

# NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Minutes of Meeting held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting was held and sponsored by the Metro Council and held at Christ the King Church

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Metro President, Jerry Tarantino at 8:00pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

### ROLL CALL:

President:	Jerry Tarantino	Present
Vice-President:	Donald Winchester	Present
Treasurer:	David Grego	Absent
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 REPORT

Discussed on how we can improve attendance at the Metro meetings. Our next meeting will be at St. Francis Xavier on Metairie Road on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

We need to find out where Area A meetings are being held so that time and location of the Metro meetings can be announced.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Tarantino will discuss with Keith Lawson how we can get the increase members of the Metro Council.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer, David Grego, was not in attendance so there was no treasurer report, no bills and no communications.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Mental Disability

- God's Special Children's luau Mass will be held in June with a reception to follow. The Archbishop will be there to celebrate the Liturgy.
- They are building a new facility on the North Shore for the mentally challenged adults that grow up without parents.
- Deadline to receive points for Mental Disability collections is the end of March.

Keep Christ in Christmas – Bro Steve Hart – no report.

Seminary - Bro Steve Hart – Gave thanks to Bro. Justin from St. Angela's Bishop Caillouet Council for the donations of school supplies for Norte Dame and St. Joseph Seminaries. Please bring laundry detergent for the seminarians.

Insurance – Jerry Tarantino – All members should have insurance. Every member is a owner/stockholder when insurance policy is purchased. Please take back to your councils.

Pro-Life Program – Denis Cass – No report.

Membership – Paul Gagnet –

- There are only 3 months left to this fiscal year. To date, there are over 993 new brothers this year. March is blitz month to recruit more members. Please do what you can to increase membership.
- There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at Our Lady of Lourdes in Violet on March 21st.
- There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at Our Lady of the Lake in Covington on March 23rd.
- There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in Houma on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- On March 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a major degree held in Byrd.
- Please clean your rosters and purge deceased members.

District Deputy Report – Keith Larson, Area Coordinator –

- On March 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, the St. Bernard Crawfish Festival, the District Deputy is hold a major feed drive to benefit the people of Japan. Transportation has been already arranged, just need to gather the food. Please forward any donations for Japan relief to Darryl Gonzalez or Ronnie Boudreaux. For more information, please contact Paul Gagnet.

New Business –

- Dennis Cass discussed communication concerning registering for hotels for the state convention to be held in April. Please confirm with your council if you will be attending.
- A guest speaker from United Way of Greater New Orleans gave a presentation on St. Bernard Project 2006. Over 33 volunteers from various religious groups and colleges have built over 350 homes. Please consider volunteering. In November, a Nun's Build, will be scheduled. Over 80 religious are coming to New Orleans area to work on building housing. Discussed was having a gathering to provide a meal and drinks for them. Time and date to be determined.

Unfinished Business – Jerry Tarantino – none

COUNCIL REPORTS

Please check the e-mail for Paul Gagnet. He will have a listing for all of the fish fries that will held during the Lenten Season.

Assembly 314 – no report

Assembly 337 – On April 9<sup>th</sup>, an exemplification will be held in Houma.

ASM Greco 2039 – Casino Fund Raiser will be held the last Sunday in May. Please contact Matt Ventura at 467-3668 or at [mattventrua@bellsouth.net](mailto:mattventrua@bellsouth.net) for more information.

Council 1437 – Marquette –On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Uncle Paul Easter Egg Hunt. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree will be held at St. Christophers.

Council 2838 – St. Edwards Council – no report.

Council 2878 – A blood drive in May, to be announced.

Council 3246 – The Super Bowl Fund Drive raised over \$1,400. Dance lessons are coming. Dates to be determined.

Council 3411 – De La Salle Council – no report

Council 3729 – St. Dominic – A St. Joseph's Alter will be held on 3-19-11. The parish fair will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Council 4508 – St. Christopher – no report

Council 4663 – Ludo Vicum - There Feed the People Program fed over 160 meals. We had 4 -1<sup>st</sup> Degree members that are advancing to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> degree membership on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our membership blitz will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. A blood drive will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, our big fundraiser commenced Carnival Cruise drive. Please look for brochures.

Council 6870 – Christ the King – A WLAE tuition auction will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving beer at the Terrytown Festival on the weekend March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Council 8546 – St. Francis of Xavier – On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a St. Joseph's alter. Over 2,000 people will be fed a traditional Italian meal. A Mass will be held at 9:00am. The closing of alter will be at 6:00pm with a candlelight rosary.

Council 9007 – Bishop Caillouet Council (St. Angela Merici Parish) – On April 16<sup>th</sup>, our quarterly Mass will be held at 4:00pm followed by the Annual Crawfish Boil in the Kern Center at 6:30pm. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a great gumbo and jambalaya cookoff from 5:30 – 9:30 at St. Angela Merici.

Council 9347 – Our Lady of Divine Providence – no report.

Council 12529 – St. Jane de Chantal – We fed over 120 citizen in Abita Springs on March 17th.

Good of the order

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

Please attend Mass on Founder's Day.

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, there at St. Matthew the Apostle, the Area A State Quest and Year End Report meeting. The memorial listing deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:00 pm.