



MEETING: 9 August 2018 (no quorum)

Council was called to order at: 6:35 pm by: GK.

Prayer was offered by: GK.

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused, V-Vacant):

Chaplain: E
Grand Knight: P
Deputy Grand Knight: E
Chancellor: P
Recorder: P
Financial Secretary: E
Treasurer: P
Lecturer: P
Advocate: P
Warden: E
Inside Guard: A
Outside Guard: A
Trustee (3rd Yr.): P
Trustee (2nd Yr.): A
Trustee (1st Yr.): A

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes for July and August business meetings will be posted online to Council's website.

Membership Report: None.

The results of balloting were: None.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Wine and cheese festival will be on 7 Sep to support seminarian. Will take place at St Joseph from 6-8pm.
- 7 Oct will be next Council blood drive and breakfast. Will need volunteers and donors.
- Elementary school raffle upcoming.
- On 12 Aug. Council will sponsor a table at parish community Sunday (during all masses) to recruit perspective Knights and to advertise wine and cheese festival. Point of contact is Rob McBurney. Need volunteers.
- Discussed online Virtual Knight process.
- District Deputy discussed Faith in Action program.

The Treasurer reported as follows: Provided by Rob Wiggs.

- Checking balance: \$6,235.54
- Savings balance: \$7,092.93

The following communications were read: None.

Financial Secretary report: None.

- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$



The Trustees reported as follows:

- Jim Corbett noted that Council's audit is complete.

Report on Service: None.

The Chancellor reported as follows: None.

The following committees reported:

- Membership: None.
- Fundraising: None.
- Youth: Message sent by Tom Militello.
 - 28 youth participated in home repair event on 22-28 July. It was quite successful.
 - 26 Aug will be back to school youth ministry event from 6-8pm in Blossom House. Youth in grades 5-12 are invited with parents. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.
 - Still need volunteers for November ping pong tournament.
- Community: None.
- Family and Council Committee: None.
- Church: None.
- Retention: None.

Discussion on Council Calendar: None.

New business was taken up and disposed as follows: None.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows: None.

Report of Patriotic Degree: None.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows: None.

The District Deputy reported as follows: By Jerry Whitman. 8 Sep, Second Degree exemplification in Irmo. 29 Sep, State Bowling tournament at AMF Columbia Lanes on Bush River Road.

Announcements: None.

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the following Brothers and family members in your prayers: Lester Johnson, Damien Masse, Johnny Nix, William Gatling, Bernard Corbett, Sam Kopack, Alberto Alvarez, Terry McWaters, John Durst, Alex Wiggs, and Bob and Ann Nerbun.

Under Good of the Order: By Mike Wilbur.

- Discussed the cornerstone principles of truth and their relation to freedom as presented in St John Paul II's *Veritatis Splendor*.

Chaplain's summation: None.



Closing prayer was offered by: GK at 7:25pm.

Attest,
Randall G. Owens
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Recorder

"WEEKEND WINE DOWN"

WINE TASTING

AT ST. JOSEPH'S

TICKET \$35

7 SEPT

6PM - 8PM

Benefitting Diocese of
Charleston Seminararians
and
ReNew-Esther's Journey,
a pre-release prison
ministry

Donor Hall @ Ministries &
Administration Building
Hors d'oeuvres provided by
Family Fellowship &
Knights of Columbus

(must be at least 21 years of age to attend)

Freedom

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. (*The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America*, July 4, 1776.)

You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. (John 8:32)

The human issues most frequently debated and differently resolved in contemporary moral reflection are all closely related, albeit in various ways, to a crucial issue: *human freedom*. (*Veritatis Splendor*, John Paul II, 1993.)

Certain currents of modern thought have gone so far as to *exalt freedom to such an extent that it becomes an absolute, which would then be the source of values*. This is the direction taken by doctrines which have lost the sense of the transcendent or which are explicitly atheist. The individual conscience is accorded the status of a supreme tribunal of moral judgment which hands down categorical and infallible decisions about good and evil. To the affirmation that one has a duty to follow one's conscience is unduly added the affirmation that one's moral judgment is true merely by the fact that it has its origin in the conscience. But in this way the inescapable claims of truth disappear, yielding their place to a criterion of sincerity, authenticity and "being at peace with oneself", so much so that some have come to adopt a radically subjectivistic conception of moral judgment. (*Veritatis Splendor*, John Paul II, 1993.)

As is immediately evident, *the crisis of truth* is not unconnected with this development. Once the idea of a universal truth about the good, knowable by human reason, is lost, inevitably the notion of conscience also changes. Conscience is no longer considered in its primordial reality as an act of a person's intelligence, the function of which is to apply the universal knowledge of the good in a specific situation and thus to express a judgment about the right conduct to be chosen here and now. Instead, there is a tendency to grant to the individual conscience the prerogative of independently determining the criteria of good and evil and then acting accordingly. Such an outlook is quite congenial to an individualist ethic, wherein each individual is faced with his own truth, different from the truth of others. Taken to its extreme consequences, this individualism leads to a denial of the very idea of human nature. (*Veritatis Splendor*, John Paul II, 1993.)

Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?". *The question of morality*, to which Christ provides the answer, *cannot prescind from the issue of freedom*. Indeed, it considers that issue central, for there can be no morality without freedom: "It is only in freedom that man can turn to what is good". *But what sort of freedom?* The Council, considering our contemporaries who "highly regard" freedom and "assiduously pursue" it, but who "often cultivate it in wrong ways as a licence to do anything they please, even evil", speaks of "*genuine*" freedom: "Genuine freedom is an outstanding manifestation of the divine image in man. For God willed to leave

man "in the power of his own counsel" (cf. *Sir* 15:14), so that he would seek his Creator of his own accord and would freely arrive at full and blessed perfection by cleaving to God". *Veritatis Splendor*, John Paul II, 1993.)

Although each individual has a right to be respected in his own journey in search of the truth, there exists a prior moral obligation, and a grave one at that, to seek the truth and to adhere to it once it is known. As Cardinal John Henry Newman, that outstanding defender of the rights of conscience, forcefully put it: "Conscience has rights because it has duties". *Veritatis Splendor*, John Paul II, 1993, footnotes omitted.)