



## NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Minutes of Meeting held on October 19, 2011

Meeting was held at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005 and hosted by Msgr. Henry C. Bezou Council 8546

The rosary was started at 7:45 PM

Meeting was opened by Metro President Donald Winchester at 8:05 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a total of 23 Knights in attendance.

#### ROLL CALL:

President:	Donald Winchester	PRESENT
Vice-President:	Dennis Cass	PRESENT
Treasurer:	David Grego	PRESENT
Secretary:	Justin D. Douglass, Jr.	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:**

President Winchester apologized for not being able to make last month's meeting.  
He thanked all for coming out to the meeting tonight and hoped all enjoyed the meal by Council 8546.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Income 9/1/2011 to 9/30/2011. Membership dues \$300.00, ERE \$27.00. Overall Total \$327.00  
Total Bank Accounts as of 9/30/2011 \$5,282.59. Dedicated Reserve (Liability Accounts) of \$4,452.26.  
Overall total \$830.33. We have 14 Councils that have paid their dues.

#### **BILL & COMMUNICATIONS:**

Postage & Printing: \$57.16 for annual mailouts. This was read at the last meeting.

#### **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 Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 6:00 PM. The location will be at Rummel Council 5747, 2107 Paris Road, Chalmette, LA 70043.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE:**

PRO-LIFE CALENDARS  
PRO-LIFE LICENSE PLATES  
PRO-LIFE YARD SIGNS

##### **MDF: DENNIS CASS**

The annual campaign for the **MDF** is taking place now. Please identify the groups to receive the funds. Hope all of you do well.



#### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – BROTHER STEPHEN HART**

We need your commitment now. You can bring the money for the billboard to the next Metro Meeting. It was announced that billboards will be available for \$400.00 per billboard. There will be a total of 39 billboards offered. If you want to share a billboard with another Council or Parish or Men's Club you may do so. This way two names will be on the billboard and the cost will be only \$200.00 for each organization. Yard signs will be ordered in lots of 500. If your Council wants to sell these yard signs the minimum order is 25 signs. The cost is \$7.00 per sign. You can sell them at whatever the market will bear. Yard signs will now be available in **SPANISH**. Please pass this on to any members who may want to purchase these new signs.

#### **SEMINARIAN REPORT -- BROTHER STEPHEN HART**

New name for Accompano Raffle is now **Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle**. Talk it up at your Council meetings and Parish functions. Also, Seminarians are in need of school supplies. Now that we are in the beginning of a new school year seminarians at both Saint Joseph Seminary and Notre Dame Seminary can use these supplies. If your Council is still collecting toilet articles, for the Seminarians, you can continue to do so. Your Council can bring these supplies directly to the two Seminaries or bring them to the next Metro Meeting and give them to Brother Steve Hart. He will see that they are delivered. Stephen Hart and his wife were asked by Sister Teresa to go on a trip with the Seminarians to Nicaragua. The trip will run from December 12<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be staying at a seminary since it will be closed for the Christmas Holidays. Steve said it will be an experience since the accommodations will not be what we have in the States. There is some electricity and some water (neither hot or cold).

#### **SEMINARIAN GALA: PAUL GAGNET**

On Saturday, October 29, 2011, Notre Dame Seminary will have a gala and asked if the Knights could help with the function. Look for your emails. As more information is received it will be sent out to the Knights.

#### **INSURANCE: GARY KNOEPFLER, FIELD AGENT**

Gary has been assigned, by General Agent Terry Kennedy, as the new Field Agent for the East Jefferson Area. To make an appointment with Gary you can call him on his cell 504-481-2199 or by E-Mail: [gary.knoepfler@kofc.org](mailto:gary.knoepfler@kofc.org)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Brother Brian Cassagne, of the Saint Bernard Project, tells us that there will be up to 85 Nuns and family members coming to town. As of now there are 45 committed. They will be touring the French Quarter from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. After touring the Quarter they will go back to their hotels to freshen up. Then they will go to Marquette Council Hall, 314 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans for a 5:30 PM Mass. After Mass, dinner will be served in the Hall. Councils have been asked to donate funds and manpower for this endeavor. Make checks out to **KC NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER**. The Chapter will then distribute the funds to help offset the cost of the meals and lunches. Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Councils will be asked to help to make sandwiches. Need help especially on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Will need drivers to deliver sandwiches to 10-12 different locations. More on this to follow. Watch your emails.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Dennis Cass and seconded by Jerry Tarantino for the Metro Chapter to donate \$100.00 to the **Keep Christ in Christmas Program**. Motion was accepted by a voice vote.

#### **MEMBERSHIP -- PAUL GAGNET**

Metro Chapter needs new membership. Chapter also needs more participation in meetings and events. Applications for membership in the Metro Chapter will be sent out again. Talk up membership at your Councils and bring along a member of your Council who may not have attended a Chapter meeting in the past. This way he can talk up the Chapter to fellow Knights. Statewide, Louisiana was number three in the Order. Now, Louisiana has dropped to number 7 in the Order.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 31, 2011 Substance Abuse Poster contest.  
November 5, 2011 Area Gumbo Cook-Off at Saint Rita's in Harahan. 7:30 AM  
November 10, 2011 Running of the Silver Rose at Saint Clement of Rome Church 7:00 PM  
January 2012 Knights of Columbus retreat at Maryhill in Alexandria, LA

#### **MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> DEGREE)**

Sunday, November 13, 2011 in Slidell, LA hosted by Council 2732  
Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Baton Rouge, LA hosted by Council 9016

#### **FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Shreveport/Bossier, LA  
Saturday, February 11, 2012 in Carencro, LA  
Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Bridge City, LA  
Saturday, August 25, 2012 in Slidell, LA

The above information can be found on the **THE LOUISIANA KC WEBSITE** [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org)



## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Council 1437** Marquette: On Saturday, October 29, 2011 there will be a Can Shake at both Sam's Stores. Also, on October 29<sup>th</sup> Marquette will hold their Halloween Party. This year it will be at Uncle Paul's house. On Friday, November 11, 2011 (11/11/11) at 7:30 PM, Marquette Council will have its 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Cadillac Banquet at a brand new location, The Alexander Room, 3200 Ridgelake Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002. \$100.00 per ticket includes Admission for two adults: Entry for the \$10,000.00 raffle. Open bar, Food and music. All proceeds benefit Marquette's Charities Program. Only 300 tickets will be sold. On Sunday, November 13, 2011, Marquette will be the location for a 5:30 PM Mass for the Nuns and family members who will be in town for the Saint Bernard Project. After Mass, the Metro Chapter will host a dinner in Marquette's Council Hall for the group on their first day in town.

**Council 2878** Fr. Seelos: Saint Edward the Confessor Fair. Oct 21, 22, 23, 2011. Council will be selling fruitcakes during upcoming Christmas season. On Friday, October 21, 2011 Special Olympics "Over the Edge" at the Benson's Tower. Wear your KC shirt and come out and participate by helping to serve.

**Council 3246** E. D. White: November 10, 2011 Running of the Silver Rose 6:00 PM Mass at Saint Clement of Rome Church on West Esplanade at Cleary. November 11, 12 & 13, 2011 Saint Clement of Rome Fair and Oyster Festival. Council entertained 350 Special Need Children at City Park for a day outing.

**Council 3729** Saint Dominic: Will hold a Parish Ministry Fair. Raise Funds.

**Council 4663** Ludovicum: Saint Louis King of France will have their Fair on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Also, once a month the Council prepares food for the Saint Joseph Church **Feed the People**. The Council will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. On Friday, November 11, 2011 at 6:00 PM in St Louis King of France Church there will be a Marian Hour of prayer, rosary, song and music. All Councils are invited to attend. There will be refreshments in the Council Hall across the street. For your Council to participate or for more information contact PGK Tony Franchina at 504-831-9769. On February 5, 2012 the Council will sponsor a cruise from New Orleans to Key West, Freeport, and Nassau for 7 nights.

**Council 5301** Saint Mary Magdalen: Fund raising calendars \$20.00 each. Drawing of \$20.00 daily.

**Council 5747** Rummel: On Saturday, October 29 2011 at 2:00 PM, we will have the October social at Cisco Gonzales home in Braithwaite. Cisco's address is 3449 Hwy 39, Braithwaite, LA 70040. We will have seafood and BBQ for all, along with fun and games. All are invited. On Wednesday, November 13, 2011 Rummel Council will host a meal for the Nuns (Saint Bernard Project) in conjunction with the Metro Chapter meeting at 6:00 PM in Rummel's Council Hall, 2107 Paris Road, Chalmette, LA 70043. December 18, 2011 will be annual toy giveaway. March 22, 23, 24, 25, 2012 annual Crawfish Festival. District Deputy, Darrell Gonzales reports that 19 new members were exemplified in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Mary, Queen of Vietnam Parish. There is another 24 men interested in joining this new Council. This new Council should be up and running by January 15, 2012.

**Council 6357** Fr. Peter Boerding: In July, 2011 the Council had 6 new Members and 5 new Sir Knights. August had a Blood Drive. Plaquemine Parish Seafood Festival. Knights man the booth and receive 20% of proceeds. October 30, 2011 will have a Quarterly Communion at 10:30 AM Mass. Will have a pancake breakfast before Mass. Children's Hospital received a check for \$5,000.00. Knights of Columbus Council 6357 added 10% to that and Children's Hospital received a total of \$5,500.00.

**Council 6870** Christ the King:

**Council 8546** Msgr. Bezou: God's Special Children Mass in December.

**Council 9007** Bishop Caillouet: October Blitz at Saint Angela's Merici Men's Club. State Membership Director, Paul (Uncle Paul) Gagnet was there and spoke to the men's club about the Knights of Columbus. Also, had our Quarterly Mass followed by a get-together at a local restaurant.

**Council 9415** Saint Maria Goretti: Celebrated 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Council. Also, a new seminarian transferred to the Council.

**Council 12529** Saint Jane de Chantal: Golf Tournament, MDF, Walk-St. Vincent de Paul. Donated money for Food for Thanksgiving.

**Assembly 2093** Bishop Greco: Will have a bus trip to a Casino to raise funds for E.R.E.

**Feed the Children:** District Deputy Darrell Gonzales received a phone call from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. Supreme sent to District Deputy Gonzales a check for \$5,000.00 to help with **Feed the Children** program. The Supreme Knight wants DD Gonzales to bring this up at the next State Convention to start a Statewide program as he has done in Saint Bernard Parish.



The following Assemblies were also present at the Metro Chapter Meeting:

Assembly 314	Bienville	(New Orleans)
Assembly 322	Rev. T. J. Larkins	(Gretna)
Assembly 331	William J. Guste, Sr	(Kenner)
Assembly 2093	Bishop Charles Greco	(Metairie)
Assembly 2711	Padre Pio	(Abita Springs)
Assembly 2921	Saint Maria Goretti	(New Orleans)

## **NEXT MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY  
ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH F. RUMMEL COUNCIL 5747  
2107 PARIS ROAD, CHALMETTE, LA 70043  
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011 AT 6:00 PM  
THE NUNS WILL BE FED AT 6:00 PM**

### **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 all those who were mentioned at tonight's meeting.

Final Prayer was led by President Donald Winchester and said by all.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:40 PM.

Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.  
Secretary