

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

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 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 – Present
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 – Excused
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 – 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 October meeting as published on the website were approved.

The October Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

The Recorder read 4 applications for membership into the Knights of Columbus and this Council; Gregory Tignor, Richard Ingels, Anthony E. Gioio, Anthony C. Gioio. All 3 applications were approved.

The Business was suspended to conduct the Exemplification of the 1st Degree.

Grand Knight's report: GK welcomed the new council members and asked each to stand and introduce themselves.

GK reported a busy month of October and a lot of business coming up in the next two months.

GK asked all members to continue their efforts to help the less fortunate in the community.

GK reported an outstanding German Fest this past weekend.

GK awarded an Honorary Membership to George Moriatis and Honorary Life Membership to Dave Smith.

October Knight of the Month is Alex Kerr. October Family of the Month is the Mike McLoughlin 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 Home Corp to the GK and Financial Secretary absolving the Council of any past due rent and reducing the monthly rent from \$1,200 to \$300 per month, reviewable and, if necessary, adjustable at the start of the new Fraternal Year.

Financial Secretary's Report:

IRS 990 tax returns have been completed and will be mailed tomorrow.

FS must file the annual Special Olympics report. If anyone, including family members, has contributed hours to any Special Olympic event, please let FS Rich know as soon as possible.

Dues notices will be mailed between Christmas and New Year's. Please return your dues and your annual charitable hour report back to FS Rich as soon as possible. Dues have increased to \$40 per year for regular members. Honorary Member dues are \$15 and Honorary Life Member dues is \$0.

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. John informed the new members of the Shining Armor Award.

4th Degree: Faithful Navigator John Ramming welcomed the new members of the Knights and explained the 4th Degree to them. FN John reminded 4th Degree Knights of the Renewal of Obligation will be at the January meeting. The 4th Degree Exemplification is scheduled for March 26 and 27 in Frederick.

Programs: Program Director Otto Greul deferred to each of the Committee Chairs.

Church Activities: S/K Peter O'Sullivan remind the members of the State Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 15 at 3 p.m. at St Mary's Seminary on Roland Ave. All are invited.

The Council Memorial Mass is Thursday, November 19 at St. Joe's at 7 p.m. followed by a reception.

Brother Peter introduced the members of the 1st Degree Team.

Brother Joe Winterling solicited help and input to the Parish Pictorial Directory. Please see Joe to help.

Brother Chris Ryder informed the new members of the Father McGivney Guild and encouraged all members to join the Guild.

Youth Activities: No Report. GK Greg announced that the Council will be hosting St Nick's Workshop for the Youth on Dec 5 at the Home.

Right to Life Activities: Brother Al Grasley asked for continued prayers for the unborn and to start planning now to attend the annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 22.

Family Activities: Brother Al Grasley reported that the next Family Movie Night is Saturday, November 14 at St Joe's. Next Movie Night will be in January after the holidays.

GK announced for the annual Adopt a Family project, the Council is sponsoring a Mother and 3 young children to collect food and clothing items.

Council Activities: Chairman S/K Ray Miles deferred to the Activity Chairs.

Car Raffle: DGK Joe Eagle made a final report of the Car Raffle sales. The Council sold a total of 7,513 raffle tickets, setting a new Council record. S/K reported at the state level, total sales amounted to 224,000 tickets were sold by 124 councils, raising \$90,000 for the state scholarship fund. Local council's netted \$134,000 this year. The top selling council will be announced at the annual convention. FS Rich noted that the Council's Charity Fund netted about \$3,000 from the sale of raffle tickets.

Pit Beef: No report.

Christmas Cards: Brother Dan Hundertmark provided a status on the sale of Christmas cards, Advent candles, and Advent wreaths.

Concession Stands: S/K Ray Miles reported that the Nov 1 game is designated for Home Corp and generated approximately \$629 for the Home Corp. The next game is the Sunday night game on November 29 at 8:20 p.m. Calls for volunteers will start tomorrow. 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.

Public Relations: No Report

German Fest: Brother Pat McKenzie reported a very successful evening. Pat reported that 189 paying customers attended and estimated a net income of about \$2,500 from the event. Home Corp generated \$345 income from the sale of Dave Smith's items.

7612 Charities, Inc: No Report

Brother Otto Greul announced the Council Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec 19th at the Council Home. Otto also announced the New Year's Eve Party on Dec 31. More information forthcoming via email and the Communique'.

Home Corp: Brother Otto described the Home Corp to the new members. Otto announced the results of the election of Home Corp officers as Tom Greul, President; Otto Greul, Vice President; Dave Smith, Treasure; and Ray Miles, Secretary. Otto reported that various upgrades to the grounds have been completed and the bathroom renovation is well underway. The next Home Corp meeting is Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m. here in the Council Home. All future Home Corp meetings will be the Monday following the monthly Council Business Meeting. The Home Corp is hosting a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb 7. More information to come.

7612 Charities, Inc: No Report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Insurance Agent's Report: Brother Tom Forsythe, representing Brother Mike Hurley, spent a few minutes explaining the Order's insurance program.

District Deputy's Report: DD Steve Partenope asked all veteran's to stand and be recognized. DD Steve welcomes the new members to the Order and the Council and urged the new members to get active in the Council and Order. DD announced the upcoming 2nd Degree in Westminster on December 1 at 7:30 p.m. and the upcoming 1st Degrees coming up in the District.

DD reminded the members of the 2 High School and 2 College Scholarships that the State Council sponsors each year.

Good of the Order: The Good of the Order for \$114 was won by S/K John Hundertmark. Next month's prize will be \$37. S/K Larry Brown explained the Good of the Order and the Kitchen Fund to the new members.

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

Chaplain's Summation: Chaplain Deacon Todd asked the Council to spend a few minutes praying for all past and present veterans. Chaplain Todd then spent a few minutes discussing his recent visit to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC. Deacon Todd asked for continued prayers for our veterans.

GK announced that this evening's 1st Degree was dedicated to our pastor Fr. Terry Weik.

GK led the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Ray Miles, Recorder