

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council 10558

October 21, 2014

Officers present: Grand Knight Martin, Acting Treasurer Balch, Recorder Shelton, Lecturer Critelli, Chaplain Hartshorn, Inside Guard Vittetoe, Trustee Klapp, and Trustee Harrington.

Guests: State Deputy Dan Werner, District Deputy Dick Brdicko, District Warden Denny Hagedorn, and State Training Director and past District Deputy Joe Herrity.

The meeting was preceded by recitation of the Rosary and a chili dinner and then opened at 7:15 PM with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

State Deputy Dan Werner presented to GK Martin the Supreme Double Star Council Award plaque for 2013-14 for meeting and exceeding (doubling) our membership and insurance goals and for sponsorship of a variety of service activities. Photos were taken.

REPORTS

Minutes from the Council Meeting on August 19, 2014, as submitted by Dane Shelton, Recorder, and the 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification on September 28, as submitted by PGK Hauser were approved.

Acting Treasurer Mike Balch gave a preliminary estimate of the balance in our checking account.

OLD BUSINESS

Grand Knight Martin reported the following items:

Posters (18 X 24) urging parishioners to pray for our seminarians are on display at the parish entrances. An 8 ½ x 11 version was also inserted in the church bulletin. Thanks to Steve Pyle and PGK Hauser for a good job on the poster.

Don Hauser did a great job collecting donations for Football Frenzy having received 184 donations. FF competition commences with the first NFL weekend in November and runs for eight weeks.

2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplifications were held here on September 28 for 36 men, 18 of whom were Council 10558 members. These Exemplifications were the second time sponsored by the Council since it was chartered in April 1991.

Council 10558 Knights served meals for the two CRHP Retreat weekends. Thanks to Rob Den Hartog for preparing the meal for the men's CRHP, and all others who participated.

Several Knights helped implement altar server training.

Lecturer Tre Critelli gave a talk about the Rosary. October is the Month of the Rosary. He made two suggestions for our use in praying the Rosary:

1. Put in specific name(s) you are praying for in lieu of “us sinners” in the Hail Mary.
2. Enrich your knowledge of scripture by finding new mysteries you can contemplate while praying the Rosary. As an example, Tre handed out a flyer he developed on “The Healing Mysteries”.

PGK Hauser reminded us that at the last meeting we passed a motion to pray for our seminarians at every meeting. Accordingly we prayed an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for Nick Smith and Ryan Welch.

NEW BUSINESS

The Coats for Kids drive is underway. There was an announcement in the bulletin in September, and a second one inserted for weekend of October 18-19. Last year we collected enough to buy 22 cases of coats (12 coats/case). KofC dues form, coming out next month, will have a line for members to contribute to the Year-End Project, which will be Coats for Kids. GK Martin encouraged all Knights to go to Catholic Charities to observe the distribution of coats.

Motion by Don Hauser that he be authorized to order coats at the end of this week, based on collections to date, rounded up to the nearest case, the balance to be paid by the Council. Seconded by Brown. Passed.

GK Martin reported a new wi-fi system has been installed in the church hall and basement. Parish Business Manager Andy Ball has asked if the Knights could help with the cost of this system.

Motion by Tre Critelli to contribute \$300 for the wi-fi system. Seconded by Deacon Pins. Amendment by Mike Balch to revisit this issue next month for possible increased participation. Seconded by Pins. Motion and Amendment passed.

Paul Martin reported he placed parishioner Mark Melton’s name on the Iowa K of C Perpetual Memorial. Mark recently passed away as the result of an accident. He was active in administration of CHRP.

CPID – There will be a Tootsie Roll Drive at Dahl's in November. Volunteers for 2-hour shifts are needed. (Subsequently, Saturday, November 15 has been reserved at Dahl's for the CPID collections and Tootsie Roll distribution.)

We need to have another First Degree Exemplification before the end of the year.

Trustee Tony Klapp reported the Saint George Trek is The National Catholic Committee on Scouting’s high adventure Catholic leadership program for older Catholic Boy Scouts at Philmont Scout Ranch in Sangre de Cristo Mountains near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Andrew Cernicky wants to go to this in July 2015, and needs help funding the trip. Tony will bring this up at the next meeting. GK Martin expressed support for this request. Cernicky is to be invited to the November council meeting to present his request.

Deacon Fred Pins reported the Parish Council has a new-member reception scheduled for November 9 after the 10 AM Mass, which is the date of the next Kof C Pancake Breakfast.

Motion by Deacon Pins that newcomers attending the reception be served a free pancake breakfast. Seconded by Harrington. Passed.

The St. Augustin Pro-Life Committee (chaired by Norma Pins) is asking for funds to help send young people and chaperones to Washington DC in January for the March for Life. GK Martin said a contribution will be budgeted. The Council also has hand held placards which can be used if desired.

Field Agent Steve Tatz reported that Knights of Columbus continues to be one of the top-rated insurance companies in the country. He congratulated Council 10558 for being named a Double Star Council, and for being an “exemplary council”.

District Deputy Dick Brdicko reported there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on October 24th in Altoona, he reported on the K of C wheelchair project; and he reminded us we will receive extra points for new members signed up before December 31.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Faithfully submitted,

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