

Meeting Minutes

June 05, 2016

Knights of Columbus #12985

- The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- Opening prayers were offered by Fr. Peter Omogo

Roll call: O = Officer's Meeting, R = Regular Meeting

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

Regular meeting members present = ~ 25

Regular Meeting:

- **Reading of minutes:**
 - Excerpts from the May 1, 2016 meeting were not read.

The Grand Knight reported on the following:

- There were no new candidates to vet at this time.
 - David Pernesky noted that he might know a man that would like to join the KC.

| Candidate | KC Sponsor | Vetted date |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Ed Gallitz | Bob Hyatt | 12/07/2014 |
| Matt DeYoung | Mike Schulist | 02/08/2015 |
| James Perigard Jr. | Mike O'Leary | 04/12/2015 |
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| Bob Powers | Bob Hyatt | 11/01/15 |
| John Wade | David Pernesky | 11/01/15 |
| Jimmy Luttrell | | 11/01/15 |

- Installation of Officers – Sunday, July 10th 2016 @ 12:00 PM in SJ Chapel.
- The next Officers Meeting will be – Sunday, July 10th 2016 @ 6:00 PM in Room 3.
- The next Council Meeting will be – Sunday, July 10th 2016 @ 7:00 PM in Room 3.
- The next First Degree will be – Sunday, Aug 7th 2016 @ 5:30 PM in Room 3.
- The Icon will be here June 22nd thru June 28th.

- GK Kodi announced that this would be his last meeting as Grand Knight of the council. Kodi gave recognition to DGK John Duff for all he has done to help support him during his two-year term as Grand Knight. Kodi noted that this opportunity has been a great help to guide him in his Catholic faith.
- DGK John and GK Kodi gave a special thank you to DD Jim Digman for going up to Gaylord to attend the major degree with John Duff and Jason Zwart.
- Knights of Columbus 12985 web site. If you have not already done so, click on this link and visit the web site that DGK John Duff has created for us to use. <http://12985kofc.org> It is awesome. Thank you John.
- At the end of the meeting, Dave Sipka recognized GK Kody's efforts for the last two years. He noted that on behalf of the entire council, thank you for your time and effort.
- At the end of the meeting, Fr. Peter recognized Tom Bart's son Jeff. Jeff has spent a considerable amount of time in the Peace Corp, in Tamaligu, Northern Ghana, Africa. Jeff thanked the council for the \$500 donation to the village he was working in and for our thoughts and prayers.

The Chaplain reported as follows:

- Fr. Peter reported on his and Dave Pernesky's experience at the State Convention on Mackinaw Island over the Memorial Day weekend.
 - 1400 KC members, priests and bishops attended this year's conference.
 - The bishops were very happy to see so many members in attendance, knowing the support the KC members give to the bishops and priests.
 - Our bishop David Walkowiak won the bishops award.
 - Unfortunately, due to some communication and registration issues, Fr. Peter and David were not able to take part in some of the activities.
 - Fr. Peter again thanked the KC members for their efforts on the Fish Fry. He thanked them for their support of the Samuel Omogo Foundation and he announced that the Parish Family Night will begin again on June 19th.

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

The Council conferred the following degrees: N/A

The Treasurer reported:

- George Horn reported that the May 31st SSB balance was \$25,374.79 and that the check book account balanced with the monthly statement.
- The Fish Fry revenues were dispersed to the following:
 - St. James – \$2,078.14 = 10%
 - KC Auxiliary – \$4,156.27 = 20%

The following bills were read and referred: N/A

The following communications were read: N/A

Financial Secretary Report, Bill Snowdin:

- DGK John reviewed the FS Report for Bill, who was out of town, with those in attendance.
- To date, we have 16 members who still owe 2016 dues.
 - Delinquent members are receiving final phone calls.

Financial Secretary Report – June 1, 2016

Payables: Generated Vouchers \$ 9957.07 since last meeting.

| Amount | Recipient | Payment / Donation for : |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---|
| \$ 33.32 | John Duff | Reimburse for Refreshments for meetings |
| \$ 105.36 | William G. Snowdin | Reimburse for Rosaries for First Communion-84.18; Crayons for hospital-21.18; |
| \$ 860.03 | Tom Bart | Reimburse for FF appreciation dinner-827.08; Reimburse for special 50/50 license-32.95; |
| \$ 230.58 | Gordon's Food service | food supplies for the fish fry appreciation dinner. |
| \$ 75.03 | Montague Foods | food supplies for the fish fry appreciation dinner. |
| \$ 20.45 | Ron Spoelhof | Reimburse for May 1 member meeting refreshments |
| \$ 30.00 | Robert B. Hyatt | Reimburse for Mass cards for Dawn Greiner and Jim Morse |
| \$ 485.00 | Shorecom, Inc. | laptop for our council financial secretary position |
| \$ 234.72 | William G. Snowdin | Reimburse for Graduation gifts - Catholic Catechism(12) |
| \$ 4,156.27 | Knights of Columbus Auxiliary | 20% profit from 2016 Fish Fry |
| \$ 2,078.14 | St. James Parish | 10% profit from 2016 Fish Fry |
| \$ 152.95 | Stephen B. Nagengast | Reimburse for Knights garden - landscape work |
| \$ 37.04 | Jason R. Zwart | Reimburse for flowers for grave of the unborn memorial |
| \$ 200.00 | No More Sidelines | 2016 Donation |
| \$ 105.68 | John G. Duff | Reimburse for Knights garden - landscape work - edging & stakes |
| \$ 1,000.00 | Samuel Omogo Foundation | 2016 donation towards water well |
| \$ 152.50 | Helping Hands Food Pantry (RCC) | 50/50 proceeds to Food Pantry from FF appreciation dinner |

Receipts: Deposited Monies into checking: \$ 687.50
Transferred from FF Savings to cover WV's written for FF: \$7400.05
Transferred from Checking to FF Savings to move FF money into correct place: \$425
Transferred \$13,000 from FF Savings to move 2016 profits to checking.

| From (Source) | Amount | Comment |
|-----------------------|--------|---|
| Dues; Take5; donation | 687.50 | Dues 2016; Take 5; 50/50 ticket sales; Frozen Fish sales; Dinner tickets sold; 1 donation |

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| Balance: Knights Books | \$ 23,990.79 | |
| K of C Reserve | \$ 961.00 | Council Buffer Set Aside |
| Good Cause / Needy Mbr | \$ 423.00 | Donations |
| Financial Sec SSB Acct Balance | \$ 25,374.79 | Should be same as Treasurer Balance |
| Fish Fry Reserve (Stmt. Savings) | \$ 23,031.36 | Monies in Savings Account from LFF |
| Total Council SSB Funds | \$ 48,406.15 | Total Available Funds |

Donations Received:

- \$20 for GCNM account

FY Member Gain/Loss

- **Current Members: 142; 141 Act, 1 inact**
- **Gains: 4**
- **Losses: 1**

FY2016 Supreme :

| | <u>Quota</u> | <u>Current</u> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Total: | 10 | 3 |
| Insur: | 4 | 0 |

Dues:

2016 Dues notices were sent out on Dec. 4, 2015. To date, we have 16 members yet to pay out of 142. Second Notices were sent out via email. Second Notice hardcopy were sent out mid-March. Knight Alert letters were sent this month and the list of those yet to pay were provided to the DGK for follow-up.

Miscellaneous:

The Chancellor reported on Vocations:

- Dave Sipka, our elected DGK for 2017-2018, reported that he and his wife Wendy attended an ordination of four priests at St. Andrews on Saturday, June 4 - Father Tom Cavera, Father Jegar Fickel, Father Colin Mulhall and Father Dan Schumaker were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop David J. Walkowiak. Dave said it was a wonderful experience and encouraged others to attend an ordination if the opportunity presents itself.

The following committees reported: N/A

Report on Programs:

- **Blood Drive:** Jake Paszkowski reported that the May 2nd blood drive at St. Mary of the Woods resulted in 42 units of blood. The next blood drive will be on July 11th. He thanked those who helped with the set up.
- **Fish Fry Update:** Tom Bart reported that fish may be a buyer's market price for the next couple of months and that we should consider making a purchase.
- **Corporate Communion:** The next Corporate Communion will be at Our Lady of Assumption in Rothbury. It will be on Sunday, August 7th at 8:30 am. KC members who are 1st through 3rd Degree are encouraged to wear their Knight's shirts and the 4 Degree members are to wear their tux and baldrics. Ron Spoelhof will be signing up volunteers. Those from OLA should have the first chance at serving during this Corporate Mass. Please contact Ron if you'd be willing to help.
- **Our council needs a Retention Committee.** If you would like to head up this program, with help of others, please contact DGK John Duff.
- **Card Program:**
 - Bob Hyatt noted the following cards were sent out:
 - To Wayne Jackson and family for the loss of his mother.
 - John Loss – Thinking of you.
 - Mike O'Leary – Thinking of you.
- **Right to Life:**
 - Bob Hyatt notes that the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraising will be from Saturday, June 11 through June 19th. This usually raises between \$2000 and \$4000 annually. Bob would like volunteers to help him.

- Bob read a letter he had received from MPS: These are excerpts of the letter:
 - We are not just anti-abortion
 - We care for each woman as well as the unborn baby.
 - We are committed to life.
 - We celebrate when we see a Mom and Dad choose life.
 - We are Pro-Life, pro-abundant life.
- **Trustees Report:** N/A
- **Fish Fry Account at SSB.**
 - A designated Fish Fry account, with its own account number, has been created at SSB. This will allow most FF business to take place in this one account and reduce the amount of money having to be moved from one account to another.
- **Free Throw Contest:** Steve Nagengast will be leading the Free Throw contest this year. He will need volunteers to help him. Thank you Steve.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed of as follows:

- John Kroon, of the Hart KC Council, has requested our KC train for next weekend's Hart/Shelby asparagus festival. Bob Hyatt said that the line-up will be at 1:00 and the parade at 2:00 pm.
 - There is a train switch that needs replacing and a flat tire to be fixed.
 - They will need volunteers. Please call Bob.
- The Knights Garden in front of the church, at the road, was tended to by a group of KC members and now looks very nice. DGK John returned a KC issued check for \$105.60, which was to cover expenses in the KC garden, as it was not needed. He thanked all those who helped with the garden project.
- More stump grinding and cleanup will be needed in the St. James cemetery soon. Dennis Blankenship noted that he also has access to heavy equipment if the council ever has a project that needs it.
- We have 16 members who have not yet paid 2016 membership dues. About ½ of them have received a call from our DGK John regarding their membership and encouragement to continue as a dues paying member. The general feeling of the council officers was that if we have non-paying members they should be removed from the council roles prior to our next fiscal year.

The following new business was brought up:

- Council Officer Training – Belmont on June 18th, 8:30 am
- Annual Budget Review and Vote:

DGK John took us through several pages of budget, including the revenue, mandatory and discretionary expenses and the bottom line. Briefly:

 - Revenue = \$68,850.00
 - Expenses = \$16,249.85 (mandatory)
 - Expenses = \$47,159.00 (discretionary)
 - Excess = \$5,441.15 Budget excess
- Discussion followed regarding:
 - Liability insurance – What does it cover?
 - Does it cover workers during the Fish Fry?

- What else does it cover?
 - Train insurance – why is it lower now than it used to be, almost ½. Is it adequate?
- An additional \$2,000 was put into the FF reserve to cover the cost of iPad and other mandatory items.
- Should we put in the budget an amount for the Family Night pavilion that is being discussed
 - Estimated cost is \$5,000. Would include materials only, not labor.
 - A motion was made to budget \$2,500 for this expense and there was discussion.
 - It was then amended to \$1,500 and seconded.
 - A council vote resulted in not budgeting for it, but if asked to donate we can make a decision at that time.
 - This decision to build will be made by Fr. Peter and the Pastoral and Finance Councils when the time is right.
- A motion was made to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion passed. *As this expense exceeds \$500 the budget will require another council vote at our next meeting.*

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

- Jake Paszkowski said that the next 4th Degree Meeting will be at St. Mary’s in Muskegon. Assembly meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month with social at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30pm.
- The July 26 - 4th Degree Meeting will be here at St. James.

The District Deputy Jim Digman reported as follows:

- Jim was not able to attend the convention due to a death in the family. He apologized for the convention communication and registration issues.
- We will be getting the Icon on June 21st.
- He encouraged all officers to attend the Officers Training. It will be worth your time. Council Officer Training – Belmont on June 18th, 8:30 am

Our Insurance Agent Joe Tackx reported as follows: N/A

Lecturers Report, Kevin Munson:

- Kevin spoke on the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Fatima. On July 13, 1917, “.If they will stop offending God, the war (WWI) will stop.
- In 1925 Mary appeared to Sister Lucia with her heart encircled by thorns. “.Look my daughter.... You at least try to console me..”
“Satan is not afraid of atomic weapons, but he is afraid of the power of the rosary”.

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, Chuck Gregwer and James Morse (March 30, 2016). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Additional prayers for:

Bishop Walter Hurley, Fr. Donn Tufts-knee surgery, Fr. Phil Witkowski, Seminarian: Steven Geerling. 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, Bill Karchinski, Dick Alvesteffer's son, Carl Cumings, Michael Shannon family members - Rebecca Denzer, Jacob Hayes, Benjamin Hayes, Bethany Hayes, Frank Machovsky, Denny Flynn and all Knights and family members in ill-health or in harm's way.

Closing:

Closing prayers were led by Fr. Peter

The Closing Ode was sung.

The meeting closed at ~8:20 pm.

The minutes were recorded by Gary Greiner