

MEETING: March 3, 2016

Council was called to order at: 7:42 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: V
Grand Knight: P	Treasurer: P	Outside Guard: V
Deputy Grand Knight: A	Lecturer: E	Trustee (3rd Yr.): E
Chancellor: V	Advocate: A	Trustee (2nd Yr.): E
Recorder: P	Warden: E	Trustee (1st Yr.): P

The Minutes of the previous meeting were: Posted online but could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

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

Financial Secretary reported on status of new members:

- Chris Faust Jr. is a potential new member.
- Sean and Travis McCormick need interviewing for their re-application process.
- Mitch Michaelis and James Gunter still need a first degree.
- Mark Vandriel is transferring in to the Council. His paper work needs to be completed, including submitting a form 100.
- Troy Shindle has been added as a transfer.
- Current membership is at 113.
- The Council has made its quota of 7 new members and 3 insurance members. The only remaining requirements to achieve star council status are to hold one more 1st degree and submit the paper work.

The results of balloting were:

No balloting took place.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Thanks to everyone who worked so hard at the Shrove Tuesday dinner.
- Encouraged participation in the Friday night stations, Mass, and soup supper and the Seder Meal.
- Thanks to worthy Advocate for holding the free throw contest (3 participants).
- Thanks to worthy Trustees, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer for completing the financial audit after the last meeting. The audit report has been submitted.
- The Grand Knight has completed the Columbian Award application and will submit it. The application contains two predated items (two more pancake breakfasts). Thanks to everyone's hard work for making this possible.

The Treasurer reported as follows

Checking balance: \$ 5,537.86

Savings Balance: \$ 7,084.08

The following communications were read:

None read.

Financial Secretary report:**Vouchers:**

\$500.00 : to St. Joseph Catholic School (proceeds from recent Charity Breakfast)
\$250.00 : to Boy Scout Troop 100 (annual support of St. Joseph's Boy Scout program)
\$250.00 : to SC State Knights of Columbus (State Charity Raffle tickets sold by members)

Receipts:

\$246.00 : Dues & State Charity Drive
\$417.15 : from Centerplate (proceeds from USC Football Concession, 4th check from them)
\$ 36.00 : Dues
\$266.50 : Dues

The Trustees reported as follows:

The audit was completed. Nothing else to report.

The Chancellor reported on vocations:

No report.

The following committees reported:

Membership:

- Need to hold a membership drive in April.
- We have been encouraged to have a Knight's Sunday, staffing all of the Masses that we can with lecturers and Eucharistic ministers.
 - The 2nd Sunday of a month was suggested as it coincides with community Sunday.
 - A 4th degree will be held in Columbia on Saturday, April 9th, but this shouldn't interfere with the Council's "Knight's Sunday."
 - If the weekend of April 9th and 10th is selected, this needs to be quickly to Mary Kay Rushman, as she will be setting up the lecturers and minister schedule for that weekend in the next couple of weeks.

Church:

- We are getting into home stretch of Lent....Holy Week is two weeks away.
- The Gospel this weekend will be on the Prodigal Son.
- Holy Week Schedule:
 - Holy Thursday: Mass at 7 PM
 - Good Friday: Adoration of the Cross at 3 PM
 - Holy Saturday: The Great Easter Vigil starts at 8 PM
 - 4 masses on Easter Sunday

Recent pro-life projects: Donated to pro-life billboard last year, gave to Orangeburg ultrasound this year.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

Jonathan is doing a good job with the Christ Encounter II after the 10:30 MASS. Tom has been bringing in the Youth Group as well. Please support Jonathan in this endeavor and participate.

The following new business was brought up:

- Will be a 2nd and 3rd degree on 3/19 in North Charleston
- March 20th is Palm Sunday
- Our Council needs to hold a 1st degree...will try to set it up for 6 PM on Palm Sunday
 - Dan will contact Mitch Michaelis and GK will contact James Gunter
- Catholic Men's Conference is this weekend (bus from Blythewood didn't have enough interest so they are going to car pool).
- Will try to schedule the next pancake breakfast on April 3rd for St. Vincent de Paul

- Still have bacon and sausage left over from Shrove Tuesday
- Also need a pro-life breakfast in May
- GK got through to Centerplate today and has an appointment with them next Wednesday.
 - If we are going to work the football concession stands again, we need to enroll in direct deposit, which Centerplate just started
 - We raised \$1,400 this year and spent 350 on parking, so we only netted about \$1,000 over 6 games
- Other fundraising ideas:
 - The District Deputy suggested that spaghetti dinners are cheap and make a lot of money.
 - The Blythewood Council, Council 724, and the Orangeburg Council hold fish fry's.
 - We can set up a Pay Pal account to take membership dues and link to it from the Council website.
 - We can donate to a charity with every Amazon purchase, and we need to get our council set up for that.
- Holy Family Icon arrives on Saturday 3/5
 - Normally, Churches have a program and put the Icon on display. The Icon needs to be on display in a place of reverence.
 - Another Icon, a Fatima statue, will be coming to St. Joseph on 5/13.
 - Blythewood has the Holy Family Icon from April 2-8.
 - We can have the Holy Family Icon any time before Blythewood, but since it is probably too late to do anything with this...we will pass on accepting the Icon.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

No Report

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- Congratulations on qualifying for star council...1st in district and now Blythewood has qualified as well.
- Reminder that along with SB7 form, we need to submit a form for the ICC awards
 - We probably qualify for a distinguished council award (this is a non-competitive award)
 - Church service award is also available.
 - Competitive awards also exist.
- On Saturday April 30th, the Knights have been giving the honor of volunteering for a Habitat for Humanity house in West Columbia. Brother Knights will have to register online to volunteer.
 - Someone donated money to name the house in honor of Pope Francis.
 - District Deputy will forward information on registering when he gets it.
- St. Vincent de Paul has been organizing a "House in a Box" program.
 - They are trying to raise enough money to assist 300 families in the area affected by the flood last fall.
 - Using \$1,850 in donations, they try to provide a family with everything insurance doesn't cover (i.e. Furniture, clothing, etc....)
 - They are trying to raise 350,000 for the project.
 - Marylyn Gray from St. Peters, the coordinator of the project, is willing to talk at council events to promote the program.
- \$12,000 was provided by the Supreme Council to help with the floods. The money was given to Harvest Hope and St, Vincent de Paul.
- The state now has a Knights of Columbus disaster coordinator.
- Each Council should have a 3 member disaster team.
- The State Convention is on the 22nd
 - Council needs to fill out a form to submit delegate information this week.
 - Registration forms also need to be filled out.

Under Good of the Order:

- Solicitation made for prayers.
- Prayers offered.

- Worthy lecturer left a devotional for tonight on the 4 signs of a dynamic Catholic, by Mathew Kelley

Chaplains summation:

None.

Closing prayer was said by: Grand Knight **at** 8:55 PM

Attest: *John Staab*

Recorder: John Staab