

# NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Minutes of Meeting held on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Meeting was held and sponsored at Ludo Vicum Council 4663. 39 people were in attendance.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Metro President, Jerry Tarantino at 7:45 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

### ROLL CALL:

President:	Jerry Tarantino	Present
Vice-President:	Donald Winchester	Present
Treasurer:	David Grego	Present
Secretary:	Robert Hall	Present
Warden:	Perry Torregano	Present

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### MINUTES:

Motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published.  
Motion was accepted by a voice vote.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:** Welcomed Jose Jimenez, Membership and Program Consultant of the Supreme Council of the KOC. Membership in the area was discussed. There are 1.8 million members nationwide. We cannot due membership without insurance. Contact SK Jimenez for more information.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT:** Ronnie Boudreaux discussed the statewide membership. Also discussed how NO is coming back post Katrina.

**SUPREME COUNCIL REPORT:** Jerry LaSalle discussed the Special Olympic program. LA was the first state to institute the Special Olympic program. On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 19 Knights from 9 councils fed many volunteers at the "Over the Edge" Program at the Benson Towers. \$52,000 was raised for the Special Olympic kids. NFL Raffle Experience tickets are for sale at \$10 each also benefiting the Special Olympics. Contact Jerry LaSalle if you have any questions. Form 4485 for council grading are due December 31<sup>st</sup>. Form 4584 are due at the end of February.

### TREASURER's REPORT:

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the checking balance was \$758 and the investment account balance was \$ 4,408 totaling \$5,166. There was \$150 in membership dues received and expenses of \$6. As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, collected dues for 9 councils.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The place for the next meeting is yet to be determined but scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Mental Disability – no report

Keep Christ in Christmas – Bro Steven Hart – Forms for billboards and yard signs are ready for distribution. The billboards cost \$400 and the yard signs cost \$6 each with a minimum of 25. Car magnets are available. Please contact Steve Hart if interested. There are billboards that are being purchased in the NO area by the Freedom from Religion Foundation this holiday season that says "Imagine No Religion". The due date for billboards is October 20<sup>th</sup>. The deadline date for the yard signs are to be announced.

Seminary - by Bro Steve Hart – Please keep toiletries for the Seminarians. They can be brought to the Norte Dame Seminary or to our next meeting.

Insurance – Jay Lebouef is a field agent for East Jefferson and St. Tammany programs. Rates may be increasing by the end of the month for the annuity program. Contact Jay if interested.

Area A Coordinator – Keith Larson. Discussed having the Area A meeting with the Metro Council meeting on a monthly basis. Discussed Fraternalism and togetherness. Dates for the soccer and essay challenges kits were discussed for the district deputies. In Hammond on October 10<sup>th</sup>, there is a major degree exemplification at John F. Kennedy. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, deadline for the soccer challenge. We are trying to do district and area A at the same event. The State Soccer challenge will be held in Baton Rouge on November 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a district gumbo cookoff on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Area A cookoff will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a major degree at the Rummell Council. Don't forget that October is Respect for Life Month.

Pro-Life Program – no report.

Membership – Paul Gagnet – Special medals were distributed to Justin Douglas, David Grego, Matt Ventura, Leroy Dufrene, and Denis Cass. Please take this time to update your rosters. Reward program is new this year, please participate. There were 60 new members this month. They were advised by the Supreme Council that if they get 134 new members in August, they will get a check for \$750 for the World Series of Membership. Sadly, 17 councils have been suspended for no recruiting.

Unfinished Business – Jerry Toups – Columbus Day Celebration – Flyers were distributed regarding this event to be held Good Shepherd Parish on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 Mass.

New Business – David Grego motioned that Metro Council make a \$100 donation to Keep Christ in Christmas Program. Motion was seconded and confirmed by voice vote.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Council 3411 – De La Salle Council – We will host the Columbus Day celebration on either October 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Good Shepherd Parish. Mass will be at 4:00pm.

Council 4663 – Ludo Vicum – On September 24<sup>th</sup>, a 40 days of life program will be held at St. Louis King of France. On September 25<sup>th</sup> it will be the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the parish. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, sale of the pro-life calendars will commence. On October 10<sup>th</sup> will be their membership blitz and MDA can shake at Dorignacs on Veterans Blvd. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, the Bucktown Festival will be held and our council will sponsor 2 booths. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, they will hold a Marion Hour.

Council 1437 – no report

Council 1437 – Marquette Council – no report.

Council 9007 – St. Angela Merici – On October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, our parish fair will be held. MDA can shake will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, quarterly communion will be held at the 4:00 Mass.

Council 1905 – On September 27<sup>th</sup>, a first degree exemplification will be held at Archbishop Blenk. On October 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, the Gretna Heritage Festival will be held.

Council 5301 – Area A – A dinner for the fair works will be held at a future date.

Council 8546 – St. Francis Assisi – On October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, a barbeque will be held for the benefit of the parish. A membership blitz will also be held at this time. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, quarterly mass will be held. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be rosary rally for Our Lady of Fatima.

Council 3246 – Group viewing of football games will be held in our cafeteria.

Council 12529 – St. Jane – Quarterly Mass will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, a Saints tailgating party will be held as part of the membership blitz. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, a Columbus Golf Day Tournament will be held.

Council 9347 – On September 17<sup>th</sup>, a barbeque pork dinner will be held. A quarterly Mass will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Council 2878 – St. Edwards – On September 15-17, the annual pork dinner will be held. On October 1-3, a can shake will be held at the Winn Dixie on Airline. A blood drive will be held in November.

Council 6870 - On September 19<sup>th</sup>, a barbeque will be held. On October 9<sup>th</sup>, a can shake will be held at the Walgreens on Terry Parkway. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, a tailgating and recruiting party will be held.

Council 4508 – St. Christopher – On September 19<sup>th</sup>, a quarterly Mass will be held. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, crosses for the unborn display will begin. On October 30 – 31, a can shake will be held at St. Benilde will be held after all Masses. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the St. Christopher fall fest will be held.

Council 8842 – Oyster Festival will be held October 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.

Council 5747 – On September 18<sup>th</sup>, a Grand Knight social will be held. On December 12, a major degree exemplification will be held. On March 25 – 28<sup>th</sup>, a crawfish festival will be held go to [lacrawfishfest.com](http://lacrawfishfest.com) for more details. Jay Acardo, a new member, was honored on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Council 314 – no report.

District 2 Deputy, Area A – Paul Washington, Jr. – On September 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Leo, a convention for black Catholic men will be held.

District 5 Deputy – Kevin Cutress – On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Halloween dance will be held at Divine Mercy.

Council 2181 – Brandon Hendricks is now the State webmaster. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, a Katrina memorial was held

Good of the order

Please remember all our Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary who are deceased and sick in your prayers.

Final Prayer was led by President Jerry Tarentino and said by all.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:15 pm.