

Business Meeting Minutes

1st Business Meeting, Thursday, January 8, 2009

The Council was called to order at 7:45 PM by DGK Jeff Forsyth.

Prayer was offered by DGK Jeff Forsyth.

The roll of officers was called with the following results:

Grand Knight, Chaplain – Excused
Deputy Grand Knight – Present
Chancellor, Recorder – Excused
Treasurer, Financial Secretary – Present
Advocate, Warden – Present
Inside/Outside Guard – Excused
2nd/3rd Year Trustee – Excused
1st Year Trustee – Present

The Opening Ode was omitted, the minutes of the preceding meeting were published to the web, and were approved by acclaim with no amendments.

Membership: One Form 100 was read, for Transfer of Worthy Brother Joe Salloum (Honorary Member), proposed by Emory Lesho; Unanimously approved by the members in attendance. No other notices of application; and no degrees conferred.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

Deacon Skip Comegna's mother, who has been ill for many months, has passed away this last week.

Welcome to new members Frank Rossi and Mike Culley.

The Chaplain reported as follows: (no report).

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Summary - \$320.73 in going bills, leaving a balance of \$6901.35.

No receipts or bills or communications were read.

The Financial Secretary reported as follows: The council members need to step up and pay their dues; less than 30% had paid prior to the start of tonight's meeting.

The Trustees reported as follows: A semi-annual audit is due next month, but no time has been set yet.

The Chancellor reported on Vocations as follows: (no report).

The following program reports were provided by Worthy DGK Jeff Forsyth:

1. Awards for the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest winners were presented at Resurrection Mass last weekend. Only about 25 entries this year, but the quality was high. Thanks to Rob Callahan for running this program.
2. Thanks to PGK Robert Carter for coordinating the World Youth Day presentation last month by Fr. Joe Donders, visiting priest at Resurrection for our Parish Youth Ministry.

3. A sign-up sheet was passed around for helping at the Annual Basketball Free Throw Contest, at Resurrection Gym at 1:30 on Sunday, 1/18. Membership was reminded that the District 27 ABFT will also be Resurrection gym, at 1 PM on Sunday, 2/15, and council help is appreciated.

4. Bon Secours is hosting another St Valentine's Day Couples' Retreat on Saturday, 2/14. Price is \$60/couple, and reservations are filling up fast. GK, DGK and others highly recommend this activity. Register at 410-203-2128 or contact DGK Forsyth at tlhc@juno.com.

5. The Worthy GK asked that we try the Lottery Raffle again as a council fundraiser, but we need a chairman or chair team. We are targeting sales in April and May, so we need one or two volunteers to start planning now to meet that deadline.

6. The council was asked to help at the Confirmation class Pot Luck Dinner, by providing refreshments, for about \$80. The motion, made and seconded, to provide funds up to \$80 for this purpose, was passed unanimously, F/S Stew Bode handling this project.

Unfinished Business was taken up and disposed of as follows: None

New Business:

It was announced that Max Blob's Biergarten in Jessup, has reopened after a year hiatus, and the membership was in general agreement that we should plan an event there; Possibly a Preakness party in the spring.

The attending members were reminded that Lenten Fish Fryday is coming next month, and we will need help of members at this fun, community-building evening.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows: (no report).

The District Deputy reported as follows:

Happy New Year! Please continue good work recruiting new members. I encourage your council to sponsor another information meeting as soon as you can. We might even host a training day, to help in recruiting. In addition to the new Form 100 for membership, there are new procedures in place for the council Financial Secretaries to learn, so if you have any questions, State Council is available for help. All PGKs are encouraged to attend the GK Chapter meetings, especially when they are held in the Baltimore area. Please try to find time to support the Right To Life March in Washington DC this January 22, 2009. Please consider supporting the St Valentine's Day Dance at St. Louis Council (2/14), and the St. Patrick's Day Party at St. Alphonsus (3/14).

Under Good of the Order:

Prayers asked for: Br. Earl McLaughlin (for upcoming surgery, both he and wife Donata); Br. John Reese and Br. Deacon Skip (both mothers passed); council friend & former parish music minister Don Henderson (son passed); Br. Hans Weidig IV (attending National Guard training in Pennsylvania); Br. Joe Budsock of Bishop Sheen Council (also of Al Hambra, passed). Please keep all in our thoughts.

Chaplain's Summation: (none).

Closing Prayer was said by DGK Forsyth; Closing Ode was omitted.