

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

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**October 14, 2009**

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 Joe Eagle – Present  
Chancellor S/K Bill Rooney – Present  
Warden Dave Johnston – Excused  
Financial Secretary PGK S/K Richard Unglesbee – Present  
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 – Present  
Outside Guard S/K Dan Hundertmark – Present  
Trustee 3 year PGK S/K Tom Greul – Present  
Trustee 2 year PGK S/K Chris Ryder – Present  
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 August meeting were read and approved.

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The Recorder read one application of Michael Driscoll for transfer into the Council. The members voted to accept Michael into the Council.

**Grand Knight's report:** GK reported on two very busy months and thank all council members and family members who helped make the various activities successful.

GK reminded the membership of the upcoming German Festival on Nov 7 at St Joe's.

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Patriot's Dinner is coming up on November at The Portico in Westminster.

GK encouraged all members to continue to recruit new members.

GK announced that Brothers Steve Zyla and Bill Wachter have achieved the 10 year membership level. Brothers Tom Greul and Greg Lynch achieved their 5 year anniversary.

GK distributed Blessed Prayer Cards from the Eucharistic Council in Washington, DC.

GK reminded the membership of the Spring Crab Dinner and any membership meeting the Silver Knight award will attend the dinner at no cost.

GK presented Deacon Todd Smith with the Family of the Month for August and October Knight of the Month to Brother Ray Miles. The October Family of the Month was awarded to the John Hundertmark Family.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Deleted from the web version of the minutes. Available to members upon request to the Reporter.

### **Communications and Bills:**

One communication from the family of Tim McCuen thanking the Council for prayers was read.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** FS named several members who achieved Honorary Life Member status. George Moriatis and Ron White have achieved Honorary Member. FS noted that the DD will meet with him this evening to review the accounting and bookkeeping procedures.

FS listed the income and expenses for the Dues and Council fund. Dues income \$126.00, ads expense \$75.00 for Columbus Day Ball; 9 tickets for Columbus Day Ball \$382.50; Communique expenses \$19.52. In the Charity Fund, charity box income of \$100.00; car raffle \$202, \$61, \$44.60; Seminarian rebate \$100. Expenses paid out included \$100 to Leukemia for MD State Council; Winfield VFD \$100; 2 unnamed personal donations of \$300 each. General fund transactions include income of \$1,100 from Beef Pit; car raffle \$190; Wine festival Beef Pit \$10,779; Crab Night Social \$680; Century High School Beef Pit \$630.75; Beef Pit Fall Harvest Days \$4,311; Tootsie Roll drive \$1,272.81; car raffle \$63 and \$48.40; Home Depot Beef Pit \$481.83; Seminarian rebate \$200. Expenses include food for Council Installation \$263.97 and \$122; St Joe's Youth Group \$400; phone tree \$108.30; BJ Warehouse Beef Pit \$291.93; October Fest \$50 and \$200; Mass Cards \$59; phone tree \$45.38; council meeting refreshments \$123.47; propane supply \$47.07; groceries \$147.76; bread \$49.16; Carroll County foods \$298.44; charcoal \$264.92; bread \$372.50; beef pit food \$2,987.51; CUF \$1,000 for trailer; Carroll County Farm Museum \$1,038.75; crab night social \$705.86; German Fest \$262.20; Beef Pit \$157.29; food \$61.04 and \$33.58; Century High School Varsity Club \$200; food \$169.31; MD State Council \$376.80 for raffle tickets; food \$223.50 and \$1,227.79; Carroll County Farm Museum \$413; Comptroller of MD Sales Tax \$1,128.11; MD State Council \$48.40 for raffle tickets; Sheens Colleen's Seminarian Rebate \$200.

FS emphasized that the Council must pay state sales tax on all food products sold.

**Trustee's Report:** No report.

**Chancellor's Report:** No report on vocations.

**Membership Report:** S/K John Hundertmark thank members for bringing in new members and urged members to continue their recruiting effort to achieve our goal of 21 new members this year.

**Church:** No Report.

**Community:** PGK Tom Greul members to buy tickets to the German Fest on Nov 7, 6:30 to 9 p.m. costing \$30 per people. Authentic foods, music, and souvenirs will be featured. Plan to attend.

George Snediker reported on the last Highway Cleanup for the year and completing our 20<sup>th</sup> year of this program.

**Council Activities:**

**Car Raffle:** DGK Joe made a final report of the Car Raffle sales. Although no one from southern Carroll County, the Council sold a total of 7,513 raffle tickets, setting a new Council record.

**Concession Stands:** S/K Ray Miles reported that the Council worked the last baseball game of the season on Oct 4. Upcoming events include Nov 1, Nov 29 and Dec 20 at M&T Stadium. The Nov 1 game is designated for Home Corp. The Dec 20 game is designated for the Liberty H/S Robolions. Ray also announced that the annual TIPS training will occur in late February.

**Pit Beef:** PGK Tom Greul reported that in the past year, the Pit Beef crew worked 7 events raising \$10,428 for the Council and worked 1,114 volunteer hours. Tom asked for help for the 3 events this coming weekend.

**Golf Tournament:** Dan Hundertmark reported that 96 golfers participated in the Golf Tournament. Dan thanked all who helped. The tournament raised about \$6,300.

**Christmas Cards:** Dan announced that Christmas Cards and Advent Candle sales will start on November 1.

**Art Auction:** Deacon Todd reported that the committee is looking for a different venue in which to hold the auction this year. Nothing else to report.

**Public Relations:** No Report

Chancellor Bill Rooney announced the Memorial Mass on Thursday, Nov 19 at St Joe's. Bill also announced that the Council Minutes are now on the web page.

Brother Rich Unglesbee reported the need to buy one or two new meat slicers to replace the old slicers. Rich reported that a percentage of each beef pit event will go toward paying for the new equipment. Brother Tom reported that one slicer costs about \$4,000.

Brother Otto reported on behalf of Dave Johnston that he has raised about \$1,333 for the Tootsie Roll campaign so far.

GK reported that proceeds from the Advent Candle sales will go toward helping our designated Christmas family this year.

**Youth Report:** No report.

**Right to Life:** No report.

Brother Otto announced that the Sheen's Colleens are sponsoring a dinner out project at Chili's on Oct 24 where anyone with the Chili's flyer from the bulletin eating at Chili's, Chili's will donate 10% to the Sheen's.

**Family:** No Report.

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report:** Faithful Navigator John Ramming thanked the Council for its continuing support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and its programs. John announced the Patriot's Dinner on Nov 8 at The Portico in Westminster. The dinner costs \$20 per person and starts at 4 p.m.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Renewal of Obligation is scheduled for the January 2010 Assembly meeting. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Frederick.

Brother Tom Greul reported that the Color Corp participated in the Eucharistic Congress in Washington and announced upcoming events at the Patriot's Dinner, the State Memorial Mass, and the 7612 Memorial Mass.

Brother John Ramming reminded the members of the Men's Cornerstone Retreat at the Bon Securs Retreat Center. The cost is \$125.

**7612 Charities, Inc:** No Report

**Home Corp:** Defers to the Annual Membership Meeting immediately following the Business Meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** PGK S/K Rich Unglesbee, FS, asked for approval of the motion to increase the new dues structure as \$40 per regular member, \$26 for insured members 25 years old and younger; \$15 for honorary members, and no dues for honorary life members, active duty military members and member workings for or with a spouse working for the US in a foreign assignment as of January 1, 2010. The motion was published in the Communique'. Steve Ransdell opposes the motion and expressed his

concerns. Paul Petroski asked for clarification on how the dues are expended. Brothers Rich and Otto explained the expenses that are paid out of the dues. DGK Joe supports the motion stating that similar fraternal organizations have similar dues structures. The vote was called and the motion passed with 1 nay and 2 abstention votes cast.

Brother Peter O'Sullivan announced the State Memorial Mass on Sunday Nov 15 at St Mary's Seminary on Roland Ave at 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person for the reception which follows. Also, the Council's necrology needs to be submitted to Bernie Clausen.

**New Business:** None

**Insurance Agent's Report:** No report.

**District Deputy's Report:** On behalf of the DD, the GK announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Council. Candidates report at 7:30 and the degree starts at 8 p.m.

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

**Good of the Order:** Brother John McCuen announced the annual Halloween Party at the Council Home on Oct 28 and is open to the public. Brother Rick Wilhide's name was pulled but he was not present to win the \$113 Good of the Order prize. Next month's prize will be \$144.

**Chaplain's Summation:** Chaplain Deacon Todd spent a few minutes discussing the life of Pierre Teilhard de' Chardin. de' Chardin was a faith filled man who lived a very long, religious, and scientific life and believe in the scientific foundations of life that occurred as the product of God's grace. He was an ordained priest and wrote a dairy of his life, "The Phenomenon of Life". He summarized everything as being based in charity to others.

GK led the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Ray Miles, Recorder