



Bishop Sheen Council #7487

Minutes for General Meeting held October 1, 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 – 10 Present 4 Excused 25 Members Present

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chaplain, Fr. Ron Hutchinson ➤ Grand Knight, Chris Fleck P ➤ Deputy Gr. Knight, Kevin Wilterink ➤ Chancellor, Matt Gradisher ➤ Recorder, Ray Baxter ➤ Treasurer, Ron VanSurksun ➤ Advocate, Dave Majestic ➤ Warden, Adam Roberts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E P P P P P P P 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inside Guard, Mike London ➤ Outside Guard, Jim Lambrecht ➤ Trustee 1 Year, PGK Art Schoenborn ➤ Trustee 2 Year, PGK Dave Husted ➤ Trustee 3 Year, PGK Bob Luxford ➤ Financial Secretary, Scott Ecenbarger 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E E P P E P
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- Reading of the minutes from the meeting held on September 3, 2008 – Corrected as read.
- Report of the Admissions Committee:
 - One new application, Harvey Barker Jr., submitted a form 100 for admission to the Council. Steve Povenz was awarded the order of the First Degree in a ceremony held last Sunday at Holy Redeemer.
- Gary Merritt, the Diocesan Program Director, spoke to the Council about the need for support to defeat Proposal Two on the upcoming election, and to support and invite Political Candidates that share the principles and values of the Knights of Columbus. Gary then spoke of a \$50,000 fundraiser to raise money to sponsor a general meeting room in the new Cathedral Square Building in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Rosary prayer cards would be sold by the Council as well as three other Councils in a test program for the rest of the District starting October 25th to raise these funds.

Motioned and passed in new business
- Chaplain's Report:
 - Father Ron was absent this month.
- Grand Knight's Report:
 - Worthy Grand Knight Chris Fleck presented the following awards:
 - Knight of the Month for September was presented to Warden Adam Roberts.
 - Family of the Month for September is PGK Tom & Ryan Schmidt.
 - GK Chris Fleck mentioned that the wheelchair ramp chaired by the Schmidt's was published in the Columbian Magazine. Joe and Chris Kovach sent a thank you card to the Council and our Grand Knight again thanked the Schmidt's for their hard work.
 - State raffle tickets are now on sale through the Grand Knight for \$5.00 per ticket or \$35.00 for a sheet of 8.
 - The Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament will be held in Battle Creek on Jan.10 & 11, teams will be 2 and 5 persons.
 - The second annual Knights of Columbus bus trip will be heading to Washington D.C. The bus leaves Lansing on Jan.21st at 2:00 pm and will arrive in Washington D.C. on Jan.22nd. The cost of the trip is \$105 for the bus and \$125 for the hotel room. Participants are encouraged to partake in order to represent the Grand Rapids District.
 - The phone tree is being put on hold until the records of the Council and those of the Supreme Council match.
- Treasurer's Report: Approved as read.
- Reading of Bills and Communications:

- (3) Bills were submitted: \$33.00 from FS Scott Ecenbarger for postage; \$74.00 for the flower fund from March and June; Donations to God's Kitchen and Hospice of Holland.
- (2) Communications: A thank you card was received from Joe and Chris Kovach.
- Financial Secretary's Report:
 - Approved as read.
 - FS Scott Ecenbarger presented Honorary Life Memberships to PGK Tom Schmidt, Pete Rybicki, Arthur Polmanteer, Chet Kokot, George Kinney Jr., Ray Courtade, Ray Obetts, Fred Long, Ronald Krisak, and Terrance Freybler
- Chancellor's Report:
 - WC Matt Gradisher mentioned that the upcoming Vocations Youth Rally on Nov. 8th is in need of more volunteers.
 - Tarek Saab will be giving a presentation at our Parish on October 27th. all men and teenaged boys are invited.
 - The care packages for the Seminarians will be given again this year; donations will be accepted until next month's meeting.
 - Fr. Ron had stated to Matt that Father would like to limit some of the fundraising conducted by the Council so as not to interfere with the Contributions given to the Parish or other Parish Groups.
 - GK Chris Fleck added that anyone working at the Vocation's Rally needs to enroll in a Protecting God's Children seminar.
- Report of Trustees:
 - All bills approved as read
- Report of Service Program Committees:
 - Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Kevin Wilterink updated the Council about upcoming committees and events:
 - The Prayer Garden will be Oct. 11th at 9:00 am; any volunteers that can participate are appreciated. A trailer is also needed.
 - Proposal 2 is upcoming and needs to be voted against, yard signs are available for those interested.
 - A chair person is needed for the upcoming Wild Game Dinner to be held on April 16th as well as volunteers to plan and work the event.
 - Advertisements to be published in the Council newsletter and the website are now on sale for \$150.00 per year.
 - A Membership Blitz was conducted last month and as a result the Council received 7 interest cards that will be followed up upon.
 - 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.
 - The Forty Days for Life Campaign is being conducted from Sep. 24 to Nov. 2 with peaceful protests being held from 10:00pm to 6am at the Pregnancy Center on Fulton Street; Will Chalut is still trying to fill the schedule with volunteers. Brother Will led all in a prayer for the unborn, and spoke on the intentions of Proposal 2 and the death of human life that it will cause. Prayer and fasting are needed as well.
 - A blood drive will be held at the Parish on Oct. 11th from 10:00am - 4:00pm, with the set-up starting at 8:00am. Dennis Mazar again will be chairing the event.
 - Breakfasts at the Haven will be held on Oct 12th, there are openings in Nov. and Dec. PGK Art Schoenborn is the chairperson for the event.
 - Keep Christ in Christmas cards will be going on sale at the masses held on Oct 18th, 19th, 25th, and 26th. Don Cashdollar is again chairing the event, and would like a member to help him during the sales. Don mentioned that the Rosary prayer cards for the Cathedral Square fundraiser could be sold at the same time.
 - Knights of Columbus address return labels are on sale to Knights in good standing, orders will be taken at the Christmas card sales.
 - The Caramel Apple Sale preparation will be on Oct 25 at 8:00-11:00pm, Ray Obetts is again chairing the event and is in need of volunteers.
 - Tarek Saab will be at the Parish on October 27th, tickets are free and available through the Council.
 - A Family Rosary was conducted before tonight's meeting by Dan & Betty Searle, another Rosary will be held before next month's meeting at 6:45pm in the Chapel.
 - A fundraiser breakfast will be held on Nov. 9th, a chairperson is in the works at this time.
 - The Council website contains a calendar of events, the website is www.kofc7487.org.
- Unfinished Business:
 - No unfinished business this month

- New Business:
 - Grand Knight Chris Fleck motioned to progress forward with the Rosary prayer card campaign. Don Cashdollar added that these could be sold along with the Christmas Cards. *Motion passed*
- Report of the Fourth Degree:
 - A flag retirement ceremony is being planned by Chris Fleck and Bob Luxford to be held at the Parish on or around Veteran's Day.
- District Deputy's Report:
 - Worthy District Deputy Pete Faraci brought greetings from the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and from the State Officers of Michigan.
 - Tickets for Tarek Saab's presentation on Oct. 27th are available through Pete.
 - The baby bottle fund is again being collected for the Health Pregnancy Center. Last year \$140.00 was collected.
 - Boysville is in need of sweatshirts; Pete will collect money from all of the councils for the purchase of them.
 - St. Pius is up and running and energetic to raise money through fundraisers; they now have a complete board of officers.
- Chaplain's Summation:
 - Father Ron was absent this month.
- 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 Colsen, Wanda Maiden, Ilene Chalut, Leon Frith, Dorothy Cherry, Evan Viau, Max Vereckin, Lilian Dutkiewicz, Marie Ten Brock, Jim Devreeski, Ray Kuk, Gerald Schmidt, Delores Godley, Hilary McBride, Roberta Viau, Chance Dunn, Bill McConnon, Kim Vandewater, Wayne Dotson, the men and women in our armed services, 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 8:45 P.M.