

Minutes from the business meeting of August 4, 2009 are as follows:

The meeting presided by the Deputy Grand Knight (Don Wilkenson) was called to order at 8:00 pm. All proper protocols to begin the meeting were followed including the roll call of officers and the singing of the opening Ode.

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

Grand Knight.....Dan Turgeon, excused
Chaplain.....Father Barkett, excused, Father Ephren, 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, excused
2 Year Trustee.....Johnny Restivo, present
1 Year Trustee.....Tony Vanderbeek, excused

The minutes from the July 7 meeting were read to the council members present and approved without any changes.

For the meeting of August 4 there was no report from the admissions committee and no reading of applications.

The Deputy Grand Knight reported on past events including the installation of State Officers where it was declared the current fraternal year would be dedicated to the year of the priest and year of volunteerism. He also stated that our council officers were installed on July 19. At the installation of our officers, remarks were presented by the State Secretary, Bill McCarthy. The remarks focused on standing against evil and were well received by the officers and audience. The Deputy Grand Knight reported that we had a very successful Sera Club picnic on August 1. All council committee chairs have been filled with Brother Tom Silva stepping forward to take over the Church committee from Brother Bob Richie who will be undergoing surgery.

The Deputy Grand Knight also reported on future important dates to consider. Specifically, he mentioned the first Friday of adoration on August 7. He added attendance has been falling off and reminded everyone that Father Barkett is counting on us to ensure there is always some one present with the Lord. Brother Knights in attendance were reminded that Friday, August 14 we will be hosting the Silver Rose program. We also need Brother Knights to help setup, cleanup, cooking and recruiting during the Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 7.

Awards were presented by the Deputy Grand Knight. For the month of July the Knight of the Month was Brother Mike Burbach for managing the beer tent at Celebrate Fairfax. For August the Knight of the Month went to Brother Bud Johnson for years of loyal service to the council. The award for the family of the month in July went to the Tom Silva family and the August family of the month was the Dave Maurer family. Recruitment awards were also presented to past Grand Knights Jim Cella and Jerry Hovan. Honorary life membership award was given to John Moar. A special award was given to Brother Elmer May by District Deputy Johnny Restivo for Brother May's service to the championship degree teams he has managed since 1998. After receiving his award, Brother May thanked the council and announced he would be moving away from the area to join a council in the Williamsburg area.

Concerning the reading of Bills and Communications, the council received two thank you notes. One from Casie Sharp thanking us for the scholarship she received earlier this year and one from Brother Dave Maurer (past president of the Sera Club of Arlington) who relayed thank you remarks from our Bishop for our councils support of the Sera Club picnic.

There was no report from the Treasurer or the Financial Secretary.

The report of auditors and trustees was presented by District Deputy Johnny Restivo. He indicated the financial records of the council were audited and were found to be in order.

The Worthy Chancellor Brother Marzloff made a report on vocations. He remarked on the Supreme publication Knightline for the month of June 2009. A new DVD entitled "The Vocation for Religious life for men has been released. This DVD includes a five part series titled "Everyone has a vocation to Love, What is yours? He encouraged all council members to borrow the DVD to review. The Chancellor also reported that more information for recruitment will be provided at a later date and also mentioned that he has a gift catalog from the Supreme Council that is available for any member to order from.

The Council committee director (Baker) reported on the Christmas tree sales programs. Trees will be ordered in mid August and a schedule of sale volunteers will be provided at a later date. Brother Jerry Hovan presented the Council the Softball Championship trophy. The Mariner Newsletter is now on digital form. The council is now forming a bowling team. If you are interested please see Brother Jerry Hovan or Dave Lopez.

The Family committee director (Rodriguez reporting for Morales) reported on future dates. September 7 is the Labor Day picnic and help will be needed at various locations. The next Spaghetti Dinner will be held September 12, see Brother Cella for additional information, and the next pancake breakfast will be managed by the Brother Barone Team.

The Youth committee director reported that Fr. Barkett would like the council to host a reception after the adoration hour on the evening of August 14. In October the Knights

of Columbus and the Pioneer organization are partnering to offer discounts for admission to Kings Dominion. Further information on this offer will be available at the next meeting. The Soccer challenge will be held on October 17 and volunteers will be needed to organize the event.

The inaugural report from the new Church committee director was presented by Brother Tom Silva. He briefly reminded that information on the Silver Rose program has been posted on our web and in the bulletin. He encouraged maximum participation at the Silver Rose program on August 14.

Regarding Unfinished Business: the council's budget for 2009-2010 was presented to the members present. No further discussion was made. The budget was voted on and passed unanimously. The proposal to recite the Rosary in the main hall at 7:45 pm resulted in a very spirited discussion. The matter was put to a hand vote and was defeated.

Regarding new business: Brother DeRose proposed to spend up to \$200 dollars for refreshments at the Silver Rose Program reception on August 14. This proposal was revised to spend up to \$500. It was seconded and passed the council's vote unanimously.

Brother Armstrong reminded the council that he is preparing an order for K of C logo shirts and asked all interested to turn in the order to him as soon as possible.

District Deputy Restivo presented a district report. He reminded that on our web page there is a link to the District and information on future degree ceremonials is available. He indicated District 14 under District Deputy Obuchowski exceeded over all membership and insurance members last year. District 14 will be awarded a Star District and in addition our council will also be awarded a Star Council. The new State Deputy has indicated a willingness to hold meetings outside Richmond and on October 3 the State Council meeting will be held at the Father Diamond Council. The District Deputy reported training for members who want to participate in youth related programs can register at www.virtusonline.org. He also indicated that our squires and squire roses received an award for their work supporting pregnant mothers and babies and a special plaque will be presented to them in the future.

The Field Agent made a report. He indicated that once again the K of C insurance program has received high ratings. The insurance in force is 71 billion dollars and last year the K of C insurance paid out 200 million in death benefits. The K of C insurance program is #4 in the US and #1 in Canada in financial strength. He also reported that the K of C annuity has caught up with the rest of the banking industry and now has deposit slips for making deposits to annuities. The Field Agent reported that long term care insurance is available from K of C. He encouraged everyone to review wills are up to date including beneficiaries listed.

Special prayers for the sick in the council were said.

1. Brother Jack Strasser who passed away on July 12.
2. Brother Tom Copeland 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 from Brother Walker for his sister who underwent back surgery; Brother May for his wife who had knee surgery; Brother Prindle for his son who is having emotional problems due to the accidental death of his girlfriend.

For the Good of the Order; Brother Romano reported that Jack Strassers wife wanted to thank the council for supporting her during her loss: Brother Obuchowski reported during August communities hold National Neighborhood Night Out. The purpose of these events is to promote safety in the communities and encouraged K of C members to participate in these events in the future.

As always the Worthy Lecturer made an eloquent presentation and gave us an opportunity to laugh at ourselves.

Recognition of Past Grand Knights was made before the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:18 pm.