

Meeting Minutes

February 08, 2015

Knights of Columbus #12985

- The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
- Opening prayers were offered by DGK John Duff
- Number of regular meeting attendees: ~27
- An Officers meeting was conducted on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7:05 pm

Roll of Officers was called:

Chaplain: Fr. P. Omogo	E	Financial Sec: B. Snowdin	P	Inside Guard: L. Conard	P
Grand Knight: K. Schulist	E	Treasurer: G. Horn	E	Outside Guard: H. Welsh	P
Deputy GK: J. Duff	P	Lecturer: J. Luttrull	P	Trustee (3 rd Yr): S. Nagengast	P
Chancellor: C. Cumings	P	Advocate: M. Schulist	E	Trustee (2 nd Yr): A. Greiner	P
Recorder: G. Greiner	P	Warden: R. Edgerton	P	Trustee (1 st Yr): M. Cook	P

Officers Meeting – 02/10/2015:

K. Schulist	J. Duff	B. Snowdin	M. Cook	M. Schulist
C. Cumings	R. Edgerton	G. Greiner		

Agenda:

CD Transfer Status

- Transfer \$4,000 to Fish Fry (FF) Reserve.
- Consider a higher yielding account for the FF fund, i.e., SSB checking, high-yield or other account that will generate more interest.
- There are 4 FF CDs maturing: ~ March 7, March 11, May and June of 2015. Consider moving these from CD's to a higher interest bearing account.
 - The minutes of February 9, 2014 records a vote to move the FF funds to a more liquid account, providing Ed Christner felt this was a wise move.
- Consider using some of the FF money next year, i.e., \$10,000, to help offset what the church has to front for the FF fish and supplies.

Membership Blitz

- The Blitz will be held the weekend of March 7 & 8, 2015.
- Fr. Peter is aware and willing to help us again with an announcement at St. James and Our Lady of Assumption.
- Will need posters and handouts. We may have what materials are needed for this blitz.
- There was a suggestion to set up a table in the Narthex with literature and brochures, during the Fish Fry.
- Consider setting up a recruiting table during the St. James 4th Degree meeting on February 24, 2015.
- Need to have someone with literature and forms at OLA the weekend of the Blitz.

- The Blitz will require 6-8 men at each Mass.
- A potential good candidate: Vince Bonczyk
- March 1, 2015 is a scheduled 1st Degree.
- April 12, 2015 will also be a 1st Degree.
- Next Officer Meeting will be based on need or prior to the May 3, 2015 (tentative).

Program Involvement

- We have 136 members in our council and therefore we have a lot of excellent resources to call on, to help with our programs. We owe it to our Brother Knights to call on them more to help with these programs and to get more of them involved.

Quarterly Newsletter

- We should put in the newsletter: Members who have been Knight for less than a year can buy an annuity for as little as \$100. Knights who have been members > 1 year, the lowest cost annuity available is \$300. (This can be a very good investment. See Joe Tackx our Insurance Agent.)

State Convention

- There was a brief discussion regarding 3rd degree members that would like to go to the State Convention this spring. There were no immediate volunteers.
- During the officers meeting, it was suggested to give the following men an opportunity to go. WGK Kodi will follow-up with this:
 - Ron Spoelhof
 - Dave Schmitt
 - Larry Conard
 - John Duff (Alternate)

Fraternal Benefits 2016

- We as a council need to do more to help with the Fraternal Benefits night, to encourage more members to attend and generate more interest.

2015 / 2016 Tentative Council Calendar

- John handed out a January 6, 2015 thru December 4, 2016 meeting and activity schedule for the officers to review, critique and submits change suggestions to John.

Donation Request

- Shirley Shafer, a St. James RCIA coordinator, is requesting a donation. She wrote, "I would like to know if the Knights would purchase a CD for our new people joining. We suggest: The Complete Rosary by Robert Kochis 2003 audio CD \$15.85 on Amazon. We would need 12 of these to cover all of the families."
 - After some discussion, a motion was made to purchase 12 CD's, plus any incidental costs, for the current RCIA candidates. A motion was made, it was seconded and the motion carried.

Regular KC Meeting:

- Minutes: No pertinent previous meeting minutes were read.
- The 1st Degree Exemplification scheduled for tonight was cancelled.

The Grand Knight reported on the following:

- DGK John Duff said that the next 1st Degree Exemplification at St. James is scheduled for March 1, 2015. Candidates must arrive no later than 5:30 pm. The ceremonial will begin at 6:00 pm. The following are potential candidates. They were officially vetted at our meeting on 12/07/2014.
 - Ed Gallitz – Bob Hyatt
 - Ruben Llano – Bob Hyatt
 - Greg Goralski – Bob Hyatt
 - Jacob della Cruz – John Duff
 - Bob Hauge – Carl Cumings
 - Jim Budd
 - James Perigard – Mike O’Leary
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- The following are potential candidates. They were officially vetted at this meeting on 02/08/2015.
 - Matt Deyoung – Mike Schulist
 - Jason Bach - Mike Schulist
 - Caleb Snowdin - JR Savoie
 - Tim Blackmer – Bill Snowdin
 - Kevin Blackmer – Tyler Cumings
- Convention Delegates – Two 3rd Degree members will have an opportunity to go to the State Convention on Mackinaw Island this Memorial Day weekend. The council helps to cover each member’s expense up to \$600. Think about if you would like to go. To be discussed at our next meeting.
- There will be an Officers Meeting Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm.

The results of the Annual Election balloting was as follows: N/A

The Council conferred the following degrees: N/A

The Chaplain reported as follows: N/A

The Treasurer reported:

- FS Bill Snowdin reported that Treasurer George Horn shows a check book balance of \$22,104.40 and that this agrees with the FS report.
- In a message that FS Bill read, George indicated that the cities of Montague and Whitehall have authorized us to sell Tootsie Rolls on the weekend of September 19, 2015.
- There is a need for a Captain to lead a crew of volunteers at the Whitehall stop light. JR Savoie volunteered.

The following bills were read and referred: N/A

The following communications were read:

- Mike O’Leary submitted a card to express his thanks for all who supported him during the loss of his wife.
- Mary Free Bed sent a letter of thanks for supporting their Rugby Wheel Chair program.
- The Center for Equine & Youth Rehabilitation sent a thank you letter for our support, signed,

♥ “Heal with a Horse Crew”.

- The Special Olympics sent a letter of thanks for our support.

The Financial Secretary’s report:

- We still need to move \$4,000 to the Fish Fry Reserve fund.
- As of tonight, 52 Members still owe 2015 dues

Financial Secretary Report – February 1, 2015

Payables: Generated Vouchers \$1,685.22 since last meeting.

Amount	Recipient	Payment / Donation for :
\$ 25.47	Allen J. Greiner	Reimburse partial food expense of the Fraternal Benefits night
\$ 250.00	Habitat for Humanity	Annual Donation - 2015 build
\$ 250.00	Muskegon County Right to Life	Annual Billboard/Signature Campaign Donation
\$ 412.50	Knights of Columbus Supreme Council	FY2015 2nd 1/2: Per-Capita Tax : [\$1.75 x 130 mbrs(min 9.00 previous credit = 218.50) [Catholic Adv: .50 x 130 mbrs=65.00] + [Cult of Life: 1.00 x 129=129.00]
\$ 647.25	Michigan State Council, KofC	Per Capita Billing - Second Half
\$ 100.00	Grand Rapids Catholic Scouting	Annual donation - 2015

Receipts: Deposited Monies: \$ 225.00 since last meeting.

From (Source)	Amount	Comment
Dues 2015; Take 5; Donation	225.00	Dues 2015; Take 5 Collections; donation

Balance: Knights Books	\$ 20,860.40	(\$4K still to move to Fish Fry Reserve)
 K of C Reserve	\$ 961.00	Council Buffer Set Aside
 Good Cause / Needy Mbr	\$ 283.00	Donations
Financial Sec SSB Acct Balance	\$ 22,104.40	Should be same as Treasurer Balance
 Fish Fry Reserve (CD)	\$ 10,060.60	Monies in Cert of Deposit from LFF
Total Council SSB Funds	\$ 32,165.00	Total Available Funds

Donations Received:

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FY Member Gain/Loss

- **Current Members:** 134; 133 Act, 1 inact
- **Gains:** 2
- **Losses:** 1

FY2015 Supreme :

	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Current</u>
Total:	9	1
Insur:	3	-1

Other Business:

- **Dues:** 57 members left to pay their 2015 dues.

Miscellaneous:

The Trustees reported as follows:

- A trustees meeting was held after this regular meeting.

The Chancellor reported on Vocations:

- Fr. Norman Droski will celebrate his 50th year of ordination this year.

Report on Programs:

- Valentines Dance will be held on February 14th – The 50/50 proceeds will go to the Youth Group who will be helping with the dance.
- FS Bill Snowdin announced the 1st and 2nd place winners of the Poster Contest as: Ava Meyer and Grace McDowell.
- The St. Mary of the Woods blood drive collected 29 units of blood. The next blood drive will be March 2nd.
- The Habit for Humanity fund raising dinner sold 260 meals and raised \$2,300 from dinners and a \$250 donation from the 12985 KC council. This group will be starting their 11th house this year locally.
- JR Savoie reported that it will cost \$18,511.50 to procure fish for this year's fish fry. Plus about \$4,000 in food and supplies from Gordon Foods. Currently the church fronts this money for the KC. Our goal is to be able to front this expense ourselves.
- Steve Nagengast noted that he has been working with Bill Bartholomew and Jim Bolger on a Fish Fry Fund Raiser that will be held during the Lenten Fish Fry's. The cost is \$100 / ticket. Only 400 tickets will be sold. The proceeds to fund one or more charities that will be announced. Winners to be announced on March 28th.
- Allen Greiner handed out literature regarding "Admission Committee" guidelines for vetting potential new members.

Right to Life:

- Bob Hyatt said thank you to all you do for this cause.

Trustees Report: N/A

Membership: N/A

Round Table Report: N/A

The following committees reported: N/A

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed of as follows:

The following new business was brought up:

**The Report of the Fourth Degree, Bishop Baraga Michigan District #4 –
(Grand Rapids - Saginaw):**

DD JR Savoie noted the following:

- There will be a 4th Degree meeting will be here at St. James on February 24th. All 4th Degree members should try to attend this meeting. The social will start at 6:30 with Cincinnati Chili, coleslaw, a dessert and drinks. Women are invited for the social and will gather in the Zebedee Room during the 4th Degree meeting which starts at 7:30pm.
 - The dress code for this event is: casual.

The District Deputy JR Savoie reported as follows:

- The State Raffle tickets will be coming out soon for a chance to win \$25,000. If each member bought two tickets the State would meet and exceed its goal.
- Membership GROWTH is important. So far this fiscal year we only have 11 new members between 5 councils, which are far short of what is expected.
- There was a move to support an ad for \$50, for the State Convention that will be held on Mackinaw Island. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.
- WGK John Duff was recognized and awarded a certificate for recruiting a new member.
- There will be a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification on March 28th at Sacred Heart Parish in Muskegon. All 1st Degree members are encouraged to take part. Sign-up will be 9:00 am. 2nd Degree will be at 10:00 am, 3rd Degree to follow, and lunch at 1:00.

Our Insurance Agent Joe Tackx reported as follows:

- Joe noted that he will be following up with members, to meet with them briefly, to update their records and discuss needs.
- Joe mentioned that the KC also offers annuities beginning at \$100 which helps satisfy the need to continue insuring our members.

Lecturers Report: N/A

Under Good of the Order, (Read at the end of the meeting): We remember and pray for the souls of:

- Fr. Joseph Pettit, Fr. Bob Hart, Fr. Paul Johnson, Fr. Thomas Schiller, Tony Tryban, Jerry Savoie, Carl Molnar, Glen (Buzz) Hulet, Vern Brusseau, Herb Jones, George Owen, Jim Luttrull and Chuck Gregwer (January 13, 2015). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Additional prayers for:

Bishop Walter Hurley, Fr. Donn Tufts, Fr. Phil Witkowski, Rev. Darrel Kempf. Seminarians: Jegar Fickel, Dan Schumaker and Steven Geerling. Deacon Greg Anderson, John Loss, Chuck Mosley, Ray Reinhold, Butch Conard's wife Patti, Tim Bays, Tyler Cumings, Bob Olcese, Dave Anderson's wife Niki, Mary Mahoney, Gary Gheller's wife Karen, Allen Greiner's daughters Sarah and Crystal, Jarrett Savoie, Fred Painter, Larry Painter and all Knights and family members in ill-health or in harm's way.

The next scheduled meetings are:

Meeting Dates	Event	Regular Meeting	Meeting Hospitality
February 10, 2015	Officers Meeting at 6:00 pm	N/A	N/A
March 01, 2015	1st Degree at 6:00 Candidates to arrive no later than 5:30	Regular meeting at 7:00 pm	Larry Conard & Rick Edgerton
April 12, 2015	1st Degree at 6:00 Candidates to arrive no later than 5:30 (Tentative)	Regular meeting at 7:00 pm	Hugh P. Welsh Jr.
May 3, 2015	Officers Meeting at 6:00 pm (Tentative)	Regular meeting at 7:00 pm	Mike Cook

Closing prayers were led by DGK John Duff
 The Closing Ode was sung.
 The meeting closed at ~8:20 pm.
 The minutes were recorded by Gary Greiner