

**ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN COUNCIL #7612
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2010

The Business Meeting was called to order by the Grand Knight at 7:30 p.m. The Grand Knight led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of officers:

Chaplain Deacon Todd Smith - Present
GK S/K Greg Lynch – Present
DGK S/K Joe Eagle – Present
Chancellor S/K Bill Rooney – Present
Warden Dave Johnston – Present
Financial Secretary PGK S/K Richard Unglesbee – Excused
Treasurer S/K Otto Greul – Present
Advocate PGK S/K Steve Ransdell – Present
Lecturer PGK S/K John McCuen – Present
Inside Guard S/K Pat McKenzie – Present
Inside Guard S/K George Snideker – Excused
Outside Guard S/K Dan Hundertmark – Present
Trustee 3 year PGK S/K Tom Greul – Present
Trustee 2 year PGK S/K Chris Ryder – Excused
Trustee 1 year PGK S/K Larry Brown – Present
Recorder S/K Ray Miles – Present

Chancellor read a passage from the Bible.

Minutes of the April Business Meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Recorder read one Form 100 for membership. The Council vote to accept the applicant without dissent.

Grand Knight's report: GK reminded all of the upcoming events such as the Hospitality Suite at the Convention and he reported on the successful Blood Drive and the Pit Beef's participation in the Haley's Wish event. GK reminded all that elections of the new officers will occur later in the meeting.

GK announced the upcoming Triple Header. May 19 is the 1st Degree; May 20th is the 2nd Degree both events here at our home. May 21st is the 3rd Degree at Westminster Council (The Portico)

GK present Collin Rodin with the Supreme VIP Award.

GK announced the Knight of the Month for April as Brother Jim Mohammed and Family of the Month as the David Love family.

Chaplain's Report: Deacon Todd spent a few minutes talking about being true brothers. Do we really love each others as brothers just like we do our family? If we don't love each others as brothers, then what are we doing here in this council? Deacon Todd challenged the members to make time to reflect on two things for the next meeting. What have I done personally to better understand God in my life? What have I done personally as an act of brotherly love toward another of our members? Plan to share our experience and thoughts at the next council meeting. If we can't spill our guts to each other, than we are not acting the way we should be acting. We are expected to do this because we are family.

Treasurer's Report:

Plases see the Council's Treasurer or Financial Secretary for the Treasurer's Report.

Bills and Communications: The Recorder read 3 communications.

The first two notes are from Mary Wilhide thanking the Pit Beef Crew and the Council for all of our support to Rick, herself, and her family over the years, especially during the past two difficult years.

The 3rd letter is from Ms. Rose Young, Teacher Advisor to the LHS RoboLions Team thanking the council for the donation of \$200 from the February FLL event held at Liberty High.

Financial Secretary's Report: No report.

Trustee's Report: No Report

Chancellor's Report: No Report

Membership Committee: DGK Joe Eagle reported that the Council will have 3 candidates for the 1st Degree on May 19.

Programs:

Youth Director: No Report.

Family Director: No Report.

Council Activities:

Concession Stand: Ray reported that the Lacrosse event on April 17th netted \$434 for the Home Corp. Upcoming events include Sat, May 29th NCAA Lacrosse Semi-Final to benefit either the Home Corp or the Council. Sun, May 30th, NCAA Division II and III Lacrosse finals to benefit the LHS RoboLions. We have not committed to the Mon, May 30 NCAA Division I Final but he is trying to work with St Bart's to work that day. If we work all 3 days, the commission will jump from 10% to 12% for all 3 games. Sat, June 5 is a baseball game at Oriole Park for the Benefit of the Council.

Pit Beef: PGK Tom Greul reported on the Haley's Wish Cookout activity. The Pit Beef netted \$166.12 after paying all bills and making a donation to Haley's Wish. Tom also reported that the Carroll County Health Department has changed procedures, especially to avoid cross-contamination. The Pit Beef crew has been trained and certified. Tom also announced that all of the members of the Pit Beef Crew are signing Rick Wilhides Pit Beef T-Shirt. The shirt will be framed and hung on the trailer door in memory of Rick. Next event is the Fiddler's Convention on June 13th.

Public Relations: No report

Grand Knight's Picnic: GK Greg announced the Picnic on June 30th at the Home at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to the GK to order the food.

Car Raffle: Carnival dates at Sykesville are June 21 to 26. The winner of last year's raffle sales will be announced at the convention in a few weeks.

Council Awards Banquet: PGK Larry Brown announced that the awards banquet is planned for Sat, June 12 at the Council Home at 5 p.m. Invitations will be mailed shortly and the menu has been planned. Dress is coat and tie for gentleman, ladies appropriate dress.

Community Activities: Brother Pat McKenzie reported on the Highway Clean-Up and Blood Drive.

Church: PGK Peter O'Sullivan reported on the Priest Appreciation Reception following the 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 25th. Great attendance despite the weather.

Pro-Life Activities: Brother Al Grasley reported that a few states have taken pro-life stances and should be supported.

Quarter Auction: Tom Greul reported that the Sheen's hosted 136 guests at the Quarter Auction and made roughly \$1,200.

7612 Charities, Inc: No report.

Home Corp – PGK Tom reported that the Home Corp is planning a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament for a future date. The next Home Corp Meeting is Tuesday, May 18.

Advocate's Report: PKG Steve Ransdall summarized the recent unpleasantness we have experienced by announcing that all charges brought against Brothers John McCuen are charges were dismissed by a trial community, charges against Ray Miles were dismissed by the District Deputy as being without merit, and charges against Tom Greul were also dismissed by the District Deputy as being without merit. Steve reported that all proceedings in these matters are complete and we anticipate no further actions.

4th Degree: Faithful Navigator John Ramming announced the annual Preakness Festival Project on Sat, May 15th. Please see John for details if you are interested in helping

Unfinished Business: PGK John Ramming rose to inform the council of the report of the District Deputy on the recent proceedings. Advocate Steve Ransdall offered to the GK that the matter has been completed and any necessary report of information has been provided to the Council. PGK John suggested that there is a lot more detail that the council should be made aware of. GK Greg sought the advice of Advocate Steve who consulted with the District Deputy who was in attendance. The Advocate advised that PGK John could submit his information in writing the his correspondence will be made part of the official record. However, Steve noted that the District Deputy's report is already a part of the official record. PGK John rose asking that his communication be read to the council, as is customary for all correspondence. GK Greg stated that the Advocate's summation was sufficient to meet the requirement and decided to not allow any further reading of the District Deputy's Report.

GK Greg turned the gavel to PGK Larry Brown for the conduct of the election of officer for the new fraternal year. PGK Larry announced that all candidates are qualified and have agreed to serve if elected. Larry read the list of candidates (please see the April issue of The Communique' for the list). Larry asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The Recorder was asked to record 1 unanimous vote for the slate of officers for the new fraternal year. The list of candidates were elected to the designated positions as listed in the April Communique'

New Business: Council Advocate Steve Ransdall rose to read a new personal behavior policy that the Grand Knight is implementing immediately. Steve explained the reasoning behind the new policy. The policy requires due respect between all Brothers of the Council. The policy includes a tiered discipline process for anyone who violates the policy. For the first offense, the GK will fraternally ask the offending party to apologize to the offended party. For the second offense, a petition for a 1 month suspension will be forwarded to the District Deputy. A third offense will result in a petition for a 3 month suspension being forwarded to the District Deputy. A fourth offense will result in a petition for permanent suspension being forwarded to Supreme. The policy applies to all current members of this Council and applies to all oral, written, email communications, or other electronic communications between Brother Knights. A copy of the policy is attached to the official minutes of this meeting.

A discussion followed to clarify the intent and application of the policy. A point of order was called by PGK John Ramming. Advocate Steve accepted the Point of Order but responded that the GK does have the authority to implement such a policy. In fact, the new policy has been reviewed and has the support of the current and the designated District Deputies and the State Advocate.

Steve emphasized that the purpose of the policy is to stop the egregious actions between and against Brother Knights that have recently occurred within the Council. Steve also noted that the policy will have to be renewed upon change of Grand Knight each year.

DGK Joe Eagle rose to indicate that sufficient time has been devoted to this topic and it is in the best interest of the Council to close this discussion and move on with other business.

DGK Joe made a motion to spend \$200 to print copies of the Council's By-Laws for distribution to council members. The motion was seconded and was approved by the members.

DGK Joe rose to encourage our members to attend the State Convention in Ocean City because Brother Peter and his wife Jeanne are being honored by the State Council.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor: PGK Tom Partenope encourage all members to review their insurance portfolios to insure that our families will be properly taken care of upon our death.

District Deputy's Report: DD Steve Partenope congratulated Joe Eagle and the other newly elected officers of the Council. Steve thanked the Council for its donation to the ultrasound machine, bringing the District's total donation to \$1,000. DD Steve encouraged the members to bring their candidates to the 2nd and 3rd Degrees next week and help them advance in the Brotherhood.

Sick and Deceased List: The Sick and Deceased List was updated.

Good of the Order: The Good of the Order for \$154 was won by PGK Joe Hegarty who was in attendance. Next month's prize will be \$41.

GK led the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.