NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Minutes of Meeting held on February 15, 2012

Meeting was held at Saint Angela Merici Parish in the Kern Center, Metairie, LA 70002 and hosted by Bishop L. Abel Caillouet Council 9007.

Rosary was started at 7:40 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 25 Knights in attendance and one guest.

ROLL CALL:

President:	Donald Winchester	PRESENT
Vice-President:	Dennis Cass	PRESENT
Treasurer:	David Grego	EXCUSED
Secretary:	Justin D. Douglass, Jr.	PRESENT
Warden:	Perry Torregano	PRESENT

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MINUTES:
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 and braving the inclement weather. The President introduced Brother Brian Cassagne who was instrumental in bringing to light the Nuns Build program. Brian told us that the next Nuns Build project will start on November 12, 2012. He will keep us posted on things that need to be done. Since we participated last year we already know much of what goes on.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
Because of previous commitments, the treasurer asked to be excused. He sent his report by email. There were no disbursement during the month of January 2012. Our checking account balance as of January 31, 2012 was $5,250.43. That is made up of: General Fund $798.17. Restricted Fund $4,452.26. There were no unpaid bills pending. We will vote to accept this at the March 21, 2012 meeting.

BILL & COMMUNICATIONS:
None
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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, March 21, 2012, at 7:00 PM.

GUEST SPEAKER:
Brother Brian Cassagne introduced Sister Mary (did not get last name) of the Nuns Build Project. Sister gave a talk on what's coming up with the project for this year. Brother Brian will give us updates as time go along.

MEMBERSHIP:
No report.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:
The possibility of having a ***KNIGHT'S WEEKEND BUILD*** with Knights from several Councils getting together on a weekend to do the same thing that the Nun's Build program does. Will discuss this at a future Metro Chapter meeting. Next month see if Metro Chapter can donate to the Nuns Build for this year. Also, Metro can look into bringing back the ***Monument to the unborn*** program.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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. There were 61 new ***SIR KNIGHTS*** who joined the **4th Degree**.
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

3rd DEGREE STATE CONVENTION
Friday, May 4, Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6, 2012 in Baton Rouge, LA

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

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

Council 1437 **Marquette (New Orleans):**
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, on April 7, 2012 on the school grounds, 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 Brother Ronnie out by saving these inner cores and bringing them to the Metro Chapter meeting or to Marquette Hall.

Council 2878 **Fr. Seelo (Metairie):**
March 19th is the feast of Saint Joseph. During Lent, there is a Mass every day, at 6:00 PM, at Saint Edward the Confessor. This will give us an opportunity to have a membership drive in conjunction with the men's club.

Council 3729 **Saint Dominic (New Orleans):**
Brother Anthony Cuccia suggested that individual Councils could give their outgoing Grand Knight the $70.00 fee to join the 4th Degree if they are not already a member. Saint Dominic now has a new Grand Knight. His name is Bill Boesch. Had a successful free throw contest in early February with a great turnout. Had a successful Super Bowl Party. There will be a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 11th after 8:00 AM Mass and after the 10:30 AM Mass at the Council Hall. This will also be a recruitment opportunity. There will be a can shake on Saturday, March 24th and Sunday, March 25th at the Lakeview grocery on Harrison Avenue.

Council 4663 **Ludovicum (Metairie):**
About 190 people showed up this month for a hot meal. Monday Night Disciples Spiritual Mass will be on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 9:00 AM in Saint Rita's Church, New Orleans on South Broad & Pine Streets. Coffee will be offered. On March 9th and 16th we will have a fish fry in conjunction with the men's club of Saint Louis King of France. Quarterly Communion on Sunday, March 11th at the 9:00 AM Mass. Brother Leroy Dufrene mentioned that elections for officers in the State Council will take place at the State Convention to be held in Baton Rouge. Convention dates are May 4, 5, 6, 2012. The election for the 4th Degree state officers will take place at the 4th Degree convention to be held in Kenner on April 13, 14 ,15, 2012. On Sunday, April 1st the Council will have a blood drive. Remember, 1 pint will cover your immediate family for one year.

Council 6872 **Oscar J. Gelpi (Picayune, MS):** Brother Brian Cassagne brought Sister Mary to the meeting to say a few words on the Saint Bernard Project and things that will be happening for the Nuns Build in November of this year.

Council 8546 **Msgr. Bezou (Metairie):**
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 8:00 PM. Dine-in or Takeout. Adult Plate $8.00, Child Plate $5.00, Shrimp Gumbo $5.00, Cheese Pizza $1.00 per slice. Drinks & Desserts will be available. 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. Starts at 11:00 AM. Will feed between 700 and 1,000 people.

Council 8442 **Our Lady of Lourdes (Violet):**
Brother Brandon Hendricks reports that the Saint Bernard Crawfish Festival will take place on March 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2012.

Council 9007 **Bishop Caillouet (Metairie):**
On Saturday, April 21, 2012 Saint Angela Merici will have its annual Gumbalaya cook-off. Council 9007 will help out with this event. On Saturday, April 28, 2012 Council 9007 will have its Quarterly Mass followed by its annual crawfish boil. Brother Justin Douglass thanked the Brother Knights of Council 9007 for their hard work preparing the meal for tonight's meeting. Brother Justin was confined to a walker due to muscle spasms.

Council 9415 **Saint Maria Goretti (New Orleans):**
Will host the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree on Saturday, February 25th (Saturday after Mardi Gras)
Registration for the 1st Degree is 12:30PM to 1:45 PM. 1st Degree Exemplification 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM
Registration for 2nd & 3rd Degree will be from 3:45 PM to 5:15 PM. A Mass is scheduled with this Exemplification at 4:00 PM. From 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM will be the Exemplification. From 8:30 PM – till the meal will be served. No charge for candidates for meal and one drink. Attending 3rd Degree members will be charged $6.00 for meal and one drink. Additional drinks will be available for a nominal price. On Ash Wednesday we will have crawfish pasta dinner. We will have our first fish fry on February 24th. The next ones will be on March 2nd, March 23rd and April 6th , 2012.

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

Assembly 314	**Bienville**	**(New Orleans)**
Assembly 2093	**Bishop Charles Greco**	**(Metairie)**
Assembly 2181	**Saint Bernard**	**(Chalmette)**
Assembly 2921	**Maria Goretti**	**(New Orleans)**

NEXT MEETING

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
THE NEXT MEETING LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

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 9:05 PM.

Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.
Secretary