



Knight of Columbus

Council 8600, St. Mary of Sorrows, VA

General Membership Minutes

Date: 21 Dec 2010

Minutes from the meeting 21 Dec 2010 are as follows:

The meeting presided by Worthy Grand Knight Wilkinson was called to order at 8:00 PM. All proper protocols to begin the meeting were followed including the roll call of officers.

ROLL OF OFFICERS CALLED:

Grand Knight Donald Wilkinson, present
Chaplain Fr. Barkett, excused
Deputy Grand Knight . . . David Sharp, present
Chancellor David Lopez, present
Recorder Fidel Rodriguez, present
Treasurer Jim Cella, present
Financial Secretary Phil Torrey, present
Warden Gerard Rutkowski, present
Inside Guard Mark Haaland, absent
Outside Guard Jim McHugh, present
Outside Guard 2 Christopher Brensy, present
3 Year Trustee Daniel Turgeon, present
2 Year Trustee Paul Maltagliati, excused
1 Year Trustee Johnny Restivo, excused
Advocate Al Obuchowski, excused
Lecturer Tom McFarlane, excused

MINUTES FROM PRECEEDING MEETING READ:

The minutes from the meeting of 7 Dec 10 were read to the council members present and approved with two amendments: add 10 Dec to Retreat for people facing serious illness, and change sponsoring district event to free throw contest on 2 Jan instead of soccer State challenge.

REPORT OF ADMISSIONS AND READING OF APPLICATIONS:

No report on admissions or applications.

WORTHY GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT:

a. Merry Christmas to all! GK's open house on Sunday was a success and enjoyed by those in attendance and the Wilkinson family.

b. Upcoming events:

26 DEC – Blood Drive at Farrell Hall

31 DEC – New Year's Eve Mass & Celebratory toast at OSMH

4 JAN – Regular Council Meeting

7 JAN – 1st Friday

8 JAN – Sent out reminder on the State Council Meeting, dues and voluntary time sheets -

8-9 JAN – our spaghetti dinner/pancake breakfast weekend

15 JAN – propose audit at OSMH at 9am if acceptable – not a workable date. It will have to be done by February

Re-charter the Boys Scout Troop which we will continue to support

WGK mentioned that he, along with the Deputy GK and PGK Barone attended the wake for Br. Mullin and presented the proclamation to Mrs. Mullin.

WORTHY CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

No report

WORTHY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Worthy Treasurer Cella reported:

Checking balance:	\$ 24,807.16
Money Market balance:	<u>\$ 53,732.70</u>
Total:	\$ 78,539.86

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Pam Boyle, 2011 All Night Graduation Donations Committee Fairfax High School – Class of 2011 thanking the council for the donation of \$100.00 to their 23rd All Night Graduation Celebration. She indicated that our support ensures that the seniors will have a safe Alcohol Free, Drug Free, and fun graduation on that night.

WORTHY FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Financial Secretary Torrey reported \$ 31,580.50 as income.

AUDITORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT:

No report. WGK indicated to determine January dates for auditors.

WORTHY CHANCELLOR'S REPORT ON VOCATIONS:

No report.

REPORT ON COMMITTEES:

- Membership –
 - PGK Hovan is at 1st degree – therefore Worthy Chancellor mentioned of two candidates for 1st Degree exemplification.
 - He also mentioned that a report on recruitment for the past six months to be provided at next council meeting.
 - WGK made comment on providing baseball caps to council members receiving new degree.
- Church Committee: Br. Silva –
 - Christmas Mass Scheduled -
 - 24 Dec - Christmas Vigil Masses - 5 and 7 PM
 - 25 Dec - Christmas Day Mass – at midnight, and 11 AM
 - 26 Dec - there will be a 5 PM Mass
 - 31 Dec - New Years Eve – Holy Hour at 11 PM followed by midnight at the Historic Church
 - 2 Jan – 5 PM Mass
- Community Committee: Br. Evans -
 - Br. Evans commented on 123 clean up to be re-scheduled for January due to inclement weather
 - He also thanked Worthy Recorder Rodriguez for volunteering to help organize the home improvement program as result of Br. Shea not able to continue this year. He asked brother Knights to let him know if they are aware of a neighbor in need of support.
 - Br. Smith provided update on Christmas tree sale –
 - Doing well - plus or minus 30 trees left
 - Of 800 plus trees purchased, total received approximately \$21,950.00, however according to Worthy Chancellor Lopez it was close to \$22,400.00
 - He indicated that the success this year was due to Customers being extremely very generous, some paid more than the value of the tree selected, this was due to several things:
 - Enthusiasm and good spirit of Br. Knights supporting the event
 - Exceptionally large trees – sold at \$105

- Hard work of others, specially the planning committee and their coordination in getting Br. Knights to support the event
- Family Committee: Br. Morales –
 - Spaghetti dinner – Saturday, 8 Jan
 - Pancake breakfast – Sunday, 9 Jan (Br. Ciatti Team)
 - The squires with the Squire Roses children’s Christmas party on Saturday 11 was a huge, by 230 PM they had served over 180 dotdogs/chips/drinks and cookies were completely cleaned out. Thanks to Craig the co-counselor of the Squires that went out and purchased more. He also thanked Br. Russ for getting more cups needed. He also thanked Worthy Advocate Al Obuchowski who was Santa for the event.
 - The pancake breakfast on 12 Dec was a success and participants indicated it was the best ever tasted sausage and bacon. He attributed the success to the new Brickstone Griddle. Worthy Warden talked about the success of the pancake breakfast and hearing the comments of customers on having the best bacon and sausages – this as result of new griddle
- Youth Committee: Br. Osborne -
 - Br. Morales mentioned that the Squires and the Squire Roses adopted a child for Christmas and provided the gifts at Farrell Hall on 18 December.
 - Br. Morales mentioned the Shoe Box Donation program where plus 30 shoe boxes were delivered to Northern VA Training center and at Manassas Women’s Children’s Center.
 - Br. Osborne mentioned the Free Throw contest on 2 Jan @ 730 at Holy Spirit for 10-14 year old - he asked for help for one hour.
- Pro-Life Committee: PGK Di Gregorio -
 - Discussed the defend life organization from Baltimore MD. Their website is www.defendlife.org. They are focused on late term abortions and publish a very "slick" magazine. He will attempt to contact them for support of our program within the church.
 - He talked about planned parenthood getting money - \$360M/year. He mentioned that the government pays out or our taxes to support abortion. He handed out a document with history.
 - He also mentioned rosaries sold with funds used to buy ultrasound equipment to be distributed.
 - Br. Di Gregorio reminded us about the March for Life on Monday 24 Jan, rather than on the 22nd of Jan – to meet between 8 to 830 AM in front of St. Mary’s Church. Brother Knights will assist authority as needed on the event

WORTHY RECORDER – UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Motion presented by Br. Morales to donate up to \$600 to purchase a Children's Noah's Arc rug for the St. Mary's Religious Education Department. The motion was second and tabled for next meeting since it was not a budgeted item and over \$500 dollars.
 - Motion was discussed and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PGK Donovan presented a motion to release budgeted item funds for the Grand Knight's Christmas party. The motion was second and approved unanimously.
- PGK Turgeon presented a motion to release the budgeted funds in the amount of \$200.00 for New Year's Eve refreshments. The motion was second and approved unanimously.
- PGK Di Gregorio presented a motion for releasing budgeted funds in the amount of \$1000.00 for Gifts to Priests (\$500.00 each). The motion was second and approved unanimously.
- Br. Burgess, who is the volunteer in charge of safety and security for the Hypothermia Program that will take place for the sixth year in this County, and this time St. Mary of Sorrows doing it alone, requested volunteers from our council. There are four watches and lots of slots open. The purpose is to ensure the guests, volunteers and property are secured. He mentioned you can sign-up tonight with him, on the website www.signupgenious.com using password SMOS2011, or you can sign-up at church on Sunday, 2nd of January. The Hypothermia Program will run from 16th to the 23rd of Jan. He mentioned that he is also in need for people for set up. KofC will be cooking Thursday night.
- Br. Haaland thanked Br. Knights for their support to the Christmas food basket.
- He also thanked the Squire and Squire Roses for their support.
- PGK Turgeon presented a motion that for our next month council meeting to use the Pro-Life pamphlet flyer for our rosary prayer. Motion discussed and approved unanimously. WGK asked PGK Di Gregorio to provide more copies of the flyer for next council meeting on 4 January Rosary at 0730 PM.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT:

- Worthy PGK Donovan mentioned the 4th degree meetings on 3rd Wednesdays at OSM Hall.
- Br. Baker mentioned the request for Color Guard for Midnight Mass.
- PGK Turgeon mentioned the possible need for Knights in Regalia for Ordination of 3 Deacons from this Council this coming January. It was discussed that the request must come from the Bishop. WGK mentioned that the Stole to be purchased for each candidate was purchased without the KofC emblem due to is high price and time of delivery.

FIELD AGENT REPORT:

- No report

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT:

- No report

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Worthy Lecturer not present – however:
 - Worthy Chancellor talked about a newsletter on the Law Enforcement Officer Fatality Research Bulletin which shows a significant increase in the number of law enforcement officer fatalities from 2009 to 2010. The bulletin also mentioned that as of December 20, there was a 40% increase from 2009 with 110 fatalities on the same date. He asked that we thank our law enforcement officers for their support, heroic efforts to their community and work they are engaged on a daily basis.

BOTTLE OF WINE WON BY:

The bottle of wine was won by Br. O'Neil.

All Past Grand Knights were recognized at the meeting, prayers for Pope Benedict and the Bishop were said. The meeting was finished at 8:59 PM.

Minutes prepared by Fidel J. Rodriguez, Recorder, 27 Dec 2010