

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2015

Knights of Columbus #12985

- The Officers meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm
- The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
- Opening prayers were offered by WGK Kodi

Officer's Roll call:

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

O = Officers Meeting
R = Regular Meeting

Officers Meeting:

- Roll call was conducted
- Tom Bart, FF Chairman, proposed that the council consider purchasing cash registers to be used for the Lenten Fish Frys and 50/50 raffles. These would be "Point of Sale" registers, i.e., a tablet and printer used to print dinner tickets.
 - Cost for 2 units could be as much as \$2,000, but would likely be more like \$1,400 total. One would be used for carryouts and one for hall dinners.
 - Discussion followed regarding why we spend a lot of time and money on the Fish Fry.
Reasoning: This is our largest revenue source with all proceeds going back to the community.
 - Why buy registers? Accountability of sales, a quick summary of sales and revenue after the dinners are sold for the evening, allowing two persons to review cash vs. registers and then make a night deposit.
 - We have \$20k in the FF fund and expect \$30k in expenses for the FF.
 - No decision was made on the purchase.
- Financial Secretary (FS): We need a FS replacement for Bill Snowden, whose term ended a couple of months ago. There was discussion on this position. A question arose if this can go back to a paper system so that persons who are not computer literate could perform the function.
 - Bill noted that you cannot go back to a paper system.
 - Bill said that the on-line system works very well and prompts you through the process.
 - Bill said that he would assist the new FS when needed. (This has been the case for all previous Financial Secretaries: Jim Bolger, Gary Greiner, Allen Greiner, and Bill Snowden. During every FS transition, the previous FS helped train the new FS.
 - The FS needs to be a 3rd Degree member. If you are a 1st Degree you can simply commit to being the FS and attend the next major degree.
- There are currently 9 unpaid members for 2015. These delinquencies are not hardship cases. The retention committee has made some suggestions of who should be considered for suspension.

First Degree: N/A

Regular KC Meeting:

Reading of the minutes:

- September 1, 2015 meeting minute excerpts were read with no corrections.

The Chaplain reported as follows: N/A

The Grand Knight reported on the following:

- There was a very brief discussion regarding new candidates.

Candidate	KC Sponsor	Vetting date	Tentative 1st Degree date
Ed Gallitz	Bob Hyatt	12/07/2014	
Ruben Llano	Bob Hyatt	12/07/2014	09/13/15
Matt DeYoung	Mike Schulist	02/08/2015	
James Perigard Jr.	Mike O'Leary	04/12/2015	
Dennis Blankenship	John Duff	04/12/2015	
Vince Bonczyk	After RCIA	*2014	
Bob Powers	Bob Hyatt		
John Wade	David Pernesky		

* Vetted, but the date is not exactly known. [10/04/15].

- The next 1st Degree will be on Sunday, November 1st, at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- The next council meeting will be on Sunday, November 1st, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- The next officers meeting will be on Sunday, December 6th, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- A District Corporate Communion will be held at St. James on November 1 at the 11:00 am Mass.
- Annual KC Steak Fry will be on October 24th at 6:00 pm.
 - WGK Kodi requested authorization to spend up to \$500 to procure food for the Steak Fry. A motion was made, seconded and the motion passed.
 - Kodi asked for help to on October 23 at 6:00 pm to set up tables and decorate the hall.
- Rick Edgerton, our current Warden, has moved to Lapeer, MI. We need to replace him as Warden. A motion was made to nominate Jake Paszkowski as Warden. Jake accepted the nomination. Other nominations and confirmation will take place at our next meeting.
- The Quarterly Newsletter will be coming out soon.

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

The Council conferred the following degrees: N/A

The Treasurer reported: N/A

The following bills were read and referred: N/A

The following communications were read: N/A

Financial Secretary Report, Bill Snowdin:

Bill reviewed the FS Report with those in attendance. See below.

He noted that our membership quota for this year is 10 and will likely be 13 if three more members come off of the books. We will also need a minimum of 4 insured members.

- Bill made a motion to donate \$100 to “Our Lady Rosary Makers”. This is the same as last year. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.
- The FS balance agrees with the SSB bank statement.
- The Tootsie Roll MI Drive generated \$2950.85 in sales.

Financial Secretary Report – October 1, 2015

Payables: Generated Vouchers \$7,735.35 since last meeting.

Amount	Recipient	Payment / Donation for :
\$ 500.00	Michael Steffes, Jr.	2015/16 RSVP donation
\$ 500.00	Robert Mulderink	2015/16 RSVP donation
\$ 500.00	Dominic Couturier	2015/16 RSVP donation
\$ 1,209.00	TRI Sales Co.	2015 MI Drive Tootsie Roll order for 6 councils in the District
\$ 80.00	Robert B. Hyatt	Reimburse for 2 Masses (\$15 each) for R. Kimball dad, R. Edgerton father-in-law; \$50 candy from 4th of July parade; train paint donated
\$ 150.00	Ryan Springer	Donation to Eagle Scout Project
\$ 1,000.00	St. James Parish SCRIP	Donation to Giving Tree gift purchases
\$ 300.00	Muskegon County Right to Life	Annual Donation - Fall 2015
\$ 750.00	Muskegon Pregnancy Services	Donation to aid in abortion prevention
\$ 49.00	William G. Snowdin	Postage Stamps
\$ 2,697.35	Michigan State Council, KofC	2015 MI Drive proceeds after tootsie roll expense

Receipts: Deposited Monies: \$80.00 since last meeting.

From (Source)	Amount	Comment
MI Drive	\$2,950.85	2015 Street Collections: \$2474 Cash and \$476.85 change

Balance: Knights Books	\$ 13,686.67	
 K of C Reserve	\$ 961.00	Council Buffer Set Aside
 Good Cause / Needy Mbr	\$ 423.00	Donations
Financial Sec SSB Acct Balance	\$ 15,070.67	Should be same as Treasurer Balance
Fish Fry Reserve (Money Market)	\$ 7,370.80	Monies in Savings Account from LFF
Total Council SSB Funds	\$ 22,441.47	Total Available Funds

Donations Received:

FY Member Gain/Loss

- **Current Members:** 141; 140 Act, 1 inact
- **Gains:** 0
- **Losses:** 0

FY2016 Supreme :

	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Current</u>
Total:	10	0
Insur:	4	0

Other Business:

Dues:

Miscellaneous:

The Chancellor reported on Vocations: N/A

Report on Programs:

- The next Corporate Communion will be on November 1, 2015 at the St. James 11:00 am Mass. This will be a district wide Corporate Communion Mass.
 - There will be a “Transfer of Host Ceremony” just prior to the Mass at about 10:45 am.
 - Fr. Peter will “Transfer the Host” to Nigeria on his next trip home.
- There will be a Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit at St. James Hall on October 10th through 20th. See the bulletin for details. Help is needed to unload his truck, set up the hall and oversee the exhibit to ensure its security.
 - Bob Hyatt will need help to pick up exhibits and set up in hall on Wednesday, October 7th. Contact Bob if you can help.
 - Bob will also need help taking down the exhibit on Wednesday 21st after the 8:30 am Mass.
- The next blood drive will be at St. Mary of the Woods on November 2nd.
 - DGK John noted that there is now a form that needs to be filled out for each blood drive.

Right to Life:

- Bob Hyatt / Joe Tackx reported that the 2015 “Focus on Life” Benefit Dinner will be Thursday, October 29th at the Holiday Inn, in Muskegon. The doors will open at 6:00 pm, and dinner will follow at 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$20 for students and \$35 for adults.

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:

- Bill Snowden inquired on the purchase of the St. James Parish trailer, of which our KC share was \$800. Carl Cumings said it is in the works. The total cost for the trailer was \$2,250.
- WGK John wanted to mention those KC members who are helping with the ‘Mary Garden’: Bob Hyatt, Dave Shafer, Mike and Kodi Schulist.

The following new business was brought up:

- The Council 12985 webpage: <http://12985kofc.org/membership-meeting-information/> (paste this link into your browser) has been updated by DGK John Duff. It contains the Agenda, Minutes, State and Supreme links, Calendar, etc. and simple to use. John - thank you for all your time to create this professional looking webpage that is very easy to use.

- A question arose regarding KC compliance and what we are allowed to put on this website. Joe Tackx suggested that you can call the KC compliance line and they will assist us.
 - On 10/04/15 DGK John wrote, "Upon conclusion of this the question of compliance was raised pertaining to the posting of our meeting minutes. It was discussed that we should seek out the opinions of Supreme reference compliance. Due to this I've decided to shut out access to the site posted minutes until we receive a ruling from Supreme. I do not have issue with verifying the site integrity and agree we do need to maintain required compliance. Therefore until this compliance question is addressed and determined, all past and future link to council minutes are locked out of site." gg
- A signup sheet was passed through the members looking for volunteers to sell Steak Fry Tickets after the weekend Masses of Oct 10 and Oct 17.
 - Tom Bart noted that he, as the Lenten Fish Fry Chairman, must attend a "Safe Serve" training class at the Muskegon Health Services. It is one day of training and a test the following week. The estimated cost is \$165 for the training. He sought a motion for the council to cover this expense. A motion was made, seconded and the motion carried.
 - Fr. Donn Tufts would like help putting up the rest of his fence on 10/17/15. Luke Cole will spearhead the project. Those who would like to help with this project should contact Luke.
 - The St. James cemetery has dead ash trees that are in need of removal. Jim Bolger will be heading up this project scheduled for 10/17/15. If you would like to help with this project please call Jim.

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

- Bob Hyatt reported that we will be hosting the next 4th Degree Meeting at St. James on October 27th. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm, with the meeting following at 7:30 pm. Bob noted that we host about two of these events a year and that in the past JR Savoie was paying for the hosting meal out of his own pocket.
 - Bob asked for a motion to allow expenditures of up to \$200 to cover the cost of the hosting the 4th Degree Meeting meal.
 - A motion was made, seconded and the motion passed.

The District Deputy Jim Digman reported as follows:

- District Deputy Jim noted an open house on the weekend of October 11th is requested by the State to recruit new members. This can be as simply as a KC table set up after Masses and handing out 'perspective cards'.
- The State is encouraging members to donate *nice* sweatshirts to Holy Cross Children's Services. Go together with a fellow KC member if you like, to purchase a *nice* one.
- Web-site: What is legal to put on it? Call the state compliance officer.
- DD Jim presented to DGK John with a Star Council KC ring and he presented WGK Kodi a Start Council placard for the 2014-2015 year.

Our Insurance Agent Joe Tackx reported as follows:

- No new information to report. If you have any policy issues please call Joe. We will need 4 new insurance members for this year so we have a lot of work ahead of us.

Lecturers Report, Kevin Munson:

- Kevin began reading excerpts from the 'Feast of the Guardian Angels - American Catholic'. He read that, "...Angles live in the presence of God..." and "...There is life beyond death..." and "...Angels want us to do what is right..."

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-knee surgery, Fr. Phil Witkowski, Rev. Darrel Kempf. Seminarians: Jegar Fickel, Dan Schumaker and Steven Geerling. Deacon Greg Anderson, John Loss, Chuck Mosley, Ray Reinhold, Larry Conard's wife Patti, Larry Conard, Tim Bays, Bob Olcese, Dave Anderson's wife Niki, Gary Gheller's wife Karen, Allen Greiner's daughters Sarah and Crystal, Denny Flynn, George (Noon) Amrein's wife Marlene, Bill Karchinski, the Rick and Pam Edgerton family, Gary Greiner's wife Rosemary and all Knights and family members in ill-health or in harm's way.

The next scheduled KC meetings are:

Date	Event	Event
November 1, 2015	There will be a 1st Degree Ceremonial at 5:30.	Regular meeting at 7:00
December 6, 2015	Officers meeting at 6:00	Regular meeting at 7:00

Closing prayers were led by WGK Kodi
The Closing Ode was sung.
The meeting closed at ~8:30 pm.
The minutes were recorded by Gary Greiner