



Council #11341  
Resurrection Parish  
Ellicott City, MD  
Thursday, December 1, 2011

At 7:35 pm on Thursday, December 1, 2011 a meeting of Resurrection Council #11341 was call to order with opening prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance by Worthy Grand Knight Roy Harris with 23 Brother Knights in attendance.

The roll of officers was called with the following results:

Grand Knight Roy Harris	P	Chaplain Fr. Warren Tanghe	E	Deputy Grand Knight Pat Brim	P
Chancellor Rob Edrington	P	Recorder Rick Gay	P	Financial Secretary Stewart Bode	E
Treasurer Paul Messina	P	Lecturer Jeffrey Forsyth	P	Advocate John Widitz	P
Warden Arnie Aquilano	P	Inside Guard Hans Weidig IV	E	Outside Guard Mike Parker, Jr.	E
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee Jeffrey Forsyth	P	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee Drew Scurachio	P	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee Earl McLaughlin	E

P=Present

E=Excused

A=Absent

The minutes of preceding meeting November 3, 2011 were passed out for review and posting on the councils web page. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted, the motion passed unanimously without any corrections.

**Admissions Committee Report:**

There was one new Form 100 submitted for Ted Reeve, Ted is very active in the parishes Social Justice Committee and has been interested in the Knights of Columbus for some time. The latest degree ceremony schedule is attached to these minutes at attachment A.

**Worthy Grand Knight's Report:**

- This Sunday is our Council Christmas Open House at my Roy and Sheila' home at 9865 Diversified Lane, Ellicott City, MD from 2-5 pm on Sunday December 4, 2011. Shelia and I look forward to seeing everyone there who can join us.
- I continue to ask all of you to remember to invite men to join our organization and wear your name badge when involved in church activities. Visibility is key to the parish knowing who we are and what we do. It also creates an entrée to men asking us about the Knights.

- I thank the brothers that assisted with the Thanksgiving Day Mass Coffee & Donuts (Jim Heim, Arnie Aquilano, Mike Parker). It looked like there were about 80 folks who came to the link after Mass and they stayed for at least a half an hour. Jim Heim is asking for help with the 4 Dec (this Sunday) Coffee & Donuts. I will circulate a list for anyone that can assist. There is not a specific group signed up for this Sunday. So if you have some to assist, Jim and I would appreciate it.
- Two of our brothers continue to have health challenges: Stew Bode: doing a bit better and requesting prayers. Mike Parker is in the hospital. I visited him yesterday and he is improving and he requests your prayers.

### **Worthy Chaplain's Report:**

Our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Warren Tanghe' spoke about The Holy Father's comments on when Advent begins:

- Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. During this time, Christians observe a season of prayer, fasting and repentance followed by anticipation, hope and joy. Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of time. Fr. Tanghe' spoke about how we should always be prepared for the coming of Jesus for we do not know when that will be, but we must watch and be ready for the possibility at anytime.

### **Worthy Treasurer's Report:**

- The Treasurer's Report can be found attached to these minutes at Attachment B. Currently we have \$9,405.85 in our account after a very successful Italian Dinner, and Tootsie Roll Campaign. it appears we took in about \$4200. Many thanks to the brothers who worked so hard with this; a few worked three shifts. It is a great opportunity for visibility as many folks talked about memories of Tootsie Roll campaigns over the years. In addition, the Confirmation Candidates enjoy the opportunity to provide service. We may look at getting the weekends in by mid October.

### **Worthy Financial Secretary's Report:**

- No report given

## **Service Committee Reports:**

### **Program Director - Pat Brim:**

- Membership Committee: Work on a recruitment and retention plan for our new Member 365 program is underway. Jeff Forsyth will be the chair of the Retention Committee. The committee is considering ways to reach out to our brothers who are members of our committees but not as active; we need to identify how we can facilitate their participation.

We continue to develop a process and procedures to enhance our recruitment efforts and also stand up a Retention Committee to include the make-up of that committee. We will intensify both of these efforts in January after the holidays.

### **Community Director - Dan Gahagan:**

- After successful Italian Dinner and Tootsie Roll Campaign the committee is planning on maintaining their momentum with the Confirmation Pot Luck & Reception, and our council's Fish Friday. The biggest event will be the Golf Tournament on May 15, 2012 this year for the parish and St.Paul/Resurrection School. The first organizational meeting will be the first week in January.

### **Family - John Rentz:**

- The Family of the Month Update, the process as well as the form continues to be refined by the committee. We hope to kick off this year's campaign on December 30<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Holy Family. The application will be available on-line at the Council's web page in the near future.
- John is putting together a spreadsheet on the Council membership which will contain important data especially that of our deceased brothers so that we can continue to honor them with a mass in the fall.
- The committee is planning for the upcoming Valentine's Day Dinner for couples at Bon Secours.

### **Council - John Garpstas**

- The Committee is finalizing plans for the Council Christmas Party as well as the Lecturers Program. They are looking forward to future events such as the State Convention in Ocean City in May and the Lottery Raffle next spring.

### **Church- Rob Edrington:**

- We will again be providing direction in the parking lot for the 4P and 6P masses on Christmas Eve. I will circulate a sign up list for those that can assist at one or both

masses. We will set up about 2P but the need is really at 3P as the 4P Mass folks start to arrive not long after 3P since there are three masses and the children's play at the 4P mass.

- Upcoming events the committee will be working on Founder's Day Mass, the Easter Sunday Parking, and the Priest's Appreciation Dinner in June.

#### **Youth - Matt Daue:**

- Keep Christ in Christmas: We are presently working this program with anticipated presentation to winners on Holy Family Sunday in January.
- The committee is planning for the upcoming Council Free throw Tournament and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

#### **Pro Life - Emory Lesho**

- There are a couple of significant Pro-Life opportunities coming up soon. Members should consider turning out for one or both of these important shows of faith.

Monday December 5th is the ONE YEAR anniversary of the arrival of LeRoy Carhart, late-term abortionist, in Germantown. A dedicated group of people pray outside this nightmarish facility EVERY Monday from 8am-10am. On Monday December 5th, they are hoping to have 1,000 people join in prayer. (A number even the secular media will find difficult to ignore.) PLEASE prayerfully consider joining them. For more information, go to [www.prayforgermantown.com](http://www.prayforgermantown.com), and click on directions to reach Executive Park Circle and Wisteria Drive, Germantown, MD 20875.

One of the Cemeteries of the Innocent, operated by the Maryland Knights of Columbus, will be moved from southern Maryland to Wisteria Drive for the demonstration.

On Saturday, December 10, 2011 Donald Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate Mass for an end to abortion. It will be held at 5:00 pm at Mother Seaton Church in Germantown, with a prayerful procession to follow to the vicinity of Carhart's facility.

- The Archdiocese of Baltimore is looking for volunteers to continue to pray at the Hillcrest Clinic in Catonsville during the hours that abortions are performed. They need prayer warriors from 8 AM to Noon each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you can assist, you are asked to send an email to [Vigil@BolandGroup.com](mailto:Vigil@BolandGroup.com).
- On Saturday, December 10, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Helpers Of God's Precious Infants will have a Rosary Procession to/from Hillcrest following the 8AM

Mass at St. Agnes. Also on Saturday, December 17, empty crèche caroling will be held at Hillcrest following the 8AM Mass.

- The committee is planning for Mary's Gold Program, 40 Days for Life and the National Right to Life March which is scheduled for next fall in Washington DC our nation's capital.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Matt Daue and Drew Scurachio demonstrated the Council's new Facebook and Twitter Page which are now up. There was some discussion about how we would leverage these new social media outlets to help the Council. Obtaining a LinkedIn page was also discussed.

#### **New Business:**

- Brother Hans Weidig announced that the Court Howard Catholic Daughters is considering changing their meeting night from the first Thursday each month to an as yet determined night so as to allow couples who are involved in both the Catholic Daughters and the Knights greater flexibility to attend meetings.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report:**

- We were joined by our Faithful Navigator from the Father McGivney Assembly Martin Nau who passed along his sincerest thanks to all those brothers who contributed to the hard day of preparation and execution of our assemblies Freedom Thanks You Dinner. The Color Corp under the command of Martin Luchansky performed the presentation of colors flawlessly. The color corp honor guard members from Cardinal Gibbons Assembly in Westminster and Pope Paul VI of Severna Park, joined with the McGivney Assembly color Corp and the worthy Master of the Fourth Degree SK R Steven Thomas to provide an honor guard, along with 18 to 20 cub and boy scouts for the event. Following the Presentation of Colors, national anthem, and pledge of Allegiance, the Team performed a very moving POW/MIA ceremony in remembrance of all those soldiers yet to be accounted for from wars present and past. The spiritual invocation was delivered by our Associate Friar Father Michael Ruane.

We ended up with six (6) wounded warriors and one spouse and family of another guest soldier who couldn't make it himself. The Sir Knights of McGivney Assembly (in Tuxedos) served the soldiers and their families their turkey dinners and desserts. After dinner we awarded them all a certificate of Patriotic Service along with \$100 VISA gift cards. One soldier received an additional gift card (by raffle drawing) from Lowes for \$50.00.

Operation Second Chance representative Frank Mielenz accepted checks for Operation Second Chance from donations for over \$1,100.00 we had collected at the

three parishes, and the Assembly donated a \$2500 check based on preliminary accounts for ticket sales and donations. Two 50/50 raffles were held that netted additional funds (~\$600). This brought the total contributions (minus the \$700 for the gift cards) to over \$3500.00.

Brother Sir Knight LTC Dan Wagner, a US Marine veteran himself, served as our greeter at the door for our soldiers and at the end of the evening, he presented the Assembly with a US FLAG that had been flown over his base in Afghanistan while he was on tour of duty this past year.

The soldier's wives or girlfriends were also presented with flower arrangements (Prepared by SK Art MacLarty and his Wife) and the children had some Chocolate flags as little treats for their patience.

He thanked all the Sir Knights of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, St. Michaels Parish and The Church of the Resurrection, for their perseverance and dedication to the sale of dinner tickets and for collecting the donations made to Operation Second Chance. We couldn't have done it without your help!

- The 2012 Exemplification is planned for 2-4 March this year a little earlier than normal.
- The Assembly will be participating in the annual Christmas Wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery as well as various Veteran's Cemeteries around the state.
- Reminder to join the Father McGivney Guild to promote sainthood, there is no cost to sign-up and you will receive a free newsletter. Follow the link <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/guild/index.html> and click join the Guild to register.

#### **Worthy District Deputy Report:**

- Worthy District Deputy John Roth brought greetings from our State Deputy Peter Davio.
- We are the only Council in the District on Facebook and Twitter.
- Reminder of Supremes take on membership is called Plan 365. We need to get cracking on the membership issue. The lack of growth in membership was a major point of concern with the District down +5 in membership for the year. One suggestion was to have the Counsels Chaplain send a letter to prospective members. Participation in at least four First Degrees during the Fraternal Year is now a requirement, in addition to meeting its membership and insurance quotas, in order to make Star Council. The new form #450C needs to be filled out by the host GK or FS

to support this requirement. Star Council equals a chance for a free trip to next year's Supreme Convention in Anaheim.

- The State Charity Fund needs your support. This fund directly assists Brothers and their families in emergency financial need. If every Brother contributed \$25; the fund could easily take care of the annual demands placed on it.
- Scholarships available, if you have a high schooler about to enter ninth grade in a Catholic high school, you may want to apply for the annually renewable \$1500 per year awards. Detailed information can be found at [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org)
- Continue to support the Courage Lion Program. There was a news story on channel 45 on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 am.
- Reminder of activities that count toward fulfilling all requirements for the year to qualify for the Columbian Award.
- Begin to think about the annual nominations for Catholic teacher, citizen, policeman, fireman, and EMT awards that each Council is encouraged to conduct within the parish it serves. Each Council may also nominate its local winners for State recognition at the Founder's Day Mass in March.
- March 25, 2012 will be the annual Founder's Day Mass.
- Continue to pray the rosary every day.

### **Brothers in Distress:**

#### **December 2011**

- Br. Richard Meyer asked for prayers for his mother who is seriously ill.
- Br. Hans Weidig asked for prayers for Jack Carmody his wife and son.
- Br. Rick Gay asked for prayers for the soul of Jack Berzines the husband of a co-worker who passed away unexpectedly recently and for his mother-in-law Joy Johnson who was gravely ill.
- Br. Paul Messina asked for prayers for Br. Mike Parker and for the soul of Jore Lepo a boyhood friend who passed away recently.
- Worthy Grand Knight Roy Harris asked for prayers for Br. Stewart Bode who was in the hospital undergoing medical tests.

#### **November 2011**

- Pray for Dave & Stacie Lucero

**From August 2011**

- Sam Lomonico's wife (Barbara) is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

**From July 2011**

- There were no prayer request this month, however all prior requests are still in need of our prayers.

**From June 2011**

- Br. Paul Messina asked us to pray for Eugene Gonzales who is ill; also he asked that the council pray for Sam Orlando who is also ill; and he asked that we pray for baby Kathryn Kelly who is only 12 days old.

**From May 2011**

- Br. Hans Weidig asked that we pray for his friend Brian Fitzgerald who is currently deployed to Afghanistan.
- Mike Tiernan's wife continues to be seriously ill with cancer and possibly only has weeks to live.

**From April 2011:**

- Mike Tiernan's wife is seriously ill with cancer and possibly only has weeks to live.
- Ted Marian suffered a fall in January, he subsequently had his gall bladder removed and is currently undergoing rehab in Frederick.
- John Forsyth our Worthy Grand Knight's brother passed away unexpectedly two weeks ago.

**From March 2011:**

- Robert Marchesani who is a council candidate pending completion of his first degree.
- Mike Tiernan's wife is seriously ill with cancer.

**From February 2011:**

- Steven Bouchard asked that we pray for Adrian & Lena Bouchard and John Kimiecik.
- Rick Gay asked that the council pray for his son who is looking for work.
- Thom Partenope asked that we pray for his sister Patricia who has stage 4 cancer.
- Jim Heim asked for prayers for Toby Heim.
- Worthy Brother Stu Bode asked that we pray for the Packers to prevail over the Steelers in Super bowl 45. ☺

**From January 2011:**

- Ted Murray has suffered a stroke; please offer your prayers to our Lord for a swift and complete recovery.
- Worthy Grand Knight Jeff Forsyth asked that we also offer our prayers for a close friend he works with who is suffering from cancer.

**From December 2010:**

- Worthy Brother Tony Green passed away right after Thanksgiving. His funeral was well attended by brother knights and the family was grateful for the color guard and final salute that was done.
- Earl McLaughlin's wife Donata is still having heart problems.
- **From November 2010:**
- Worthy Brother Mike Tiernan's wife is suffering from terminal cancer and our prayers would be very comforting in their hour of need.
- Worthy Grand Knight Jeff Forsyth asked all members during this all saints month to remember our departed brothers in your prayers.

**From October 2010:**

- Worthy Knight Hans Weidig informed the Council that Stacey Lucero is doing well and to please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Please remember Worthy Knight Anthony Green as well in your prayers.
- Sue Meyers has broken her knee cap and will need our prayers for a speedy and full recovery.
- John McCuen announced that his wife Carol had surgery for breast cancer and was in need of our prayers for a full recovery.
- Worthy Brother Steve Bouchard asked for our prayers for his mother and father who are advanced in age and ill.
- Earl McLaughlin's wife Donata has also had surgery for cancer and is in need of our prayers.
- Worthy Brother Hans Weidig IV will be deploying to Afghanistan in 2011, his father Hans Weidig asked for our prayers for his safe return.

**Worthy Lecturer's Report:**

- No report given

**Worthy Chaplain Summation:**

- No report given

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Minutes taken by Br. Rick Gay, Recorder.

Vivat Jesus!