



Bishop Sheen Council #7487

Minutes for General Meeting held September 3, 2008

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by GK Chris Fleck
- Warden's Report – all present possessed current membership cards
- Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, & Opening Ode
- Roll call of officers – 12 Present 2 Excused 25 Members Present

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chaplain, Fr. Ron Hutchinson P ➤ Grand Knight, Chris Fleck P ➤ Deputy Gr. Knight, Kevin Wilterink P ➤ Chancellor, Matt Gradisher P ➤ Recorder, Ray Baxter P ➤ Treasurer, Ron VanSurksun P ➤ Advocate, Dave Majestic E ➤ Warden, Adam Roberts E 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inside Guard, Mike London P ➤ Outside Guard, Jim Lambrecht P ➤ Trustee 1 Year, Art Schoenborn P ➤ Trustee 2 Year, Dave Husted P ➤ Trustee 3 Year, Bob Luxford P ➤ Financial Secretary, Scott Ecenbarger P 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * District Deputy Pete Faraci P
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- Reading of the minutes from the meeting held on August 6, 2008 - corrected as reviewed.
- Report of the Admissions Committee:
 - No new applications were presented this month.
- Chaplain's Report:
 - The council welcomed Fr. Ron back from his vacation, and appreciated his presence at this month's meeting. Fr. Ron challenged the Council to be in audience of Tarek Saab, a special guest speaker who will be at Holy Redeemer on October 27th. Father feels that Mr. Saab's message, "The Battle of the Ordinary", would help us to passionately know and be committed to the Catholic Faith.
- Grand Knight's Report:
 - Worthy Grand Knight Chris Fleck congratulated Fr. Ron on the 14th Anniversary of his Ordination coming up on Sept. 24th, as well as beginning his sixth year of serving Holy Redeemer Parish.
 - Family of the Month for September is Kevin & Leslie Dunn.
 - Knight of the Month for September is FS Scott Ecenbarger.
 - GK Chris Fleck welcomed the three new members of our Council: *Marc Hoefakker, Alan Gillis, and Joe Dombrowski Jr.*
 - The Council Officer's worked diligently on a preliminary budget for the Council. Ideas are needed for activities that will bring money into the Council to support our numerous activities.
 - Membership retention will be stressed within the Council, as well as mentoring and supporting new and past members who might not feel a part of the Brotherhood.
 - GK Chris Fleck asked the Council to pray for peace on Sept. 11th and to fly the American Flag on that day.
- Upcoming degrees will be conducted on the following: 2nd & 3rd degrees on Sept 28th at Conklin 12:30pm, Oct. 19th in Portland 1st degree at 10:30am, 2 & 3rd degrees at 12:30pm, Oct 12th in Big Rapids 1st degree at 11:00am, 2 & 3rd degrees at 12:15pm, and on Sat. Nov. 1st at St. Roberts in Ada with mass and a dinner to follow.
- Treasurer's Report: Approved as read.
- Reading of Bills and Communications:
 - (3) Bills were submitted: \$59.71 from Scott Ecenbarger for office supplies; \$36.22 to the Supreme Council supplies; \$385.00 to sponsor a Council ad in our Bulletin thru Diocesan Publications; \$179.75 for the upcoming keeping Christ in Christmas campaign.
 - (2) Communications: Thank you cards were received from Tom & Diane Wiest, and from GK Chris Fleck
- Financial Secretary's Report:

- Approved as read
- Chancellor's Report:
 - WC Matt Gradisher told the Council that the care packages for the Seminarians will be given again this year. Donations will be accepted until November's meeting. The 2nd annual prayer for peace is coming up on Sept. 11th. The Vocations Youth Rally will be held on Nov. 8th and volunteers are needed.
- Report of Trustees:
 - All bills approved as read
- Report of Service Program Committees:
 - Deputy GK Kevin Wilterink updated the Council about working with the Parish on the Prayer Garden and the wood chipper project.
 - Ryan Schmidt will chair the handicap ramp to be built on Sept 15th and 16th, an email will be sent out soon.
 - GPS Youth Rally will be chaired by Matt Gradisher.
 - The Caramel Apple Sale will be held on Oct 25 & 26th, Ray Obetts will again chair the event.
 - Keep Christ in Christmas cards will be going on sale Oct 19th, 26th, and Nov. 2nd. Don Cashdollar will again chair the event.
 - October 15th will be the deadline for submissions to the Council Newsletter.
 - The Council website contains a calendar of events, the website is www.kofc7487.org.
 - Dennis Mazor updated the Council on the last blood drive, and mentioned an upcoming drive on Oct. 11th. Over 1300 donations have been made through our partnership with the Red Cross.
 - Deputy GK Kevin Wilterink thanked the Degree Team and those who witnessed the 1st degree held in August at our Council.
 - A Membership Blitz will be held on the weekend of the 6th & 7th at the Parish, Fr. Ron okayed the Council to talk to persons in the Shepard's Hall while the Mexican Fiesta is going on.
 - Eucharistic adoration is held every Wednesday in the Chapel, participants are needed.
 - Rosary for the unborn is held every Saturday morning at 9:30am at the Memorial for the Unborn
 - Parish grounds clean-up will be held on Sept. 13th, volunteers with tools will be needed.
 - Breakfasts at the Haven will be done in the next few months; PGK Art Schoenborn is looking for volunteers.
 - Business meeting will be held on the 17th, with the Retention Committee meeting before hand at 6:00pm.
 - Age of Discovery inspections Sept. 20th at 8:00am, volunteers are needed.
 - The Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sept. 26th. The council will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs; the grill station will be chaired by PGK Bob Luxford. Dennis Mazor needs the use of a trailer for movement of the canopy for the picnic, Don Cashdollar asked for at least three volunteers to help with the children's activities. Cap will be needed for all persons who will be working with the food at the picnic.
 - The Forty Days for Life Campaign will be conducted from Sep. 24 to Nov. 2 with peaceful protests to be held from 10:00pm to 6am at the Pregnancy Centers; Will Chalut is trying to fill the schedule with volunteers.
 - A wild game dinner is still being planned, and a chairperson is needed to coordinate the event.
 - GK Chris Fleck added to the report of services committee the fact that there is proposal on the upcoming ballot regarding stem cell research, and as Catholics we need to vote with our conscience on the issue.
- Unfinished Business:
 - The State Golf Outing will be held on Sept. 14th, according to Mr. Wyma.
- New Business:
 - Our State Advocate Bob Fox told the Council that as Catholics we have to vote no on the stem cell research proposal. There is no in-between on the issue; it is part of our Catholic Faith that life begins at conception and therefore no stem cell research can ethically be done.
- Report of the Fourth Degree:
 - There will be a meeting to vote on the by-laws for the new Council to be held on Wednesday.
- Our Insurance agent, Mike Taylor spoke to the Council, congratulating the members on becoming a Star Council last year, but questioning the Council as to why there is not more emphasis on selling Insurance through the Knights of Columbus. He advised the Council that financial planners do not keep the members best interests in mind, and are taking away policies that he has sold to Knights.

- District Deputy's Report:
 - Worthy District Deputy Pete Faraci brought greetings from the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and from the State Officers of Michigan.
 - The Officer Installation Dinner held on August 9th went very well. St Pius' officer installation will be conducted on September 7th at St Pius in Grandville. Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Wilterink will accompany Pete in place of Bob Wyma.
 - Pete thanked the degree team for conducting a 1st degree for the St. Pius Council, and that they are standing up well as a new Council.
 - Larry Kassuba has had an artificial valve placed in his heart, and is starting to recover well.

- Chaplain's Summation:
 - Father Ron reiterated to the Council the issue of the stem cell research through Abortion. We as Catholics can never allow the murder of the unborn for any reason. Even if this is not the popular opinion, we have to stand for what is right in the eyes of the Church.

- For the Good of the Order:
 - Dan Stitt, Nels & Joan Haydamacker, Ashley Zondlak, Al Sanson, Bea Gleason, Joe Kovach, Jim Winkler, Marie Robinson, Sue Rybicki, Joan Wilkerson, Sebe Winkler, Al Conklin, Marva VanderWood, Ruth Ptak, Jack Covey, Betty Colson, Wanda Maiden, Ilene Chalut, Leon Frith, Dorothy Cherry, Evan Viau, Max Vereckin, Lilian Dutkiewicz, Marie Ten Brock, Jim Devreeski, Max Voss, Deb Faraci, Chris Fleck, Yvonne Price, Sue Courtade, Ray Kuk, Gerald Schmidt, Larry Kassuba, Delores Godley, Hilary McBride, Eddie Braden, Michelle Gradisher, Roberta Viau, Chance Dunn, Bill McConnon, our Parish prayer chain, for Vocations and our Seminarians.
 - Prayers also asked for Fr. Ron, Fr. Matt, Deacon Richard, Deacon Bob, Seminarian Luis Garcia, Bishop Walter, Pope Benedict, and our State Advocate Robert Fox.

- Closing Prayer & Closing Ode.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 P.M.