

August 4, 2009 (to be read at council meeting)

Minutes from the business meeting of July 7, 2009 are as follows:

The meeting presided by the Grand Knight (Dan Turgeon) was called to order at 8:01 pm. All proper protocols to begin the meeting were followed including the roll call of officers

(Below list, do not read as part of the minutes)

Grand Knight.....Dan Turgeon, present
Chaplain.....Father Barkett, excused
Deputy Grand Knight.....Don Wilkinson, present
Chancellor.....Pete Marzluff, present
Recorder.....Dave Lopez, present
Treasurer.....Jim Cella, present
Financial Secretary.....Phil Torey, present
Warden.....Dave Sharp, present
Advocate.....Fidel Rodriguez, present
Inside Guard.....Paul Armstrong, present
Outside Guard.....Gerry Rutkowski, present
Outside Guard.....Loui Leitao, excused
3 Year Trustee.....Paul Maltagliati, present
2 Year Trustee.....Johnny Restivo, late, excused
1 Year Trustee.....Tony Vanderbeek, excused

The minutes from the June 16 meeting were read to the council members present and approved without any changes.

For the meeting of July 7 the Grand Knight reported council officers met on June 30 to the review the budget for 2009-2010. The Grand Knight summarized some of the major and minor changes in the budget and stated the budget is now balanced from funds appropriated from reserve funds. The new budget will be posted on the council's web page. Final budget vote will be held at the next council meeting on August 4.

The Grand Knight also reported that an audit of last year's finances will be conducted in August. He also stated the current Church Program Director, Brother Bob Ritchie, has asked to be replaced for about 6 months. The Grand Knight also reviewed for the members present important dates to consider in the near future including the installation of officers on July 19, the cookout for the Sera Club seminarians on August 1, and the Labor Day Picnic on September 7.

Concerning the reading of Bills and Communications, the council received a thank you card the Robinson High School for the donation we provided for their all night graduation party. The council received a thank you letter from donor families for the Sacred Heart Statue which was dedicated at OSM on June 21. The council also received a thank you letter from the Saint Francis of Assisi service dog foundation for the money raised by the Squire and Squire Roses of our council. The last communication received by the council

was a letter from the Supreme Knights office outlining the Order's program for supporting Pope Benedict XVI declaration that June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010 is the "Year for Priests"

The Grand Knight reported that we received 2 new applications for membership in our council.

The Community Program Director (Brother Dave Evans) reported that Brother Kevin O'Brien will be taking over as the coordinator for the 123 road clean up project. He also reported that he is looking for a coordinator to lead our project with Celebrate Fairfax County Fair in 2010. Lastly, more help is needed for telephone calls to volunteers.

The Council Program Director (Brother Bill Baker) reported that more articles are needed for the July/August issue of the Mariner Newsletter. Brother Jerry Hovan reported that the council's softball team took first place. This year's record of 12-1-1 was the best record over the last 20 years. The team is continuing to play in tournaments.

Regarding Unfinished Business, Grand Knight proposed to start future meetings with reciting the Rosary. The Rosary will be recited in the main chambers starting at 7:45 pm. This proposal was tabled.

Regarding New Business, proposal was made by Brother Dave Mauer to release \$500 to support the Sera Club picnic for seminarians in the diocese. Voted by council and approved unanimously.

Proposal made by PGK Erc Barone to financially support a student whose father recently became ill. The need for the student came to Brother Barone's attention through Brother Brian Moynihan. The proposal to release \$250 to the student was voted on and approved unanimously.

Concerning the report of the Fourth Degree, SK Dick Lee reported on the need for color guard support at the Assembly installation of new officers on July 15, Council officers for St. Leos on July 18 and our own council of officer's installation on July 19.

Brother Erc Barone also made a special report on Marion Homes. He indicated several new Brothers will be joining the Board, including Pete Marzluff who will serving as the Council's representative to the board. He also indicated Marion Homes is close to signing a contract for a new sun room addition to the home.

Special prayers for the sick in the council were said.

1. Brother Jack Strasser who is having pulmonary difficulties and is at Duke University Hospital.
2. Brother Tom Copelan who is still recovering from his back issues and his heart transplant.
3. Brother Bob Ferguson who is ailing.

4. Brother Peter Tompkins who is continuing to battle Lupus.
5. Nominations from the floor included Brother William Lilley's mother who passed away, Brother Ed Kropaczek who is ill, Brother Jerry Hovan's mother (Mary) who is very ill, Brother Don Wilkinson's son (Timothy) who is in a cast, and Brother Al Obouchowski's mother in law (Conseta Corso).

For the Good of the Order, Brother Chris made a brief report on how the recruitment of seminarians was proceeding in the Dioceses and other parts of the United States.

Before the meeting was concluded PGK Al Obuchowski reported that he was in possession of a special catalog from the supreme office and requested members to review.

Recognition of Past Grand Knights was made before the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:14 pm.