

NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Minutes of Meeting held on July 20, 2011

Meeting was held at Saint Christopher Parish and sponsored by Saint Christopher Council 4508.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Metro Vice President Dennis Cass at 8:05 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a total of 25 Knights in attendance.

ROLL CALL:

President:	Donald Winchester	Excused
Vice-President:	Dennis Cass	Present
Treasurer:	David Grego	Excused
Secretary:	Justin Douglass	Present
Warden:	Perry Torregano	Present

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MINUTES:

Motion was made to amend the minutes of the last meeting to have the elections of the Officers at the July meeting since the June meeting was abbreviated due to the 1st Degree held at Christ the King Council. The election was held. Motion was made by Jerry Tarantino and seconded by James Foley to accept the minutes, as amended, of the previous meeting. Motion was accepted by a voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NO REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT: NO REPORT

DUES: Please ask your Council to pay their dues in a timely matter. If your Council has not paid their dues please bring your Council's check in the amount of \$25.00 made out to **KC NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER** to the next meeting on August 17, 2011.

NEXT MEETING & LOCATION; Wednesday, August 17, 2011. Saint Bernard Project, 8324 Parc Place, Chalmette, LA 70043

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MENTAL DISABILITY

Campaign to Aid the Mental Disabled is scheduled for the weekend of October 7-9, 2011. You need to meet with your District Deputy as soon as possible and place your order for candy and aprons you will need. Order exactly what your council needs, as the councils **will be** charged for whatever is ordered.

Your District Deputy has the candy order form, and it must be completed and **POSTMARKED** no later than **August 8, 2011**.

Saint Mary's mission in Alexandria, LA is to provide every person in their care with the most comprehensive and proven programs and services that will help them to reach their full potential.

On May 20, 2011 in Hammond, LA at the Special Olympics there were 100 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in full regalia on the football field to welcome the Special Olympians. There was great coverage by the media and the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus once again showed others what the Knights of Columbus are all about.

On October 2, 2011 Alhambra along with the Knights of Columbus will be at the City Park Playground to help out with special children.

Sometime in November (TBD) at the Benson Center, there will again be a fund raising event with donors being able to climb down from the top of the building with ropes. Last year, Rita Benson LeBlanc, wrote a check in the amount of \$8,000.00 to add to the already collected \$42,000.00 to make a total of \$50,000.00 that was donated to Special Olympics.

Saint Francis Xavier Council 8546 will have a Mass and meal for Special Children. More info to follow.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – BROTHER STEPHEN HART
Committee meeting in August 2011

SEMINARIAN REPORT - BROTHER STEPHEN HART

New name for Acompano Raffle is now **Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle**. Last year the proceeds from the raffle were split evenly between Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and Saint Joseph Seminary at Saint Benedict. Each seminary received \$12,000.00. The deadline for turning in tickets will be January 15, 2012. Any tickets turned in after that date cannot be guaranteed to be put in the hopper for the drawing on January 29, 2012. Notre Dame Seminary will have a gala in October. More on this later. Notre Dame Seminary will have a Community Night in November. More on this later. Both Seminaries are still accepting school supplies, toilet articles or anything else that can be used by the seminarians. In September or October Metro may be asked to hold a meeting with a 1st Degree for the Seminarians. More on this later.

INSURANCE – NO REPORT

MEMBERSHIP – BROTHER PAUL GAGNET

Supreme needs all of us to recruit 365 days a year, every year! We need 6 new Councils. There were 1000 less 1st Degrees performed last year than the year before. No more than a 30 day window from the time you talk to a new member until his 1st Degree. Every Council to host a 1st Degree at least 4 times a year or participate in one for STAR award. Councils can now put on their own 1st Degree Exemplification. The Council can either read from a book or play a CD. Robes are not necessary. However, those doing the degree must wear suits. Eighty-Four Councils in the State did not have one new member last year. Intake goal for 2011-2012 is 1400. Knights in shining armor award is now available for all Knights

PAST STATE DEPUTY REPORT – BROTHER STEVE THOMAS

MAJOR DEGREE

There will be a Major Degree (2nd & 3rd) on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Mary, Queen of Peace Council #12072, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471. Registration of candidates and members will be from 7:00 AM to 8:45 AM. **NO CANDIDATE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 8:45 AM** 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Exemplification (2nd & 3rd Degrees) 12:00 NOON – TILL. Meal Served. No Charge for candidates for meal and one drink. Third Degree members to be charged \$6.00 for meal and one drink. Additional drinks will be available for a nominal price. Coat and tie recommended, but not mandatory. **No shorts, cut-offs or T-Shirts.** Candidates will be refused if not reasonably dressed. Third Degree members are requested to dress accordingly for this Major Degree.

4TH DEGREE

There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at the St. Pius Gym located on the grounds of St. Pius Church, 6380 Hooper Road, Baton Rouge, LA. Registration will be from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Gym of St. Pius. (signs will be posted). The Exemplification will begin at 10:30 AM

and conclude at approximately 12:30 PM. The banquet will begin at 1:00 PM (signs will be posted). The Exemplification cost for candidates is \$70.00, which includes their banquet meal, Social Baldric and Fourth Degree Lapel Pin. The Cost of the banquet for all Sir Knights, their spouses, candidate's spouses and guests will be \$20.00. Reservations must be made with the Master with the forms provided no later than August 15, 2011. Any request for banquet tickets received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed. As a reminder, the official dress code for all candidates and Sir Knights for all Fourth Degree Exemplifications is black tuxedo, **plain white pleated tuxedo shirt with lay down collar**, black bow tie, black cummerbund, black socks and black shoes. Visiting Sir Knights will wear their social baldric with their attire. **All Degree Schedules are posted on the KC State website: www.louisianakc.org**

NEW BUSINESS: Installation of Metro Officers to be conducted at the meeting on September 21, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council 1437 Marquette: Monday, July 25, 2011 there will be a 1st Degree at the Hall located on 314 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans. Candidates by 7:00 PM doors locked at 7:30 PM. July 30, 2011 the rededication of Saint Ann's Church 10:00 AM. Color Corp requested to be there for 9:30 AM to dress out. Color Corp will have had to attend the two rehearsals prior to this event to be able to dress out. On Sunday, August 14, 2011 at the Jesuit Church on 130 Baronne Street, New Orleans, a Mass will be said at 11:00 AM with Archbishop Aymond as the celebrant. Archbishop Aymond will dedicate a National Historical Registry Marker to be placed on the Church. Color Corp requested to be there for 10:30 AM to dress out.

Council 2878 Fr. Seelos: On July 16, 2011 the installation of Officers was held at the Council Hall. Breaking with tradition, a \$5.00 charge per person was collected. Not one person complained.

Council 3729: Saint Dominic: An installation of the Officers will take place on Sunday, July 24, 2011, with a banquet to follow. Looking into R.S.V.P. program.

Council 4508 Saint Christopher: An event with Fathers Kevin & Chris Delerno. Also, the father of the priests was in attendance. Mini baby bottle fund raised needs for Access which is part of Catholic Charities.

Council 4663 Ludovicum: First weekend of July saw a baby shower campaign that raised over \$1,000.00 for Access which is part of Catholic Charities. July 20, 2011 at St. Joseph Church the Council fed 180 people. July 23, 2011 the installation of Officers with a banquet to follow at the Council Hall. There will be a meatball and spaghetti dinner the last weekend of August. On February 5, 2012 join us aboard the Carnival Conquest sailing from New Orleans.

Council 5301 Saint Mary Magdalen: No Report

Council 6870 Christ the King: No Report

Council 8546 Msgr. Bezou: Will have a Mass and meal for Special Children. More info to follow.

Council 9007 Bishop Caillouet: Had elections of Officers on June 16, 2011. There will be a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Sunday, August 28, 2011 from 10:30 AM TO 2:30 PM in St Angela Merici's gym.

Council 9347 Our Lady of Divine Providence: Msgr. Reisch, former Pastor of Our Lady of Diviine Providence died on July 18, 2011. There will be a wake at the Church on Friday, July 22, 2011 and a Mass on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 11:00 AM. On Sunday, July 31, 2011 there will be a bus trip to Beau Rivage. On Sunday, August 28, 2011 there will be a Blood Drive.

Council 12529 Saint Jane de Chantel: New assistant pastor went through his 1st Degree at Our Lady of the Lake in Mandeville. On Thursday, July 21, 2011 semi-annual meeting with Grand Knight and Program directors to map out social and fund raising for the next 6 months.

Assembly 314 Bienville: On Sunday, July 10, 2011 Bienville Assembly had the Installation of Officers after the 11:00 AM Mass at the Jesuit Church, 130 Baronne Street. The installation was done by Former Master S/K Gerard Thomas. After the installation, there was a banquet in the hall next to the Church. On Sunday, August 14, 2011 at the Jesuit Church on 130 Baronne Street, New Orleans, a Mass will be said at the 11:00 AM with Archbishop Aymond as the celebrant. Archbishop Aymond will dedicate a National Historical Registry Marker to be placed on the Church. Color Corp requested to be there for 10:30 AM to dress out.

Assembly 2093 Bishop Greco: On Sunday July 24, 2011, Bishop Greco Assembly will have the Installation of Officers. The installation will be done by Former Master S/K Gerard Thomas. S/K Jim Call is the new Faithful Navigator.

Saint Bernard Project: Brother Bryan Cassogne, who is with the United Way, spoke of the upcoming event called the Saint Bernard Project. In November of this year a group of Nuns will be arriving in the New Orleans area to help in the rebuilding process. For one week they will be at different locations helping locals to rebuild. Knights will be asked to do a dinner for them one night, usually when they arrive. There will also be a need for lunches as they received only one box lunch last year. The Sisters will be at 8 to 10 locations so there will be a need for 8 to 10 drivers. Drinks would be nice as well, since they are not provided any. If any Brother Knights would like to assist in the rebuild of a home they would be most welcomed. No experience is necessary.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be hosted by SAINT BERNARD PROJECT on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. The Location is 8324 Parc Place, Chalmette, LA 70043 Take Judge Perez Drive to Jean Lafitte Pkwy. Go North on Jean Lafitte for 0.2 miles. Turn Right on Parc Place. 8324 Parc Place is on the Right.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please remember all our Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary who are deceased and sick in your prayers. Also, please pray for Donald Winchester, Metro President and David Grego, Metro Treasurer.

Final Prayer was led by Vice President Dennis Cass and said by all.

Meeting was adjourned by the Vice President at 9:30 PM