

**MEETING:** February 4, 2016

**Council was called to order at:** 7:36 **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):**

<b>Chaplain:</b> Excused	<b>Financial Secretary:</b> P	<b>Inside Guard:</b> Vacant
<b>Grand Knight:</b> P	<b>Treasurer:</b> P	<b>Outside Guard:</b> Vacant
<b>Deputy Grand Knight:</b> E	<b>Lecturer:</b> P	<b>Trustee (3<sup>rd</sup> Yr.):</b> P
<b>Chancellor:</b> Vacant	<b>Advocate:</b> E	<b>Trustee (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.):</b> P
<b>Recorder:</b> P	<b>Warden:</b> P	<b>Trustee (1<sup>st</sup> Yr.):</b> P

**The Minutes of the previous meeting:** A motion was made to approve the minutes as posted on the Council website. Motion was seconded and approved.

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

Membership report by Grand Knight:

- Shane and Travis McCormick
  - Brothers that have applied for re-admission into the Knights with our Council
  - Need to be interviewed and then voted on
- James Gunner
  - Has been voted on and approved but needs a first degree
  - He came and helped with the pancake breakfast this past Sunday.
- Mitch Michaelis has been voted in but also needs a 1<sup>st</sup> degree.
- Chris Faust
  - He is a USC student that has contacted the state council.
  - Council members are trying to contact him to set up an interview.
- Troy Shindle has submitted an application for transfer in.
- The council's Insurance quota was just met.
- The total council membership was at 113 as of yesterday.
- 7 new members are needed to meet the star council goal, and 6 new members have been added this year.
- The council may have a 1<sup>st</sup> degree on 2/21 for James and Mitch at 6 PM

**The results of balloting were:**

None

**The Grand Knight reported as follows:**

- The presentations by the Columbus Hope Foundation recipients prior to the meeting were inspiring.
- Thanks to the Advocate for running the meeting in January in the Grand Knight's absence.
- Thanks to Jonathon for his report at the last meeting on the Christ Encounter II program.
- Thanks to Rob for all his hard work with the pancake breakfast.
- Our goal for next January is to have the council banner in the right to life march.
- Whatever you are doing to contribute to the council, your effort is appreciated.

**The Treasurer reported as follows**

**Checking balance:** \$7,385.61 (3 deposits today)

**Savings Balance:** \$7,083.78

**The following communications were read:**

- Thank you letter from Russ Jones (St. Vincent de Paul) for the council's help and support with the House in a Box project. He is almost finished taking applications and may be calling on us for help to move the furniture.
- Thank you letter from South Carolina Citizens for Life.
- Card of thanks from Mary Jackson.
- Notification Columbiettes on their meeting in Myrtle Beach on May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Letter from Supreme Knight encouraging us to help build the domestic Church.
- Thank you letter from Brandon Jarrell. He was in a car accident and severely broke his ankle. The council had sent him \$100.
- Dick Mockton sent a note mentioning he is now living in an assisted care facility in Florida. Has chosen to keep his membership with our council.
- The Knights have an opening for an insurance field agent in the state.

**Financial Secretary report:****Vouchers:**

Supreme (per capita): \$299.75  
State Council (liability insurance): \$350  
Dan Wagner (postage): \$101.92  
State Council (3<sup>rd</sup> degree Medallion): \$5.50  
Piggly Wiggly Pancake Breakfast 39.65  
Sam's Club Pancake Breakfast: \$334.50

**Receipts:**

Center plate: \$672.44  
Dues and charity auction: \$270.50  
Dues and charity tickets: \$984.50  
Dues: \$164.00  
Pancake breakfast: \$789.00

Net income from the recent pancake breakfast was \$484.85. A motion was made and seconded to round the donation to the school up to \$500. Discussion: We raised \$600 at this breakfast last year. The principals presentation with donuts after the 12:15 Mass may have pulled people away from the breakfast (only 12 people came to the breakfast after the 12:15 Mass). The motion was approved unanimously.

**The Trustees reported as follows,;**

The auditors and trustees are in the process of conducting the semi-annual audit which is due at supreme on 2/15. The audit was started before the meeting and will continue at a later date.

**The Chancellor reported on vocations:**

No Report:

**The following committees reported:****Church Report**

- This coming Wednesday is Ashe Wednesday.
- During lent, there will be an extra Mass at 6 PM on Fridays with stations before and a simple soup meal afterwards.
- The Knights are not hosting one of the soup suppers this year.

- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Up to 500 diners will come through.
  - Everyone's help is needed.
  - Meal is from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
  - Volunteers would be helpful starting at 4 PM.

Columbus Hope Foundation

- Scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of April (Saturday and Sunday) at Wal-Mart

Council Free Throw Contest

- May not be able to get a Council contest in before the State and District contests
- Need to find out if any date has been set.

#### **Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:**

Jonathans presentation from the last meeting and his proposal for starting Christ Encounter II

- The Grand Knight has met with Msgr. Harris and discussed it the program.
  - Msgr. has been given the go ahead.
  - The one item Msgr. was concerned about was the possibility that the people who attend the 10:30 Mass and stay for this program might impeded parking for the people at the 12:15 Mass
  - With this in mind, people attending the Christ Encounter II program should park in the far side of the school parking lot (although having enough people to impede anything may be a bit optimistic at this point).
- Jonathan presented a hand out on the current plans for Christ Encounter II. A copy of the handout is at the end of these minutes.
- The focus of the program will be on the Knights and their families over Lent, with the idea that this will serve as introduction, training, and practice for the Knights who want to carry on and lead the program after Lent.
  - Those present will go over the readings from Mass to generate dialogue.
  - Only when we share ourselves do we have a dialogue.
  - Participants should bring a Bible of their choice.
  - General outline: Sharing, dialogue, prayer.
- The program will take place from 12-1 after the 10:30 Sunday Masses starting February 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - It will take place in the school gymnasium.
  - The round tables will be used.
  - Knights will be responsible for setting up the tables.
  - Might consider having refreshments.
- Christ Encounter I is the Eucharist.
- Motto is "come and see."
- Please provide feedback to either Jonathan or John Long and let them know if you will come or not.
- Purpose of attending may not be for us, but to offer something for people who can use it.

#### **The following new business was brought up:**

State Charity Ball is on 2/20<sup>th</sup> at St. John Neumann School

- Raffle tickets need to be sold by then.
- Mike Akright (803 603 3473) is the person to call for tickets to ball.

The Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

- It will be in Goose Creek.
- The Blythewood Council is trying to put together a bus to the conference
  - The bus will arrive at 8:30 AM and return after conference ends at 4:00 PM
  - Cost of bus is \$30 per person.
  - Skip Hudson has more information on bus if anyone needs it.
- Fr. Mathew Gray is one of the featured speakers this time.
- Knights get a \$10 discount for the conference, and if you buy in advance, you get another \$10 discount.

State convention nomination and delegates

- Convention is from April 22 – 24.
- Typically, the two delegates from council are the Grand Knight and immediate Past Grand Knight (Mike and John Long are planning to go).
- Prior to the convention, the council needs to nominate 2 alternate delegates.
  - Sam volunteered to be the first alternate.
  - Jonathon volunteered to be the 2nd alternate.
  - Both alternates were approved by unanimous vote.

Report from 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

- Sam has applications for any Knight who would like to go through the 4<sup>th</sup> degree
- Joseph Alder’s wife June died recently (he has been an active member of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree for a while).

The next 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees in the Midlands will be at Council 6847 on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Insurance Agent reported as follows:**

- Greetings from Supreme Knight and State Deputy.
- Double Star council status requires an additional 7 members beyond Star Council. It does not require additional insurance members.
- Fr. McGivney started the Knights primarily for the benefit of the families whose father / husband had passed.
- Medicare may have financial problems in the not too distant future and social security may not be too far behind.
- Annuity allows for steady safe growth.
- St. John Neumann and Transfiguration have Columbiette Councils.

**The District Deputy reported as follows:**

No report

**Under Good of the Order:**

Solicitations made for prayers

Lecturer:

- One of our former priests, Fr. Andrew, passed away recently.
- He was a very dear friend of Fr. McCaffrey.
- Fr. McCaffrey gave the homily at the funeral.
  - He made the point that Fr. Andrew was a normal guy – not just a priest
  - Fr. McCaffrey told the story of the funeral in 2011 for the last son of Austrian last emperor.

**Chaplains summation:**

None.

**Closing prayer was said by:** Grand Knight at 8:50

**Attest:** *John Staab*

**Recorder:** John Staab

Prior to the meeting:

Columbus Hope Foundation checks were given to the following organization:

Cardinal Neumann School `

- 4<sup>th</sup> year with full inclusion program for students with intellectual disabilities.
- Will be graduation 2 students out of the program this year.

Midlands Center

- Assists people with intellectual disabilities.
- Also caters to people with spinal cord and brain injuries.

NAMI

- National alliance on mental illness
- 1,300 different affiliates around the country
- Improve the lives of people with mental illness (bipolar, schizophrenia, post traumatic stress disorder, severe depression, etc....)
- Offers a 12 week family to family course
- Holds a parents and teachers as allies program: most mental illnesses start to manifest themselves when a person is about 15years old.

**Christ Encounter II**  
**A Lenten Experience - 2016**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

Dates: February 14, 21, 28  
March 6, 13, 20

Time: After the 10:30 mass at approximately 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

Place: in the school gymnasium.

Space: The space in which we will be working will be around a number of round tables. Once we find out how many will be attending, we can determine how many tables we will need. The first brothers who show up can help put out the tables and chairs. After we are through, we all can help put them back in the closet.

Refreshments: We might consider having coffee, juice, and doughnuts.

Parking: Please Park at the far side of the school parking lot, so as not to impede parking for the 12:15 mass.

Purpose: This first CE2 exercise will be focused on the Knights and their families with the purpose of introducing the process to those who eventually will be participants and especially facilitators in an expanded experience for the broader parish. In other words, the Lenten experience will be a combination of introduction, training and practice.

Readings: During Lent we will be using the Scripture readings for that Sunday.

Tools: Please bring your Bible-of-Choice.

Motto: ***Come and see!*** In other words, come and see how the love of Christ is acted out in an authentic community of faith.

General outline:

1. Sharing—When were you most Christ-like during the last week?
2. Dialogue—This is a lively discussion in which everyone (including the kids) can offer their thoughts.
3. Prayer—This is the place where we offer our prayers for ourselves, our loved ones, or others we know are in need or any other form of adversity. It is also here that we develop our understanding of prayer as ACTS: adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication.

That's all folks. The ultimate goal is to be on a journey together to be transformed into the perfect likeness of Jesus Christ. The more proximate goal is to learn how to show each other the love of Christ and to have an experience of Christ in each other that is the most delightful and enticing reflection of that love. In other words, it just may be the very foundation of attracting others through a process of evangelization.