

Knights of Columbus – Montgomery Council #2323
Minutes of June 2, 2009 Business Meeting – and Election of Officers

Called to order at 8:05 pm by Grand Knight Randy Drago.

Roll of officers called. All Officers were present. Deacon Jim Datovech of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi was appointed Associate Chaplain to assist to our Chaplain Father Zylla in his duties.

The Recorder provided written minutes of the May 19 social meeting to the Executive Committee and General Membership – also available on our website at: kofc2323.org

There was one application for new membership:

1 – Kenneth Hayden, St. Mary's parish, sponsored by Joe Kempf

Ken was voted in by unanimous voice vote. Joe mentioned that he will be at the 1st degree being held on June 9. Pat McAleer reported that Paul Fell, new member voted in at the May 19 meeting, took his 1st degree recently at McKenna Council.

Grand Knight's report - included the following items:

1 – Welcomed Deacon Jim Datovech as our Associate Chaplain. Deacon Jim graciously accepted, and mentioned that he has been a member of this council for nearly 25 years. We are pleased to have Deacon Jim to assist our beloved Chaplain Father Zylla.

2 – Please keep Father Zylla in your prayers. He is still undergoing extensive radiation and chemotherapy. We pray for his strength to endure the treatments, for remission of his cancer, and his speedy return.

3 – This is the last official business meeting of the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year.

4 – This Saturday, June 6 is the Grant Award Presentation to our member parish schools. Shannon will report on this under Committee Reports.

5 – Friday, June 12 is next Family Night.

6 – Next social meeting, Tuesday June 16 will be the Grand Knight's Appreciation Barbecue beginning at 7:30 (not normal 8:00 start). All council families are welcome.

Treasurer's report – Checking account balance as of May 21 was \$11,071.13.

Financial Secretary's report –

1 – Receipts \$-0-

2 – Disbursements \$1,253.20. Major item was the distribution of the Shrimp Feast proceeds for \$1,016.70.

3 – Bills for the 2009-1010 Fraternal Year will be mailed beginning June 19. It will cover the regular \$45.00 dues plus a \$3.00 add on from Supreme for the Fathers for Good program.

Communications – None

Chancellor's report – No report

Committees' report –

1 – Shannon Doherty briefed everyone on the Grant Presentation and Barbeque this Saturday. It will run from 3:00 to 7:00. No set timetable for when the presentations will be made. Shannon still needs help on set up/cleanup. Set up can be either Friday night or Saturday morning. Please contact him.

Trustees report – No report.

Unfinished business – None

New business:

1 – Election of Officers for Fraternal year 2009-2010. See special section below.
2 – Ed Dudenhoeffer reported that we have sponsored a child for the Christian Education in the Holy Land Program for one year. He is a male but Ed does not have his name yet. Once he gets it, he will have it posted along with whatever biographical information comes with it.

Election of Officers:

The entire slate of officers published in the Courier was elected without further nominations from the general membership (Financial Secretary is appointed rather than elected). Pat McAleer and Shannon Doherty were nominated and elected to be the 1st alternate and 2nd alternate delegate to the Maryland State Convention.

The installation of officers ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 (on the Feast of the Assumption) at St. Martin's parish. Mass will be at 9:00 am with the Installation ceremony immediately following the Mass. There will be a brunch reception at the Council hall following the Installation.

The Grand Knight gave a general Thank You to George Griffin for his many years of service as an officer. He will be retiring as Inside Guard. George recently celebrated his 80th birthday (Of course, many members pointed out that 80 is the new 40!!)

The Fraternal Benefits Advisor report:

Pat's theme was centered on the first degree pillar of charity. The Knights help others, but you need to take care of yourself first and urged everyone to become an insurance member. He mentioned several key "selling points" of the insurance program:
1- overall stability – Pat mentioned that the inner flap of the new Columbia Magazine has a spread titled "And then there were four". Knights of Columbus insurance is only one of four with the highest ratings from each of the insurance rating organizations.
2 – Insurance fund potential growth - If all members were insurance members, there would be a reduced need for special assessments such as the current assessment to start up the web site for the Fathers for Good program. Supreme funds many programs from income generated on the insurance program, but in this particular case they did not want to deplete funds, so they went with the special assessment.

3- Family coverage after death- having some insurance product in place means that Pat can keep working with a member's widow after his death. If not, then all contact after death ceases.

4- The council is close to receiving Star Council recognition (John Durbin covered specific numbers in his District Deputy report).

District Deputy report:

1- special 1st degree next Tuesday - due to the number of new member applications received recently. This degree was not previously scheduled and is in between regular meetings. John urged all members to attend. We need at least 12 for a quorum.

2- Star Council – We need seven new members and five members to become insurance members to reach Star Counsel.

3- Introduced Jack Giacalone, District Warden and Faithful Navigator (Elect) of the Sullivan Brothers Assembly. His report follows.

4th Degree – Sullivan Brothers Assembly Special Report:

1- Presented a U.S. Flag to the outgoing Grand Knight for outside the Council Hall. Randy suggested doing the flag raising at the June 16th Grand Knight's Appreciation Barbeque and Jack offered to have Color Corps members perform the flag raising.

2- Silver Rose Program – This is an annual event when three silver roses are sent from Canada through the United States to Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica in Mexico. One of the roses will be in Maryland for three weeks, July 5 to July 22. The Sullivan Brothers will be having a ceremony on Sunday, July 19 at 3:00 at St. Peter's Church in Olney. This ceremony will honor the rose before it is passed to the next Assembly. All are invited.

3- Our Lady of Guadalupe Pledge Cards – These are being sent to the Financial Secretaries. It is a signed promise to promote life. One signed copy of the pledge will be presented at a mass at the Basilica.

Chaplin's Summation – Deacon Datovech had the following reflections:

1- Compared our election tonight to Pentecost Sunday – He wondered how many of the apostles would have come forward publicly to serve before the first Pentecost, like the new officers did tonight?

2- We should feel good about all we accomplished this year, but there is more to do.

3- Always try to make a difference in the world.

4 – Congratulated us on sponsoring the child education in the Holy Land.

The Lecturer conducted his usual program for the good of the order. Also as usual, he claimed that his questions were easy!! (The last one, however, did stump the group, so good luck, Deacon Datovech, and don't spend it all in one place!!)

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Attest: Lawrence J. Royster, Recording Secretary