

# Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2016

## Knights of Columbus #12985

- The regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Opening prayers were led by GK John Duff

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

	O	R		O	R		O	R
Chaplain: Fr. P. Omogo	E	E	Financial Secretary: J. Zwart	E	E	Inside Guard: L. Conrad	P	P
Grand Knight: J. Duff	P	P	Treasurer: G. Horn	P	P	Outside Guard: R. Spoelhof	P	P
Deputy GK: D. Sipka	P	P	Lecturer: K. Munson	A	P	Trustee (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year): J. Robillard	P	P
Chancellor: T. Cummings	P	P	Advocate: M. Schulist	P	P	Trustee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year): C. Grattafiori	A	A
Recorder: K. Schulist	A	A	Warden: J. Paszkowski	P	P	Trustee (1 <sup>st</sup> Year): S. Nagengast	P	P

**Regular meeting members present: 21**

### REGULAR MEETING:

- **Reading of Minutes:** Excerpts from the June Mtg. were not read
- **Grand Knight Report:**
  1. Installation of Officers was held on Sunday, July 10, at noon in the SJ Chapel. District Deputy Jim Dingman led the installation with blessings from Fr. Peter Omogo. Seven officers were present.
  2. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a success with a good turnout of K of C walkers. Thanks to all who participated in the walk and the train.
  3. The Holy Family Icon was highlighted and venerated at three/six masses (two weekday and the Sunday masses). Hundreds had an opportunity to pay homage to the beautiful icon.
  4. Our Council will be producing a quarterly newsletter to inform brother Knights of all that is happening.
  5. Brother Luke Cole contacted our Council with sincere regrets upon having to step away from his original commitment to serve as the Chancellor because he is also Scoutmaster and has a conflict with meeting schedules. Tyler Cummings volunteered to take the position and, since there were no other candidates when the positions were originally posted, he was appointed as our Council's Chancellor by the District Deputy.
- **Treasurer's Report: (George Horn)**
  1. No June report was received from Shelby State Bank. The checking account balance is \$24,807.89. Eight check requests were received just before the meeting started so the balance will soon be adjusted.
- **Financial Secretary's Report:** (Bill Snowdin reported in place of FS Jason Zwart who was excused for a family health emergency)
  1. The report indicated the checking account balance matches what was stated in the Treasurer's report.
  2. A fish fry voucher was produced for the purchase of fish for next year's Fish Fry in the amount of \$13,342.
  3. A slide presentation of the 2016-17 Budget was made by B. Snowdin before a second vote. Last month's meeting questions regarding a decrease in insurance costs was answered as an accurate number requested by the insurance company and a second question regarding the coverage for all events was also confirmed. A motion to approve the 2016-17 Budget was made by Dave Pernesky and supported by Mike Schulist. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. A procedural letter requested by Supreme entitled “Intent to Retain” was sent to 10 Knights. If no response is received or they wish to no longer be a Knight, they will be deleted as members at a future meeting. Supreme demands a 60 period before Knights are removed from the roster after all attempts to contact them have failed. Currently our Council has 142 members.
- **Chancellor’s Report:** No report.
  - **Committee Reports:** (GK John Duff)
    1. Membership/Recruitment: GK Duff explained that the 10 members that received the “Intent to Retain” letter would have 60 days to respond before being removed from our Council’s roster. As a result it is doubtful that our Council would receive the Star Award again for the coming year because while we thought those numbers would be charged against the 2015-16 Council year’s quota they would, in fact, be charged against the 2016-17 quota.
  - **Programs:** (DGK Dave Sipka)
    1. Fish Fry Update: Tom Bart reported the purchase of fish (perch, shrimp, and walleye) for the coming year will cost less than the previous year because of lower prices. He will try to purchase sustainable items (e.g. earth friendly napkins, cups, etc.).
    2. Blood Drive Update: Jake Paszkowski reported that the next Blood Drive will be held on July 11. There are plenty of volunteers to cover the work needed.
    3. Corporate Communion Mass Update: Ron Spoelhof reported that the next mass at OLA will be at 8:30 a.m. on August 7. Choir members are still needed. A discussion was held regarding the Council’s role in filling the needed functions. OLA is trying to organize more and more each time to have Knights from their parish assume the responsibilities. The next CC Mass at St. James is scheduled for November 6.
    4. Card Program: Bob Hyatt reported that cards had been sent to Wayne Jackson who lost his mother recently, Frank Machovsky (illness), and Fr. Peter (in appreciation).
    5. Right to Life Program: Bob Hyatt reported that the Baby Bottle Boomerang brought in \$3017.33 from St. James, \$454.00 from OLA, and \$333.00 from St. Johns – for a grand total of \$3,803.67. He was grateful Shelby State Bank had a change counter that sped up the counting process. Steve Nagengast had suggested that in our future budgets the Council should consider adding a line item to reflect the money collected and then donated by the Knights in the Baby Bottle Boomerang.
    6. MI Drive: George Horn reported that he has secured permission from both cities to conduct a corner collection on the weekend of Sept. 16/17 for the MI Drive. The Whitehall intersection and the Montague Foods spot still are in need of coverage from Knights.
  - **Unfinished Business: (GK Duff)**
    1. Shelby State Bank Account Signature Cards have been signed by all needed signees with the addition of Chancellor Tyler Cummings.
    2. GK Duff reported again that there had been some changes to the handling of Fish Fry checks and the Savings Account from the past that will make it more transparent for accounting measures and was welcomed by Shelby State Bank.
    3. 7 officers from our Council attended the Officer Training that took place in Belmont on Saturday, June 18. We believe we were the best represented Council in attendance.
    4. Supreme approved the appointment of Jason Zwart as our next Financial Secretary. Even though we recruit that position, the candidate only becomes official when approved by Supreme.
  - **New Business: (GK Duff)**
    1. GK Duff explained to members that the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremonial Gear (robes) are old, ill-fitting, and dirty. The officers are recommending that the Council purchase sashes that would simply be worn over the Council shirt along with the appropriate medallion for the respective roles.

Each sash costs only \$18.25 – we plan on purchasing six sashes (even though there are only five roles in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree – one extra to have on hand).

2. There will be four 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Initiations in the coming year – one each quarter (Sept. 11, Dec. 4, March 5, and June 4).
  3. GK Duff requested that Brother Knights make suggestions for appropriate potential Knight of the Month recipients. Make your suggestion known to any of the officers.
  4. GK Duff also requested that Brother Knights consider who might be appropriate recipients of the Family of the Month recognition (only four are actually suggested making it more like a quarterly family recognition). He stated that the family need not be a “Knight” family but one from the parish that deserves recognition for their work. We will recognize them at the masses on a given weekend.
- **Communications:**
    1. Bill Snowdin was recognized and awarded a plaque for his work as Financial Secretary. He received a standing ovation.
    2. A letter from Bishop Walkowiak appointing Fr. Peter Omogo as the Chaplain of Council 12985 was passed around. The proper procedure for such an appointment is for the GK to request that the Bishop appoint the priest that has tentatively accepted that role.
    3. VOTE! flyers were distributed to members.
  - **Insurance Agent Report:** Agent Joe Tackx could not attend the July meeting. No report.
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report:**
    1. Jake Paszkowski reported that the next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting will be held at St. James Montague on July 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a social and dinner, followed by the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.
    2. There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree picnic in August.
  - **District Deputy Report:** D.D. Jim Dingman did not attend the meeting so there was no report. He had been at and led the installation of officers earlier in the day at St. James Chapel.
  - **Lecturer:** (Kevin Munson) Brother Kevin shared a beautiful and moving reflection on the Rosary and the power of Our Lady in the battle against evil.
  - **Announcements:**
    1. The next Council business meeting will be on Sunday, August 7 at 7 p.m. in the SJ Knights Room (Meeting Room 1)
    2. The next officers meeting will be on Sunday, August 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the SJ Knights Room. The officers will still request that Meeting Room 1 (SJ Knights Room) be reserved from 6 p.m. on in case the officers need a longer meeting time. The State and Supreme requests that each council hold monthly officers meetings – even if they are short meetings – to make sure the officers anticipate any potential problem areas to be discussed at the business meeting.
    3. GK Duff and DGK Sipka will attend the Diocesan K of C meeting in Greenville on Friday, July 15 at 6 p.m. They anticipate receiving the annual calendar of report due dates at that meeting.
  - **Good of the Order:** (GK Duff and DGK Sipka –substituting for recorder K. Schulist) We remember and pray for the souls of: Fr. Joseph Petit, Fr. Bob Hart, Fr. Paul Johnson, Fr. Tom Schiller, Tony Tryban, Jerry Savoie, Carl Molnar, Glen (Buzz) Hulet, Vern Brusseau, Herb Jones, George Owens, Jim Luttrull, and Chuck Gregwar. May they rest in the peace of Christ.
  - **Next Scheduled Meetings:** Corporate Communion on August 7 @ 8:30 a.m. @ O.L.A. in Rothbury, Officer’s Meeting on August 7 @ 6:30 p.m., Regular Council Meeting on August 7 @ 7 p.m.
  - Closing Prayer was led by WGK John Duff. The Closing Ode was sung. The meeting ended at 8:37 p.m. Minutes were recorded by DGK Dave Sipka.