mail (sent to either the Church or his home) or in person at the next Knights event.		
The following communications were read:		
Thank you from Andrea Hughes for helping with Austin's funeral.		

Financial Secretary report:
Vouchers:
None
Receipts:
None
The Trustees reported as follows:
No report
The Chancellor reported on vocations:
No report
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The following committees reported:
<p>Membership (Financial Secretary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our quota for new members is 7 for the year. We are currently at 6. • We have also gained 2 insurance members and need one more for that quota. • Total council membership is at 111. <p>Church (Financial Secretary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still in the Christmas Season and will be until the Baptism of our Lord. • Lent is coming up. • Brother Knights are encouraged to participate in liturgy and Mass ministries. • Shrove Tuesday Parish Dinner will be on February 9th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Knights do the cooking. ◦ Food is provided by the Church. ◦ About 500 are typically served at this dinner. • Fridays of during Lent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Stations and Mass followed and soup supper ◦ We will need 10 or 12 crock pots of soup for the evening the Knights are responsible for the supper. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Knights have not been assigned a soup supper yet and may not even be asked this year. ▪ Feb 19th is the only supper taken so far. <p>Pro-Life Report (Recorder)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual March and Rally for Life will be on Saturday January 9th. • Proudly Pro-Life Dinner will be held on the Friday evening on January 8th. • Speaker at both events will be Al and Lisa Robertson from Duck Dynasty. • See 5th page of these minutes for event flyer. <p>Operation Hope (Sam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks will be presented to Operation Hope Recipients at 6:45 PM prior to the next meeting. Refreshments will be available. • Sam will look into setting up a collection at Wal-Mart the first weekend after Easter (April 1 & 2) <p>Free Throw Challenge Date Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cub scouts have gym reserved on January 24th after 3 PM. • January 31st is a possibility, but we have a pancake breakfasts that day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pancake breakfast would push start of contest back until later in the afternoon, and the young adult group has the gym reserved late Sunday afternoons. ◦ Advocate will check with young adults and get Brian Binnette's help advertising. ◦ District contest will be on 2/14. Gym needs to be clear by the time the young adult group shows up. <p>Report of 4th Degree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is on January 20th at Council 724. • 4th degree on Feb 20th has been postponed until April 9th.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

A Rosary will be said Gary Gener prior to the next meeting

- The Rosary will start at 6:30 PM due to Operation Hope Presentation at 6:45 PM
- No other service was held for Gary in the Church.

Football Concession Stand Income

- We have gotten 3 checks from Center Plate for a total of only ~\$800.
- More checks are still expected to come in.

The following new business was brought up:

- 1st degree is scheduled for this Sunday (Jan 17th) at 5 PM.
- 2 and 3rd degree on Our Lady of the Hills on 1/16:
 - 2nd degree is at 9 AM (need to be there at 8:30).
 - Need current membership card (2016) to get in.
- Midwinter meeting on 1/16 at St. John Neumann on Polo Road
 - 9 AM
 - Need representation at meeting
- Jonathan Fletcher proposed that we “sponsor a gathering after Mass with the express purpose of giving us a place to grow spiritually and learn to love as Christ loved.”
 - See last two pages of these minutes for copy of Jonathan’s presentation.
 - Summary of Jonathon’s proposal:
 - Start a meeting after a Mass (pick one) and start to draw people in to share, have dialogue, and pray.
 - Knights would announce it and run it.
 - Knights would start priming the pump, and, hopefully, it will grow and take place after every Mass.
 - Financial Secretary’s initial thoughts:
 - 12:15 or Vigil Mass might be best due to parking issues.
 - Needs to get support of Clergy as the first step.
 - Lecturer’s thoughts:
 - Parish can appear cold on the surface.
 - Some parishioners might feel we don’t have a strong spiritual community.
 - As Catholics, we have been cultured to go to Church and leave. We need to fix this.
 - Advocate’s thoughts:
 - Lenten kick off for this would be a good idea.
 - Perhaps try every week during Lent.
 - Need a program, need to have leadership in place, need to have this worked out before running this by the priests.
 - Perhaps go over readings from Mass.
 - Put a plan together. Run it by Dan, Tom, and the Grand Knight.... and then run it by the Priests.
 - District Deputy’s thoughts:
 - People want to be closer to the Church. They just want a way to make that happen.
 - Get chaplain involved.
 - Supreme Knight has started a new initiative called “Building the Domestic Church While Building Our Parish.”
 - Move away from Council halls and get closer to the parishes.
 - Stop trying to create so many programs that run independently. Instead, try more to participate in what is already going on in the parish.
 - The KofC will no longer be supporting independent Boy Scout troops or squire circles. Instead, the Knights will support parish scouts and parish youth programs.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:
No report
The District Deputy reported as follows:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March for Life is on Saturday. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please bring the council banner and march with the Banner. ○ Keep track of how many are marching and report number to state pro-life director. • State charity ball will be held on 2/20 at St. John Neumann School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dinner is \$25 / person. ○ Raffle drawing will be at 10 PM. • Keep Christ in Christmas state program was a huge success. St. John Neumann and Blythewood councils worked together to put up Keep Christ in Christmas billboards. • Semi annual audit is due at supreme on 2/15. • \$100 new member annuity program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100 will buy an annuity. ○ Knights surpassed \$100 billion of investments, with almost 2 million members worldwide. • Board of directors have approved rebate of ~\$4 / member if council achieves Star Council status. • Supreme Council is supporting the Solidarity Cross Project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olive wood crosses carved by Christian artisans in the Holy Land are available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum order of 10. They cost \$5 each in quantity. ▪ Suggest selling for \$10 each. ○ Blythewood raised \$1,000 for Christians in the Middle East through this program.
Under Good of the Order:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitation made for prayers and prayers offered. • Lecturer report was skipped in lieu of Jonathon's report. • A Past Grand Knight of the council is in need of prayers.
Chaplains summation:
No report
Closing prayer was said by: Advocate at 9:25 PM
Attest: <i>John P Staab</i>
Recorder: John Staab

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Al and Lisa Robertson

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\$40 per ticket

Doors Open at 6:00pm, beginning with a silent auction
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Overnight Accommodations Available At:

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Stand Up for Life March and Rally

Saturday, January 9, 2016

11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Line Up for the March, USC Russell House, Greene Street
March steps off led by Knights of Columbus
Rally begins, State House plaza, Gervais Street side

Music provided by
Joyful Sound
North Greenville University

A Knight's Talk

January 7, 2016

What's a Knight? Someone doing battle with the enemy?—overcoming great odds?—operating with the highest level of courage, integrity and charity? Someone with strong weapons and the skill to use them effectively in battle?

But what are the weapons of a Knight? Well, this depends on the nature of the enemy. So, who is the enemy for Catholic Knights? Is it Satan—a little red-suited guy with horns and a pointy tail—certainly not ticklish—and with nasty BO and Halitosis? Who is Satan really? If you were to look for Satan operating in our world, state, city, church or family, where would you look? Here is a hint from the Gospel of St John (8:44).

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Ah! I guess we look for lies—untruth that has captured our culture or our friends or our relations or ourselves. What is it that we hold to be true that has become a guiding principle of all of our attitudes and actions that is **not true**? Alcohol or drug or sex addiction that says that there is life in any of these? Self-centeredness that says to us that there is life in focusing on ME and me alone. Passivity that whispers enticingly into our ears that we have no responsibility for error and encourages us to remain outside the battle—sitting safely on the sidelines—and thereby becoming an enabler of error and LIE—an agent of the bad guy.

If Lie is our battleground then as Catholic Christian Knights, what is the starting point of our battle plan? What is the goal to be achieved by doing battle and becoming an instrument of God's victory over the bad guy? Consider St John again (13:34–35):

“A new commandment I give to you that you love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

But where do we learn to do this? At work, in the grocery store, at the gym, at home or at church? Let us be clear that this is the most daunting challenge we have as Christians—to love as Christ loved—for this involves a total transformation into the perfect likeness of Jesus Christ so that when someone sees us they see and experience the love of Christ incarnate in you and me.

Oops! In fact we are supposed to learn this in the authentic community of faith—a high octane, full blown community of faith. Not simply involvement in a host of church-related programs.

Not in the Choir, unless a deliberate effort is made to broaden the goals and activities of the choir. Not in the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the men's prayer group or a Bible study, unless there are deliberate efforts to broaden the goals and activities of these programs. Not even in the Knights of Columbus, unless there is a deliberate effort to broaden the goals and activities of the Knights.

But what are the weapons of a Catholic Knight doing battle with untruth. Here is a suggestion: Knowledge—knowledge of Scripture, knowledge of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, knowledge of the Documents of Vatican II, Knowledge of Catholic Church history and possibly even knowledge of important Papal encyclicals. Knights need weapons and they need to know how to use them.

Ah, so we have finally arrived at the point of this little presentation. What has been suggested by our Grand Knight is that we might, if we choose to do so, broaden the goals of our Council. We could start to redefine what we mean by being a Catholic Knight in a world that is rife with untruth. We might, if we choose to accept the challenge, decide that there are spiritual goals to be sought—spiritual battles to be fought—spiritual riches to be gained and shared with others.

Here is a proposal, that we sponsor a gathering after mass with the express purpose of giving us a place to grow spiritually and learn to love as Christ loved. If the Eucharist is our primary encounter with Christ, we might call it Christ Encounter II—where we encounter Christ in each other. We might start after the 10:30 mass in the gym with the first objective simply to do three things: share, dialogue and pray. The dialogue could simply be a discussion of the day's readings or homily with the option at any point to decide to discuss an encyclical or a book of the Bible. At some point the community of faith matures into a self-guided process of radical transformation.

Here is one little caveat: if this is to work and it becomes a magnet for all the members who attend that mass and ultimately to grow into other masses, there will need to be training. To keep it from devolving into an intellectual discussion group and thereby drive off folks who are seeking and desperately need true Christian community, the goals must be kept in mind—to learn to love as Christ loved while developing our understanding and knowledge of our Catholic faith. This training is no different from knights being trained in swordsmanship or the use of the horse and lance. Can you imagine Sir Lancelot showing up and not knowing how to joust? If we are to be members of a new type of round table, we have some work to do, but first we need to have the divine desire that comes only from God to accept the challenge.