MEETING: June 9, 2016

**Council was called to order at:** 7:31 PM **P.M. by:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee; Mike Wilber

Prayer was offered by: Chaplain		
The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present; A – Absent):		
Chaplain: P	Financial Secretary: P	Inside Guard: V
Grand Knight: E	Treasurer: P	Outside Guard: P
Deputy Grand Knight: P	Lecturer: E	Trustee (3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr.): P
Chancellor: V	Advocate: P	Trustee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr.): P
Recorder: P	Warden: P	Trustee (1 <sup>st</sup> Yr.): P

**The Minutes of the previous meeting were:** The minutes from the previous meeting were posted online. A motion was made to approve the minutes with one correction. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

- Robert Johnson (son in law of Theresa Chmura) has filled out a form 100. He needs to be interviewed before being presented to the Council for approval.
- A few people who have expressed interest in joining have not been responding to calls.
- Chris Faust still needs to be contacted (see minutes from previous meetings for details).

### The results of balloting were:

No ballots took place.

### The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- The Mothers Day celebration was an event to behold.
  - Everyone was impressed with the menu and the service.
  - o The Wagners and Tom Militello went over the top in their extra work and advertising.
  - A couple of lessons were learned:
    - About 300 people were served. The event was "free," but the donation basket took in \$870 for a net profit of \$80, which went to the Boy Scouts.
    - People did respond well to beauty and elegance. We may want to modify the presentation of our breakfasts to increase attendance.
  - Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special event
- Congratulations to Rob McBurney for becoming a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree knight.
- Thanks to John Staab for leading the Rosary for the Unborn.
- The statue of Our Lady of Fatima came to the Parish on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - An Honor Guard was present.
  - Many people thanked the Grand Knight for supporting this project.
- A membership drive will be held this Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> (more details later in the meeting).
- Thanks to worthy Field Agent for meeting our insurance quota for the year even after we lost one insurance member last week. This saved our Star Council status.

### The Treasurer reported as follows

Checking balance: \$7,491.65

Savings Balance: \$7,084.25

The Council will need another signature on the checking and saving accounts after switching out officers.

### The following communications were read:

- Letter from NAMI Mid Carolina thanking Council for \$750 donation (part of Columbus Hope Foundation efforts).
  - Letter from Birthright asking for help with billboards.
    - Any action on this will wait until the next fraternal year.

# Financial Secretary report:

### Vouchers:

\$27.00 Per Capita from Supreme Council for dues adjustment \$5.50 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree State Council (for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree medallion)

**Receipts:** 

\$36.00 Dues from member (thanks to Sam for making this happen)

## The Trustees reported as follows:

- Audit is due at Supreme in the near future.
- Operation Hope workshop is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Grand Knights workshop is schedule for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## The Chancellor reported on vocations:

No Report.

## The following committees reported:

## <u>Membership</u>

- Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> is "Knights Day"
  - Knights and their families will be serving as Lecturers, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers at the Masses that day.
  - o Knights will also be hosting the Community Sunday event.
    - Grand Knight will take care of obtaining the donuts.
    - Please come after Mass and join in the Community Sunday social.
  - o A membership drive will be held concurrently.

## **Retention**

- As we approach the new fraternal year, incoming officers need to put together a committee to retain current members.
- Sam has been a retention committee of one for a while now.
- Typically, only 10- 20 % of the membership is active, and we need to improve on this.
- Per the Worthy Financial Secretary:
  - o Main purpose of the retention committee is to make contact with Knights.
  - More than 25% of members are delinquent on dues.
  - o Removing someone from the Knights of Columbus is very difficult.
    - Formal process to remove a member is complicated.
    - Cannot be done just for financial reasons.
  - o 114 current member (loss of one due to the passing of Curtis Barnes)
  - Members who are disabled need to complete a form to avoid paying dues. Only one member of our Council has filled out the form.

## Church Program

• Andrew Fromel was ordained to the Transitional Deaconate.

Football Concessions

- According to the Grand Knight, Chris Slota is very enthusiastic about continuing the concessions.
- Chris is willing to continue leading the effort, provided we can get enough volunteers to help.
- Since Chris was not present at this meeting, a motion made to table the discussion another month. The motion was 2nded and approved.

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

No report.

### The following new business was brought up:

- The worthy Treasurer proposed that the Council consider budgeting for 4<sup>th</sup> degree regalia next year.
  - Several 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members do not have regalia.
  - The regalia could be borrowed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members and returned as necessary.
- Columbus Hope State Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> and the Grand Knights Workshop on July 23<sup>th</sup>
  - Both events are at St. Joseph's, and we need to provide food for the events.
  - The State Council provides a budget (cost per person).
  - We typically purchase the food, and make about a dollar per person.
    - Would we be willing to make the food and try to make extra money?
      - Cooking the right amount of food ahead of time can be difficult, because many people don't bother to sign up in advance. Typically, more people show up at the door. A buffet would be easier to stretch out.
      - Past Grand Knight Workshops have had donuts for breakfast and a buffet of sandwich meat and bread for sandwiches at lunch.
      - The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, and Financial Secretary have to attend as participants at the Grand Knight Workshop. The Treasurer will most likely be out of town. Therefore, responsibility for working this event will have to fall to other people.
- Installation of officers is Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Brother Sean Corbett, who has been studying abroad, was introduced.
- Officer Elections
  - The Nomination Committee, composed of the 3 Trustees, put forth the following list of nominations. The list was read and those present stood:
    - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Year: John Long
    - Trustee 2<sup>nd</sup> Year: Mike Wilber
    - Trustee 1st Year: Robert Starkz
  - o Elections
    - One unanimous ballot cast for Kevin Maroney as Grand Knight.
    - One unanimous ballot cast for Jonathan Fletcher as Deputy Grand Knight.
    - One unanimous ballot cast for Jim Corbett as Chancellor.
    - One unanimous ballot cast for Randal Owens as Recorder.
    - One unanimous ballot cast for Rob Wiggs as Treasurer.

- One unanimous ballot cast for Rick Gleissner as Advocate.
- One unanimous ballot cast for Ron Childress as Warden.
- One unanimous ballot cast for Robert McBurney as Inside Guard.
- One unanimous ballot cast for Tom Militello as Outside Guard 1.
- One unanimous ballot cast for Patrick Blake as Outside Guard 2.
- One unanimous ballot cast for as John Long as 3 Year Trustee.
- One unanimous ballot cast for as Mike Wilber as 2 Year Trustee.
- One unanimous ballot cast for Robert Starkz as 1 Year Trustee.

### **Report of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

Installation of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Officers is on June 15<sup>th</sup>

- o At Council 724
- o \$10 per person

### The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

None

The District Deputy reported as follows:

None

#### Under Good of the Order:

- Solicitation made for prayers, and prayers offered (led by Chaplain).
  - St. Anthony's feast day is coming up on June 13<sup>th</sup> (special affinity for Italians).
    - A summary of his biography was read.
    - He is the Patron Saint of people whose lives has gone through upheaval and taken on a new direction.
    - Personal reflection by Tom Militello: Thomas Blake had lost his grandfather's hat at a Boy Scout camping trip at Poinsett Park. Tom and others prayed to St. Anthony on way home, asking for his intercession in finding the hat. The Blake family went back to Poinsett Park and found the hat.

### **Chaplains summation:**

Amazing what Knights accomplish for the Church and the Parish. Thanks to what you have done and what you will do in the future.

Closing prayer was said by: Chaplain at 8:47 PM

Attest: John Staab

Recorder: John Staab