



NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Minutes of Meeting held on March 21, 2012

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

Rosary was started at 7:47 PM.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a total of 14 Knights in attendance.

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. Thanked Brother Johnny for preparing the meal tonight. Reconfirmed the meetings for the next three months. The April meeting will be held at Saint Maria Goretti, the May meeting will be held at Ludovicum and the June meeting will be held at Christ the King in Terrytown. I will be going to St Bernard Parish to meet with Brother Brian Cassagne, of the Nuns Build Project, to talk about the Chapter doing the same thing as we did last year. Also, see if the Knights can do a project as was done by the Nuns Build Project but using Knights as volunteers.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Because of previous commitments, the treasurer asked to be excused. The Chapter voted to accept the minutes that the Treasurer sent by email for the February meeting (January Financial Report). A motion was made and seconded that the minutes sent by email be accepted as published in the February minutes. Motion was accepted by a voice vote.

For the March meeting the Treasurer asked to be excused. He sent the following for the minutes which will be voted on at the next Metro meeting. **Financial Report for the month of February 2012.** Balances on 02/29/2012: General Fund - \$798.17; Restricted Fund - \$4,452.26; Total – Checking Account Balance - \$5,250.43. The Annual IRS filing of form 990-N was completed February 14, 2012 – next filing due 05/15/2013. No receipts or disbursement for the month of February 2012.

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, April 18, 2012, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will take place at Saint Maria Goretti, 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127



VICE PRESIDENT:

Brother Dennis Cass reports on the upcoming 3rd Degree and 4th Degree Conventions. The 3rd DEGREE Convention will be held in **BATON ROUGE** at the **CROWN PLAZA** hotel. This year all the hotels will be within walking distance to the host hotel. The dates will be Friday, May 4th, Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th. The 4th DEGREE convention will take place in **KENNER** at the **AIRPORT HILTON** on Friday, April 13th, Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th.

MEMBERSHIP:

State Membership Director, Brother Paul Gagnet (Uncle Paul), reports that 100 Councils, in Louisiana, did not recruit one new Brother Knight since July 1, 2011. There are 4 Councils, in the New Orleans area, that have been suspended. We have 48 Councils yet to submit the form 1728 Fraternal Activity Report. We have 91 Councils delinquent in submitting their Semi Annual Audit. All Councils must clean up their rosters (purge those who have died or no longer pay dues). Remember, this costs Councils money when those that are deceased or those who do not pay their dues are kept on the roster. The State of Louisiana ranks 8th from the top in membership. The 25% rule states that a Council cannot purge more than 25% of their total roster in one year. This rule can be found in the Financial Secretary handbook. On February 25, 2012 Saint Maria Goretti Council 9415 sponsored a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree all in one day. For the 1st Degree there was a total of 9 new Brother Knights. For the 2nd & 3rd Degree there was a total of 38 new Brother Knights.

If anyone needs help with membership, please call Uncle Paul 504-201-4443 or UNCLPAUL@AOL.COM

INSURANCE:

President Winchester asked Brother Gary Knoepfler, Field Agent, to attend the meeting. However, Brother Gary had two appointments and could not be here tonight. He just came back from Supreme where he attended a Field Agent's seminar. He will share with us, at the next meeting, highlights of his trip and some photos of Saint Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus and the location of Venerable Michael J. McGivney remains.

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:

None

FUTURE MEETING DATES

APRIL 18TH	SAINT MARIA GORETTI COUNCIL 9415, 7300 CROWDER BLVD, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127
MAY 16TH	LUDOVICUM COUNCIL 4663, SAINT LOUIS KING OF FRANCE, METAIRIE, LA
JUNE 20TH	CHRIST THE KING COUNCIL 6870, TERRYTOWN

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1ST DEGREE:

Marquette Council 1437, will host a 1st Degree on March 29th (Founder's Day) at the Council Home, 314 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130

MAJOR DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION (2nd & 3rd DEGREE):

Archbishop Blenk Council 1905, will host a 2nd & 3rd Degree on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the Council Home, 475 Franklin Street, Gretna, LA 70053.

4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Bridge City, LA
Saturday, September 08, 2012 in Slidell, LA

4th DEGREE CONVENTION

Friday, April 13, Saturday, April 14 & Sunday, April 15, 2012 at the **Airport Hilton**, across from the airport, in Kenner, LA

3rd DEGREE STATE CONVENTION

Friday, May 4, Saturday, May 5 & Sunday, May 6, 2012 at the **Crowne Plaza**, 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):**
Marquette Council will host a 1st Degree on Founder's Day, Thursday, March 29th. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Doors close, for the Degree, at 7:30 PM. Degree starts at 7:30 PM.
- Council 2878 Fr. Seelo (Metairie):**
Father Gerald Seiler's mother passed away and a Mass will be held at Saint Joseph's Abbey on Saturday, March 24th. Burial will take place in the Saint Joseph's Abbey Cemetery following the Mass. Saint Edward the Confessor men's club will sponsor fish fry. The cost is \$8.00 per plate.
- Council 3246 Edward Douglass White (Saint Clement of Rome Parish, Metairie):**
There will be a Quarterly Communion to be held on Sunday, March 25th at the 8:00 AM Mass. Brother Bob Stevens, GK, spoke of how he helped out members of Saint Clare's Church in Waveland, Mississippi feeding the public on 2 weekends. On the 1st weekend 130 plates were served and on the 2nd weekend 90 plates were served. He also spoke on Jefferson Parish, and Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng whose district includes the area, efforts to hold a Bucktown Festival in the new area around the Bucktown Marina. This is something that the Knights of Columbus could possibly participate in as in done in Saint Bernard at the Saint Bernard Crawfish Festival. Also, don't forget the altar servers. The Council puts on a pizza party for the altar servers and it is greatly appreciated by not only the altar servers but also by the Parish Priest.
- Council 3729 Saint Dominic (New Orleans):**
There will be a can shake on Saturday, March 24th and Sunday, March 25th at the Lakeview grocery on Harrison Avenue. On Thursday, March 29th there will be a Founder's Mass 5:30 PM at St Dominic Church. The Council members will wear their red shirts. So if anyone should like to join us at the Mass please come out.
- Council 4663 Ludovicum (Saint Louis King of France Parish, Metairie):**
On Sunday, April 1st the Council will have a blood drive. Remember, 1 pint will cover your immediate family for one year.
- Council 6870 Christ the King (Terrytown):**
Finishing up last of Lenten fish fries. This Friday, March 23rd will be the Holy Name Society and next Friday, March 30th will be the men's club. Next month there will be a crawfish cook-off between our Council and the school's men's club. There will be 2 to 3 teams from each group. The winning teams will have some nice embroidered aprons. There will be wooden paddles with the emblems of both organizations on one side and the year with the winner on the other. This way the winning team will have bragging rights for a year. By doing this we hope to get families together and new members to join the Council.
- Council 8546 Msgr. Bezou (Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Metairie):**
On March 30th, we will have our fish fry night 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 for sale. We started using a Robo Call System to notify the parents of school children of the upcoming event. We find that by using this system, that is already in place, increases the attendance at these events. Have your Pastor, school principal, assistant principal or anyone connected with the Parish to make this call the night before the event. The Parish fed 1200 people on Saint Joseph's Day. Proceeds from this will go to purchase stain glass windows for the new Church.
- Council 9007 Bishop Caillouet (Saint Angela Merici Parish, Metairie):**
On Saturday, April 21, 2012 Saint Angela Merici will have its annual Gumbalaya cook-off. Council 9007 will participate with 2 teams. One team will cook jambalaya and the other team will cook gumbo. Council members and their wives will man the ticket booth. On Saturday, April 28, 2012 Council 9007 will have its Quarterly Mass followed by its annual crawfish boil. The Council donated \$1,000.00 towards a new \$10,000.00 A/C unit for the Msgr. Kern Center which serves many functions for the Parish. On Friday, March 23rd Saint Angela Merici will hold its 2nd and last Lenten Fish Fry. Starts at 5:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM.



Council 9347 Our Lady of Divine Providence (Metairie):
 On Fridays, during Lent, the Council sponsors a drive-thru Fish Fry. You do not have to get out of your car. Cost of fish fry is \$8.00. Times are 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Brother Matt Ventura mentioned that Alhambra fed 170 Special Children.

Council 9415 Saint Maria Goretti (New Orleans):
 Fish fry this year is running about 15% over last year. The Council is trying to get its roster in order. This is the first year for a new Financial Secretary and he wants to drop some 40 former members who no longer exist or have moved on to other areas since Katrina. Uncle Paul addresses this in his membership report. Had Confirmation at Church and fed 60 participants a hot meal after the Confirmation. The Pastor was thrilled with the Council doing this and its little things like this that shows what the Knights are all about. There will be an ice cream social coming up in April for the CCD.

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

Assembly 314	Bienville	(New Orleans)
Assembly 2093	Bishop Charles Greco	(Metairie)
Assembly 2921	Maria Goretti	(New Orleans)

NEXT MEETING
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY
SAINT MARIA GORETTI COUNCIL 9415
7300 CROWDER BLVD., NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127
(SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH)
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 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 9:05 PM.

Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.
 Secretary

HAPPY EASTER

FROM THE OFFICER'S OF METRO