



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST MARY OF SORROWS COUNCIL # 8600

FAIRFAX STATION, VIRGINIA

Minutes of the January 17, 2012 Business Meeting

The Business meeting was called to order by Worthy Grand Knight David Sharp at 8:00 PM and was held in Fairfax Station, VA. The Warden vouched that all present were in possession of their current membership card. An opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited followed by the roll call of officers.

Roll Call of Officers:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present, Excused, Late, Absent</u>
Grand Knight	David C. Sharp	Present
Chaplain	Father Barkett	Excused
Deputy Grand Knight	R. David Lopez	Excused
Chancellor	Fidel J. Rodriguez	Present
Recorder	Gerard S. Rutkowski	Present
Financial Secretary	(Phil) H. Torrey	Present
Treasurer	James J. Cella, PGK	Present
Lecturer	Thomas C. McFarlane	Present
Advocate	Alphonse J Obuchowski, PGK	Present
Warden	Jim P. McHugh	Present
Inside Guard	Christopher D. Brensy	Present
Outside Guard (1)	Steven L. Payne	Present
Outside Guard (2)	James J. Jackson	Excused
1 Year Trustee	Paul A. Maltagliati, PGK	Excused
2 Year Trustee	Daniel J. Turgeon, PGK	Present
3 Year Trustee	Donald R. Wilkinson, PGK	Present

Chaplain's Reflection:

No Chaplain's Reflection.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting were read and approved.

Report of Admissions and Reading of Applications:

The transfer application of Robert Magee and membership application of John Mills were read in and unanimously accepted.

First Degree Exemplification:

The following became members of the Order:

1. Michael Haines
2. Alberto Meer
3. John Mills
4. Sean Braziel

The Degree Honoree was Brother Joseph J. Boyle.

Worthy Grand Knight's Report:

1. I thank all the Knights for their hard work in the past month.
2. The 2012 Council 8600 Columbian Year Calendar is posted to the Website. Please keep an eye on both the website and the calendar for upcoming events.
3. This month I am starting a new activity. At all meetings/events in the future I ask that you bring a non-perishable food item or a personal hygiene item. These items will be donated to the St Mary's Food bank.
4. Upcoming Events:
 - a. 15 – 21 Jan – Hypothermia Shelter at St Mary Parish – Volunteers needed, discuss with Brother Jackson.
 - b. 22 Jan – Paul Stefan Foundation Dinner – see Parish web site for details
 - c. 24 Jan 2012 – 2nd Degree John Paul I Council 7165, Dale City (7:30 Ceremony, 7:00 Showtime)
 - d. 26 Jan 2012 – 2nd Degree Council 6292 Fr Diamond Council, St Leo Parish (7:30 Ceremony, 7:00 Show)
 - e. 28 Jan 2012 – 3rd Degree 12:00 Council 6292 Fr Diamond Council, St Leo Parish (12:00 Ceremony; 11:30 Showtime)
 - f. 3 Feb 2011 – 1st Friday Adoration (Parish Center) 7:00 PM – 8:00 AM
 - g. 25 Feb – Polish Dinner signups are open on the Council website.
5. Awards:
 - o Family of the Month Joe & Chris Mikrut, for their organizing the Parish Christmas gift program this year.
 - o Knight of the Month of December awarded to Christopher Brensy for his constant support to the Christmas tree sales.

Bills and Communications:

1. From the Mountain View School, an invitation to the commencement exercises February 7, 2012.

Treasurer's Report:

- Checking account: \$66,803.33, money market \$40,609.80, totaling \$107,413.13

Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting

- No report.

Auditors & Trustees Report:

- January 28 – Trustees will be auditing the books.

Chancellor's Vocations Report:

- No report.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Director – Worthy Chancellor Fidel Rodriguez

- Upcoming exemplifications:
 - January 24 – 2nd Degree at John Paul I Council in Dale City
 - January 26 – 2nd Degree at St Leo's, Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council, Fairfax
 - January 28 – 3rd Degree at St Leo's, Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council, Fairfax
 - February 18 – 3rd Degree at Good Samaritan Council, Sterling
- Church Director – Brother Tom Silva
 - February 3 – First Friday Adoration, signup on the Council website.
 - March 3 – Diocesan Men's Conference at St Joseph's in Herndon.
 - March 10 – Diocesan Women's Conference at St Raymond's.
 - Early registration for each Conference is \$35 at the Diocesan website.
- Community Director – Brother Dave Evans
 - A coordinator is needed for the April Improve a Home Program.
- Council Director – Brother Joe Scavetti
 - February 24 - Holy Spirit Council is sponsoring a night at the Little Theater of Alexandria's production of "Heaven Can Wait". Contact Joe Scavetti. More information to be posted on the website.
- Family Director – Brother Richard Cardenas
 - February 11– Spaghetti dinner after 5 PM Mass.
 - February 12 – Pancake breakfast, Rutkowski Team.
- Pro-Life Director – PGK Tony DiGregorio
 - January 23 - March for Life.
- Youth Director – Brother Steve Morales
 - January 29 – Parish Youth Sunday, tables for the various youth programs will be in Farrell Hall.
 - Other Youth notes will be posted on the Council website.

Unfinished Business:

- The "Supporting the Sacrifices of America's Law Enforcement Professionals" remains tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

- Brother George Wassif moved to buy new K of C aprons for the kitchen. The motion was tabled until more information can be gathered.

Fourth Degree Report:

- Next meeting will be Wednesday January 18th. Social Regalia requested for this meeting since the Assembly will be retaking the Degrees' Obligation Pledges.
- February 25 - Color Corps training and certification at St Leo's.
- May 5 – Forth Degree Exemplification in Norfolk.
- The Assembly is considering a motion to reimburse Sir Knights up to \$100 for the cost of their sword if they purchase Color Corps Regalia this Fraternal Year. This is an extension of the normal Assemble policy that reimburses first year Sir Knights for their swords.

District Deputy:

- Welcomed new members and explained that our sword is prayer and our shield is good works.
- May 18 – in Williamsburg will be the Annual State Meeting.
- The Second Degree Honoree for the October Exemplification was PGK Al Obuchowski.

For the Good of the Order:

- The Marian Homes organization was explained to the new members.
 - February 13 - last day to reserve a stateroom for the September cruise, See website.
- January 25 – the Italian Society will be sponsoring a presentation on the life and effort for the cause of Canonization of Fr Capodanno.
- March 17 – Ancient Order of Hibernians will be sponsoring a St Patrick's Dinner Dance.
- The wine was won by Don Wilkinson.

Meeting closed with prayers for Pope Benedict, Bishop Loverde, clergy, military and departed Brothers and those sick or in distress. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Prepared by Gerard Rutkowski
Worthy Recorder

RESOLUTION:**Supporting the Sacrifices of America's Law Enforcement Professionals**

Resolution to recognize the ultimate sacrifices made by the men and women of America's law enforcement professionals by the 130th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. Submitted for consideration to the Virginia State Council by the Saint Mary of Sorrows, Council 8600 in Fairfax Station, Virginia.

WHEREAS, currently there are 900,000 law enforcement officers serving the public's interests in the United States.

WHEREAS, an average of one law enforcement officer is killed in the United States every 53 hours. Since the first line-of-duty death in 1792, nearly nineteen thousand officers have died protecting those they are sworn to protect, the citizenry of the United States.

WHEREAS, for the second straight year, nationwide law enforcement fatalities rose sharply with 173 federal, state and local officers killed in the line of duty during 2011. This represents a thirteen percent

increase over 153 officers killed in 2010 and an alarming 42 percent spike when compared to the 122 who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2009.

WHEREAS, the officers killed in the line of duty included members of all faiths, including many Practical Roman Catholic men and women in communion with the Holy See. The fallen officers had a demographic average of 41 years of age, they possessed twelve years of law enforcement experience, and left behind two children.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Order has perpetually held the federal, state, and local law enforcement communities in the highest regard and consistently supported them; support typified by the establishment of a Heroes Fund to provide financial support to the families of full time law enforcement who lost their lives during the terrorists attacks of 11 September 2001, and the Knight of Columbus Supreme Council's sponsoring of the inaugural Blue Mass held at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut in 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus reaffirms its gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women of the law enforcement profession who defend our liberties with their lives; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will not waver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every law enforcement profession currently serving, all law enforcement veterans and retired officers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will continue to pray for the safely and well-being of all law enforcement officers; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we now pause in our deliberations to pay tribute to those men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of those they have sworn to protect.

Saint Mary of Sorrows, Council 8600, Fairfax, Virginia voted on, and passed this resolution on January 17, 2012.

David C. Sharp, Grand Knight

Gerard S. Rutkowski, Recorder