

**To be read at council meeting on February 2, 2010**

Minutes from the meeting in the First Section of **January 19, 2010** are as follows:

The meeting presided by Acting Grand Knight David Lopez was called to order at 8:00 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, Excused**  
**Chaplain . . . . . Excused**  
**Deputy Grand Knight . . . . Don Wilkinson, Excused**  
**Chancellor . . . . . Pete Marzluff, Excused**  
**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, Late**  
**Outside Guard . . . . . Gerry Rutkowski, Present**  
**Outside Guard . . . . . Loui Leitao, Present**  
**3 Year Trustee . . . . . Paul Maltagliati, Excused**  
**2 Year Trustee . . . . . Johnny Restivo, Present**  
**1 Year Trustee . . . . . Tony Vanderbeek, Present**  
**Lecturer . . . . . Tom McFarlane, present**

The minutes from the meeting of January 5, 2010 were read to the council members present and approved with Chili Cook-off date corrected to February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The admissions committee (Brother Hovan) reported on 5 new applications (applicants Christopher Brenzy, Pedro Guerrero, James McHugh, Michael **Saffa-Wuya**, and John Tedrick). All applications were put to a vote and all applicants were accepted to the council unanimously.

A 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification was held by the First Degree team (Captain Erc Barone) Eight men were brought into the Order as First Degree Knights. They are Benjamin Franco, Armand Ruiz, John Shumacher, Christopher Brenzy, Pedro Guerrero, James McHugh, Michael Saffa-Wuya(sp?) and John Tedrick.

The Worthy Acting Grand Knight Lopez announced that the Honoree of this First Degree is Fr. Stefan Starzynski. He then described the emblem of the Order to the new members.

The Grand Knights report included the following:

A thank you to the council for the tremendous turnout at the memorial Mass for Brother Harold Brown. The largest color corps at St Mary's in memory, with representation from Supreme, State, District, local councils and our own Sir Knights. Also many brothers helped with set up,

ushering the nearly 800 attendees, clean-up and great refreshments. It is hard to see how it could have been a better memorial for our fallen brother. Thank you Council 8600!

Haitian relief, in an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of the January 13<sup>th</sup> 7.0 earthquake, the Supreme Council has sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and are asking that state and local councils make their contributions through the Supreme Council so that they can maximize the impact of the funds raised.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on line through the Supreme Council website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)). Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check. Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest. Please offer your prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster. Details are posted on the website.

The District 14 Mid-Year Meeting is 26 January 2010, 7:30 pm at Old St. Mary's Hall, Fairfax Station. The State Membership Director and possibly a Supreme representative will be at the meeting to discuss our next blitz, retention and processing of arrears, suspensions, etc. GK/DGK, Membership Chair, and FS are requested to attend.

There was no Chaplain, Treasurer or Financial Secretary's Report.

The Trustees' reported that an audit will be held within a couple of weeks.

Brother Steve Morales passed out Pancake Breakfast assignments to the new members.

There was no Old Business. CORRECTED on Feb. 2, 2010 Business meeting. The Advocate mentioned that in our Dec. 15, 2009 meeting. The Chacellor presented information on a pro-life education DVD project for school children. This was tabled on Dec. 15, 2009 and still needs action.

#### New Business:

Brother Tom Silva made a motion to release up to \$1,095 from the Priest Education Fund to pay for Fr. Stefan's Theology of the Body course, a budgeted item. Motion seconded, voted on, passed unanimously.

Brother Al Obuchowski made a motion to release up to \$1,000 to pay for Christmas party expenses, a budgeted item. Motion Motion seconded, voted on, passed unanimously.

Brother Obuchowski made a motion to release up to \$500 to defray costs of the Brother Brown Memorial reception. Motion seconded, voted on, passed unanimously.

Brother Fidel Rodriguez made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Haiti Earthquake relief efforts. Motion seconded and tabled until the next meeting.

Brother Rodriguez discussed the Haiti relief efforts sponsored by Nativity Parrish. That Parrish is collecting various items including canned food, diapers and water. Brother Restivo mentioned that Nativity has logistics in place to transport these items. Brother Armstrong will place relevant information on the Council web site. Brother Obuchowski also mentioned that the Haitian Ambassador has said on TV that relief money is a major need for his country.

The District Deputy Johnny Restivo welcomed the new members and reminded them of a Second Degree Exemplification on January 20 and Third Degree Exemplification on January 30. He also “charged” them to “Be Bold, Be Different and Make a Difference”.

Brother Chuck Curran, President, KOVAR was introduced and provided a short brief describing the charity’s support of individuals with intellectual disabilities, KOVAR through tax-exempt organizations and VKCCI directly to individuals in need.

The Field Agent welcomed the new members and told them that he will be setting up individual visits with them.

Prayers for the sick were solicited from the council. The January 22 March for Life schedule was noted.

All past Grand Knights present were asked to stand in union and were recognized. Closing prayers were said and the meeting was closed at 9:43 pm.

Minutes prepared by Gerard Rutkowski, Acting Recorder