

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

Minutes from the Open meeting of February 16, 2010 are as follows:

The meeting presided by Grand Knight Dan Turgen was called to order at 8:00 pm. All visitors to the first open meeting of the 2010 calendar year were welcomed. 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 . . . . . 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**  
**Inside Guard . . . . . Paul Armstrong, present**  
**Outside Guard . . . . . Gerry Rutkowski, present**  
**Outside Guard . . . . . Loui Leitao, present**  
**3 Year Trustee . . . . . Paul Maltagliati, present**  
**2 Year Trustee . . . . . Johnny Restivo, present**  
**1 Year Trustee . . . . . Tony Vanderbeek, excused**  
**Advocate . . . . . Fidel Rodriguez, excused**  
**Lecturer . . . . . Tom McFarlane, absent**

The minutes from the meeting of February 2, 2010 were read to the council members present and approved with 2 corrections (1. the next meeting of the State Council is on March 6 instead of reported as March 5; 2. the tabled motion to support Holy Spirit Council by spending up to \$1300 to purchase 10 cribs instead of reported erroneously as \$1500).

No report from the admissions committee.

For the Grand Knight's report the Grand Knight provided a short summary of the committee reports. He reported that several members of the council will be assisting during St. Mary's Hypothermia week, beginning February 28- March 7. There will be no Spaghetti dinner during March, but the Pancake breakfast will be scheduled. There will be no first Friday adoration during March. Lent soup suppers will begin Friday, February 19. The council is providing the bread for the suppers. As part of the Community outreach program the council will be making a special presentation at the March 19 lent soup supper. The clean up for the 123 Highway is once again cancelled due to the snow and will be rescheduled in the spring. The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on March 13 in the Farrell Hall at the Parish Center. Tickets are \$25 person. For additional information on this event see Brother Bill Baker.

No Chaplain's report.

The GK dispensed with the Treasure's report.

The GK dispensed with the Bills and Communications report.

The Worthy Financial Secretary reported \$450 received for dues. We still have 79 members that have not paid their dues. Total income received for the last 2 weeks was \$2138.19. Results of the council activities for 2009 are now posted on our web site.

The GK reported on the sudden death of the son (Shaun) of Brother Tom Copeland. An Irish wake to celebrate Shaun's life will be held at Brother Tom Copeland's residence on February 20. All council members are invited to attend.

Unfinished Business:

1. At our December 15, 2009 the Chancellor presented information on a pro-life educational DVD project intended for school children from grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The DVD project is under production by Neuman Entertainment. The DVD project is apparently endorsed by the Catholic Bishops and the Supreme Council. We had some discussion on how the council would support this project, but a final vote was placed in abeyance until further details can be obtained.

The Council Advocate reported that he has sent a letter to the State Advocate requesting some guidance on how to proceed on this item, but no answer has been received. This item tabled until response is received.

2. On February 2 Brother Lee presented a motion to release budgeted funds (\$1,000) for Special Needs at Robinson Secondary School to a new program called Packaged with Care (supports homeless and Haitian relief) in lieu of the Partners program. Discussion on the appropriateness of transferring budgeted funds to a new program was made, and the GK on the advice of the Advocate decided to table the motion until the next meeting. The motion was presented again on February 16, seconded and was passed unanimously.

3. On February 2, Brother Wilkinson presented a motion to support the Holy Spirit Council by spending up to \$1300 to purchase 10 cribs. The motion was not a budgeted item and was tabled until the next meeting. The motion was presented again on February 16 and was passed unanimously.

## New Business:

Brother Obuchowski reported that we have one Priest in the parish that has an emergency situation and requires a loan. Several council members have spoken to the Priest and these members will also be helping him with funds of their own. The Priest has the resources to pay back the loan. The motion presented was that the council loan the priest \$10,000 to be paid back by July 2010. Before a vote on this motion was made, a motion to suspend the normal business rules was made. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The motion to release \$10,000 for a loan to our Priest in need was voted and passed unanimously.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> degree report, members were reminded that the Assembly meeting for February 17 will be about ½ hour late.

No Field Agent Report.

District Deputy Report. Johnny Restivo reported briefly to the open meeting visitors about the District structure. He thanked the council for supporting the Holy Spirit Council and stated this council is doing very well on recruiting.

Before proceeding to the Good of the Order the GK requested prayers for those in distressed.

For the Good of the Order: The guest speaker was Thomas Petersik, St. Mary of Sorrows, Just Faith Group 7. He made a presentation related to Catholic social teaching and how the prison population in the U.S. is banned from paid work. He theorized that if the prison population in the U.S. would be afforded the opportunity to earn wages, they would then be able to financially support their families and welfare rolls would eventually be reduced. He informed us that through the Arlington Diocese the Just Faith Group wants to present to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops the following question; Does US Law Excluding all incarcerated persons from Jobs Violate Catholic Social Teaching?

The bottle of wine was won by Brother Dave Lopez. Before the rules of the open meeting Chili cook off were announced, all past Grand Knights were asked to stand union and were recognized. Closing prayers were said and the meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by R. David Lopez, Recorder.

