



NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Minutes of Meeting held on January 18, 2012

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

Rosary was started at 7:30 PM.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Metro President Donald Winchester at 8:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a total of 24 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	ABSENT

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MINUTES:

After a correction was made to the spelling of the name of the incoming Grand Knight of St. Dominic's Council (correct spelling is Bill Boesch), a 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:

The President thanked all for attending the meeting tonight. The President introduced the guests who came to the meeting tonight: Steve Thomas, Past State Deputy; Vernon Ducote, State Treasurer; George Martin, State Squire Chairman and Paul Gagnet, State Membership Director who is also a member of Metro.

SEMINARIAN REPORT:

Brother Steve Hart asked everyone to turn in the Acompaño Tickets (now called the **Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle**) in a timely matter and not at the last minute on Grand Knights Day. Tickets sales are way behind of last year.

SEMINARIAN TRIP:

Brother Steve Hart gave a very descriptive talk on the trip he took with the seminarians to Nicaragua. He spoke of the living condition and of the transportation and how everyone got around on buses. He stayed at a seminary, since it was during the Christmas holidays and the seminarians were not there. All in all, he said his living conditions were not too bad.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income 12/1/2011 to 12/31/2011.

Membership dues of \$25.00 collected for December 2011. Additional donations of \$200.00 for the Nuns/Build Program.

Total Bank Accounts as of 12/31/2011 \$5,250.43. Balance of \$798.17 in General Fund.

Dedicated Reserve (Liability Accounts) of - **\$4,452.26**. Surplus of \$650.00 for start of next year's Nuns/Build Program.

Overall total \$2,048.17. As of December 31, 2011 we have 19 Councils/Assemblies that have paid their dues.

Motion was made and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion was accepted by a voice vote.



BILL & COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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, February 15, 2012, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will take place at Bishop L. Abel Caillouet Council 9007 in the Msgr. Kern Center (Gym) at the corner of Pomona Street & Beverly Gardens Drive, Metairie, LA., 70002. (Next to Saint Angela Merici Church).

INSURANCE REPORT:

Brother Gary Knoepfler, Field Agent

New information from Supreme. Effective January 1, 2012 the age for several of our Whole Life Policies has been increased to age 80 from age 75. This is due in part to people living longer. Gary can be reached at 504-481-2199 or E-mail: gary.knoepfler@kofc.org

MEMBERSHIP:

Brother Paul Gagnet, State Membership Director

New membership program came out on December 1, 2011. It is called **"BE NOT AFRAID PROGRAM"**. If you recruit one new member per month you will receive a medallion of Blessed Pope John Paul, II. The whole thing is to get Pope John Paul, II to Sainthood. If your Council recruits at least 6 new members between now and June 29th your Council will receive a large medallion. In order to receive Star Council Status, your Council must bring in 4 new members. That is, 1 new Brother Knight to 4 different 1st Degrees. Must fill form 450-C and send in to get Star Council. You now need to use the new form 100. The reason for this is that the old form had on the back that the annuity would not go below 3%. That is not the case now. The annuity will not go below 1.5%. So if you have any old form 100's please discard them and only use the new ones with a date on the top of 10/11. The next new form to come out is Form 4. This is the form for the 4th Degree. The date on this new form is 7/11. The color of the new Form 4 is fuchsia. On the top left side of the old blue Form 4 there is the Emblem of the Order. On the top left side of the new fuchsia Form 4 there is the Emblem of the 4th Degree. Now is the time to clean up your membership roster. Do not keep anyone on your roster that will cost your Council money. Remove those who have passed away and those who have been suspended.

AREA "A" COORDINATOR:

Brother Keith Lawson, Area A Coordinator

C.Y.L.A. Dates: January 31st. Get all applications back from schools to your Councils. February 13th. Get the applications to A.C. Keith Lawson, 504-666-0094. **FREE THROW Dates:** January 31st, deadline to Councils. February 15th District deadline. February 18th, Area will be held at Delta Gym, 8301 West Metairie @ 8:00 AM. **1st DEGREE & MAJOR DEGREE:** AREA "A", February 25th at Saint Maria Goretti, 7300 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70127. 1st Degree before 4:00 PM Mass and 2nd & 3rd Degree to follow after Mass. A meal will be served after the 3rd Degree is over. **DRUG ALCOHOL POSTER CONTEST:** All District winners must be turned in to Keith Lawson by February 5th. 504-666-0094. **GRAND KNIGHTS DAY:** Sunday, January 29th in Lafayette. All Grand Knights and DD's must be there. **STATE BOWLING:** February 4 & 5th and February 11th & 12th in Hammond. **CAMP JOSHUA:** March 16th – 18th in Baton Rouge. Promo meeting for the 4th Degree will be held at Maria Goretti. Don't forget. Wear your KC shirt where ever you go. Let everyone know you are a Knight and see if you can recruit.

METRO CHAPTER NEEDS NEW MEMBERS. Chapter also needs more participation in meetings and events. Applications for membership in the Metro Chapter are available from Brother David Grego. Please contact Brother David at: drgrego@bellsouth.net 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.

SQUIRES REPORT:

Brother George Martin, Louisiana State Squires Chairman

Louisiana State Squires Circle is run by the Squires with the guidance from Counselors and Committeemen. There are several state activities during the year such as Softball, Retreat, Fishing, Bowling and Family Fun Day. We offer a High School Senior Squire Scholarship Fund that is funded by selling raffle tickets during the year. The Squires have their own Convention, elect their own State Officers and choose their own activities. If your Council does not have a Squires Circle consider one. Any young man between the ages of 10 and 18 is eligible to join a Squires Circle. For more info go to: www.louisianasquires.org

PAST STATE DEPUTY REPORT:

Brother Steve Thomas, PSD reports that on February 11th there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Lafayette at Holy Cross. **NOTE:** This is a different location than was advertised.



STATE TREASURER'S REPORT:

Brother Vernon Ducote, State Treasurer reports on the importance of helping the seminarians because without them there would be no priest and without priest there would be no Church. He spoke about recruitment and retention and the good job that Uncle Paul does in sending out notices with dates and location of degrees and other information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NO REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:
FUTURE MEETING DATES**

FEBRUARY 15TH	BISHOP CAILLOUET COUNCIL 9007 (SAINT ANGELA MERICI GYM, METAIRIE, LA)
MARCH 21ST	TBD
APRIL 18TH	SAINT MARIA GORETTI, 7300 CROWDER BLVD, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127
MAY 16TH	TBD
JUNE 20TH	CHRIST THE KING, TERRYTOWN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1ST DEGREE & MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION (2ND & 3RD DEGREE)

On Saturday, February 25, 2012, there will be a 1st Degree followed by a 4:00 PM Mass. After Mass a Major Degree (2nd & 3rd Degree) will take place. It will be sponsored by Council 9415 – Saint Maria Goretti, 7300 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70127. **NOTE:** This will be held on a Saturday and not the traditional Sunday to accommodate those who cannot make a Sunday Degree. Please line up your candidates. This is the Saturday after Mardi Gras.

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, February 11, 2012 in Lafayette, LA
Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Bridge City, LA
Saturday, August 25, 2012 in Slidell, LA

4TH DEGREE CONVENTION

Friday, April 13, Saturday, April 14 & Sunday, April 15, 2012 in Kenner, LA

The above information can be found on the **THE LOUISIANA KC WEBSITE** www.louisianakc.org

COUNCIL REPORTS: Those Councils Present at Tonight's Meeting.

Council 1437

Marquette (New Orleans):

Mardi Gras season is one of our biggest fund raiser of the year. We are located on the parade route at 314 St Charles Avenue. All are invited to attend and watch the parades with us. All the parades of the season pass right in front of our Council Hall except Druids. Bring your ladders and food. Please, no ice chests. We ask you to purchase your drinks in our Hall. All parade days are free to access the Hall except: the Saturday & Sunday before Mardi Gras and Mardi Gras Day. Those days you will need to purchase a wrist band which will be \$10.00 each day. If you attend all 3 days it will be \$30.00. Marquette Council is the defending champs in the gumbo cookoff at Grand Knights Day on January 29th.

Brother Ronnie Seaton, of Marquette Council, is collecting the inner core of toilet tissue rolls to be used to make Easter Bunnies for the International High School where he teaches culinary art. There will be an Easter egg hunt with numbers placed inside plastic eggs. When the children get the plastic egg it will be open and reveal a number which will be used to get one of the Easter Bunnies. Help Ronnie out by saving these inner cores and bringing them to the Metro Chapter meeting or to Marquette Hall.



- Council 2878** **Fr. Seelo (Metairie):**
Spoke about C.Y.L.A. and how important this program is to the Area.
- Council 3729** **Saint Dominic (New Orleans):**
St Dominic Council will have a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th starting at 4:30 PM (Kickoff is at 5:30 PM) The Council Hall is located at 6254 Vicksburg Street, New Orleans, LA 70124. \$25.00 Donation includes Admission for 2, One square in the Super Bowl Football pool (Winning Pool Prizes of \$400.00 per Quarter) Food and drinks (Beer and Soft Drinks).
- Council 4663** **Ludovicum (Metairie):**
About 250 people showed up this month for a hot meal. Interviewed candidates for C.Y.L.A. Had six girls who interviewed and chose one. If anyone needs a candidate, Council 4663 would be glad to give you the name. There will be a Blood Drive on behalf of St Louis King of France Student 12 year old Jenna Cavaleiro. The dates of the blood drive are Thursday, February 2nd -- 2 pm to 7 pm & Friday, February 3rd -- 7 am to 2 pm Location will be in the GYM at St. Louis King of France School, 1600 Lake Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005. Call the School Office 504-833-8224 to sign up. Blood Drive Coordinator, Pamela K. Schott (School Principal) – pschott@slkfschool.com Please call for information on donating blood.
- Council 5301** **St Mary Magdalen (Metairie):**
This is the Council of Keith Lawson, Area "A" Coordinator.
- Council 7557** **Sacred Heart (Broussard):**
This is the Council of our guest, George Martin, State Squires Chairman.
- Council 8342** **St John the Evangelist (Prairieville):**
This is the Council of our guest, Vernon F. Ducote, State Treasurer.
- Council 8546** **Msgr. Bezou (Metairie):**
Decorated the Church for Christmas and the Council Hall. KC Christmas Party and gumbo cookoff. Twice a year we put on a special dinner after the 2:00 PM Mass for God's Special Children. It took place during Christmas time so Santa Claus paid a visit and there were about 75 children and parents who attended. We had the cafeteria decorated and the children really enjoyed the dinner. On Sunday, February 5th the 2:00 PM Mass will be for God's Special Children. Coming up on March 2nd, 16th and 30th we will have our fish fry nights and we invite all to come out and enjoy what is always a great Lenten dinner. The time for the fish fry is 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM. On March 18th & 19th we will have our St. Joseph Altar. On Monday, March 19th, will be our dinner which is free and open to all.
- Council 9007** **Bishop Caillouet (Metairie):**
Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Kern Center. The Super Bowl Raffle will take place at 12:30 PM. Chances for 2 Super Bowl tickets donated by Mr & Mrs Tom Benson. Also, the raffle will include \$1,500.00 cash to spend, \$200.00 gift card to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and a 3 night stay at a hotel in Indianapolis. On January 28th the Council will be one of the Parish organizations that will help with the St Angela Merici Feast Day Parish Dinner at 5:15 in the Msgr Kern Center.
- Council 9016** **Fr. Maynard Hurst (Baton Rouge):**
This is the Council of our guest, Steve Thomas, Past State Deputy
- Council 9415** **Saint Maria Goretti (New Orleans):**
Will host the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree on Saturday, February 25th (Saturday after Mardi Gras) Registration and 1st Degree before 4:00 PM Mass. 2nd & 3rd Degree after Mass with meal after 3rd Degree.
- Council 12529** **St Jane de Chantal (Abita Springs):**
Free Throw on Saturday, January 28th.



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

Assembly 314	Bienville	(New Orleans)
Assembly 331	William J. Guste, Sr	(Kenner)
Assembly 2093	Bishop Charles Greco	(Metairie)
Assembly 2199	Msgr. Fernand Gouaux	(Lafayette)
Assembly 2921	Maria Goretti	(New Orleans)

NEXT MEETING
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY
BISHOP L. ABEL CAILLOUET COUNCIL 9007
MSGR. KERN CENTER (GYM)
ON POMONA STREET, CORNER BEVERLY GARDENS DR., METAIRIE, LA 70002
(SAINT ANGELA MERICI PARISH)
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012 @ 7:00 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 9:45 PM.

Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.
Secretary

HAPPY MARDI GRAS

FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE METRO CHAPTER