

MEETING: May 5, 2016

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: 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: P	Trustee (2nd Yr.): E
Recorder: P	Warden: P	Trustee (1st Yr.): P

The Minutes of the previous meeting were: The minutes of the previous meeting were posted online. The minutes were approved with one correction.

Membership Report

- 10 new members have been added this year, bringing the membership total to 115.
- 3 more potential members, the McCormicks and Chris Faust, have not been returning calls.
- Thanks to the Financial Secretary for adding new members to the roster on the Council website.

The results of balloting were:

None.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Thanks to 1st degree team for recent degree.
- Thanks to Jonathan and Tom for their work on Christ Encounter II after the 10:30 Mass.
 - Several people have been coming
- Grand Knight attended the State Convention on the April 24th weekend.
 - Elected new state deputy: Mike Allen
 - Passed a budget
 - Passed a multitude of resolutions.
 - Handed out a lot of awards.
 - Some councils are making a few times over their quota for the Columbus Hope Foundation.
- A workshop for new Grand Knights will be held on June 18th at Council 724.
- A workshop for all Grand Knights will be held in July - perhaps at St. Joseph.
- Thanks to the worthy Financial Secretary for:
 - fixing up facilities in the Blossom Street House (we now have a nice room / office in that building)
 - putting together a flyer for the Mother's Day breakfast.

The Treasurer reported as follows

Checking balance: \$5,689.65

Savings Balance: \$7,084.66

The following communications were read:

None

Financial Secretary report:

Vouchers:

\$18.00 to Supreme K of C Council Accounts per Capita
\$500 to John Long for State Long Convention Registration
\$150 annual renewal for U-Knight

- The voucher paid last month for “supplies to Supreme” was actually for bonding of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
- The State Treasurer will refund the council \$250 since one of our delegates was not able to attend the State Convention.

Receipts:

\$210 Dues and Initiation Fees
\$1,762 Columbia Hope Foundation

The Trustees reported as follows:

No report

The Chancellor reported on vocations:

No report

The following committees reported:

Membership

- “Knights Day” will be held sometime this spring.
 - The idea is that Knights will assist with all the Masses one weekend by providing the Eucharistic Ministers and Lecturers.
 - The 2nd Sunday in June (Community Sunday) is being targeted for this event.
 - The Church office will finish the schedule for the Ministers and Lecturers at that weekend’s Masses by the end of next week.
 - The Knights will take care of the Community Sunday donuts as well.
- The Financial Secretary reported that we lost Brother Knight Curtis Barnes recently.
 - He had been struggling with cancer for a long time.
 - No one in the Council seemed to know about his health issues.
 - Every meeting we read a list of Knights in distress...why wasn’t Curtis ever on the list?
 - If we don’t see or support the membership, what kind of fraternal organization are we?
 - We need to be more aware of these situations.
 - The Grand Knight suggested if a Brother brings someone into the Knights, that Brother should be responsible for staying in touch with them for a while (perhaps 3 years).
 - Brother Rob McBurney pointed out that the Junior League has a committee that farms out contacting people who are behind on dues.
 - The committee asks people who know them to get in touch.
 - It is not just about getting dues, but about finding out what is going on.
- The Grand Knight suggested we figure out a way to receive dues by credit card, which can be set up to be a re-occurring charge every year.
- Discussion on improving Council and Parish fraternalism:
 - Should the Knights take responsibility for setting up community Sunday every month?
 - This is currently being handled by Chris Charleton’s family.
 - They should be contacted to find out if they would like some help.
 - 5th Thursday’s of the month used to be a Knights night out...should we do this again?
 - Perhaps we should have a pot luck social once or twice a quarter for families.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

Football Concessions Stands

- Brother Rob McBurney can get the council a parking place for free if needed. Therefore, the Grand Knight will tell the Rotary Club we do not need a parking place from them this year.
- A final decision has not been made about working the concessions stands this year.

The following new business was brought up:

- The Trustees submitted the following officer nomination list for the coming fraternal year (it has also been posted on the website)
 - Grand Knight: Kevin Maroney
 - Deputy Grand Knight: Jonathan Fletcher
 - Chancellor: Jim Corbett
 - Recorder: Randal Owens
 - Treasurer: Rob Wiggs
 - Advocate: Rick Gleissner
 - Warden: Ron Childress
 - Inside Guard: Rob McBurney
 - Outside Guard 1: Tom Militello
 - Outside Guard 2: Patrick Blake
 - Trustee 3rd Year: John Long
 - Trustee 2nd Year: Mike Wilber
 - Trustee 1st Year: Robert Starkz
- Officer election will be held at the June 9th meeting.
- Installation of officers needs to be sometime after the June 9 meeting.
 - It will be made into a big social.
 - Dates off limits for the District Deputy are 6/15, 6/16, & 6/18
 - Sunday night, June 19th, which is Father's Day, was proposed for the installation.
- May procession was held this past Sunday.
- Lady of Fatima Statue events are coming up.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

No report

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- Greeting from the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy
- The State Convention from 4/22-4/24 was a success
 - Resolutions and budget were passed.
 - Donations were given out to worthy organization (the money came from state raffle tickets)
 - \$10,000 was given to special Olympics (1/2 from State and 1/2 from Supreme)
 - Mike Allen from the Blythewood Council was elected as the new State Deputy
 - Awards for best councils of the year:
 - Category 1 (smallest): Greer
 - Category 2 (middle – our size): Greenwood
 - Category 3 (largest): Goose Greek
 - We need to do just one more thing to make Star Council: send in form FP7
 - Anticipated projects can be entered on this form.
 - Will get a rebate of \$4 per member for meeting this council goal.
 - New Grand Knight training will be held on 6/18.

- 2nd and 3rd degree are being held at St. John Neumann on 5/14.
 - Candidates need to be there at 8:30 AM.
 - Coat and tie requirement has been waived.
 - Membership card is needed to get in.
 - Degrees will also be held in Taylors on June 4th.
- Supreme Knight: “Build up Domestic Church while building up families.”
- The cover of the Columbia Magazine last month had a picture of the Coptic Patriarch from Egypt holding a report from the Knights to the State Department on Christian persecution in Middle East.
- New members seem to enjoy the socials after first degrees.
- Two councils in the district are doing a great job with fraternalism
 - The best is Blythewood
 - Officers are always in attendance at their meetings, and typically, 12 non-officers also attend.
 - They have hors d'oeuvres after meetings and a cooler full of beer.
 - Meetings start at 7 on Wednesday. Social starts at 8:30. Socials last 30 minutes to an hour.
 - Monthly socials are held in the parish hall
 - Includes food
 - Families come
 - Several times a year, they have a big event (including a polar plunge in winter).
 - Have a “5th degree”: Guys spend a weekend at Pawley’s Island.
 - Council 724
 - Have social time after their meetings.
 - Maybe 1/3 of those attending the meeting stay for the social.
- Brother Skip will stay on one more year as District Deputy

Follow up by Grand Knight

- The Knights of Columbus is a place to do service.
- Next year, we should have a list of Brother Knights who need weekly visits, rides to Masses, and rides to meetings.
 - People can sign up to help with these needs.
 - Brother Knights present were very supportive of this idea.

Under Good of the Order:

- Solicitations were made for prayers, and prayers were offered.
- Prior discussions on assisting our fellow council members in need will serve as the Good of the Order at this meeting.
- St. Joseph has been approved for a low power transmitter for Catholic Radio
 - Money is needed to purchase a transmitter, but the new administration building needs to be paid off.
 - Cardinal Neumann has also been approved, but they are in a similar situation with paying off a new building.
 - St. Peters has a transmitter at 92.7 MHz

Chaplains summation:

None.

Closing prayer was said by: Grand Knight **at** 9:12

Attest: *John Staab*

Recorder: John Staab