



NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Minutes of Meeting held on June 20, 2012

Meeting was held at Christ the King Council Hall in Terrytown (Gretna) and hosted by Christ the King Council 6870.

Rosary was started at 7:30 PM.

In place of the Warden, Brother Robert Schroeder checked all for their membership/travel card.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Metro President Donald Winchester at 7:55 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a total of 16 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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Perry Torregano			perry001@netzero.com

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brother Steve Hart and seconded by Brother Clem Sparkman that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published. Motion was accepted by a voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thanked all for coming to the meeting tonight. Next month the meeting will be on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 and I would like to make this the installation meeting. We can do the installation at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Msgr. Bezou Council 8546. I'll see about having it catered. It was decided that the Officers being installed wear coat and tie. We will have a State KC Official due the installation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial Report for the month of May 2012. Balances on 05/31/2012: General Fund \$748.17; Restricted Fund \$4,452.26. Total Checking Account Balance \$5,200.43. There is a total of 21 dues paying Councils and Assemblies belonging to the Metro Chapter as of 05/31/2012.

A motion was made by Brother Dennis Cass and seconded by Brother Leroy Dufrene to accept the Financial Report. Motion was accepted by a voice vote.



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BILL & COMMUNICATIONS:

NO BILLS:

COMMUNICATIONS: Brother Justin Douglass received a phone call from April Knopf, of Special Olympics of Louisiana, informing him that **THE FREE TO LEARN \$100,000 EDUCATION GIVEAWAY** has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales. The deadline was to have been July 8, 2012 and the drawing was to have been held on July 20, 2012.

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, July 18, 2012. The meeting will be held at Saint Francis Xavier Parish and sponsored by Msgr. Henry Bezou Council 8546. The address is 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005.

SEMINARIAN:

Brother Steve Hart reports that there is no more Seminarian Mission Raffle Fund or Accompano Raffle. This year it will be the Seminarian Mission Program. The Knights will continue to fund the Seminarians through Council participation. It will count as 5 points toward your Church Committee for participation. One of the things you will be asked to do is to contact your parish priest and see if you can have one second collection during the year which will be for the Mission Fund. We will have to coordinate with the different dioceses to see if this can be done Statewide. Will have to see if all the Bishops want to hold this collection on the same weekend of the year. When the different seminarians go to parishes for the summer or during the Christmas holidays they can talk about the mission trips that they go on and the benefits of these trips. If a seminarian is not assigned to your parish the priest could ask for a seminarian to come and speak on one weekend or the priest could ask a newly ordained priest to speak about the benefits of the mission trip he went on when he was a seminarian. Any money collected would come back through the Council and back to the State to be distributed to the Seminarians. In two weeks there will be a State Family Meeting and this will be discussed further and presented at KCLS meeting on July 21, 2012.

SAINT BERNARD PROJECT – NUNS BUILD:

Brother Brian Cassagne, of the United Way, talks of the Nuns Build Project in Saint Bernard and the New Orleans area. On November 10 & 11, 2012 the Nuns will arrive in the area. On Sunday, November 11, 2012 there will be a Mass said in the evening with dinner to follow. On Monday, November 12, 2012 the Nuns will begin their work and continue through Friday, November 16th. Metro will be asked to help out as they did last year. Lunches will be needed during the week as well. The Sisters spend their own money to come down here to rebuild our community. Please do what you can to help make their volunteer experience memorable. More information to follow as the event gets closer.



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MEMBERSHIP:

Brother Paul Gagnet said we are close to that 1400 goal for membership. There will be a 1st Degree tonight (June 20th) on the Northshore, one tomorrow night (June 21st) in Chalmette, two on Monday (June 25th) Marquette Council and Wynhoven Council, one on Tuesday (June 26th) St Bernadette Council in Houma. Those Councils who have inactive members (N) contact them and ask them to reactivate. If they do reactivate, your Council will get credit for two (1 for reactivation and 1 for insurance). Also, do not sandbag any new member by not sending in their form 100 until next year (after July 1, 2012). We are so close to that 1400 goal. Let's *FINISH STRONG*.

LICENSE PLATES:

Brother Dennis Cass, who is State Chairman of License Plates for the Knights of Columbus, is urging all Brother Knights to order the KC license plate to put on their vehicle. Contact Brother Dennis for an application. [504-427-8754](tel:504-427-8754)

INSURANCE:

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:

Elections were held for 2012 – 2013 Columbian Year. The new Officers for the Metropolitan Chapter are: Donald Winchester, President; Dennis Cass, Vice President; David Grego, Treasurer; Justin D. Douglass, Jr., Secretary and Tony Grego, Warden.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

JULY 18, 2012 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish, 444 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005. Hosted by Msgr. Henry Bezou Council 8546. This will be the installation meeting. Newly elected Officers will please wear coat and tie.



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UPCOMING EVENT: On June 28, 2012, Saint Andrew the Apostle will have a Flag burning ceremony. This event was rescheduled from Flag Day, June 14th, due to inclement weather. If you have an old flag and need to dispose of it in the proper way this is the place to bring it. If interested and cannot attend, bring your flag to Brother Paul Gagnet and he will bring it over for you. His phone is 504-201-4443.

4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:
Saturday, September 08, 2012 in Slidell, 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)

On Saturday, June 23rd at 6:00 PM a Mass will be said with the installations of Officers at 7:00 PM. Will also be celebrating the 50th birthday of our chaplain, Father Pat Williams.
On Monday, June 25, 2012, there will be a 1st Degree at the Council Hall, 314 Saint Charles Ave.
On Wednesday, July 11, 2012, we will have our blood drive in the Council Hall, 314 Saint Charles Ave. Last year we had 32 pints of blood donated.

Council 2878 Fr. Seelos (Metairie):

On June 19, 2012 we had the elections of Officers.
On July 7, 2012 there will be a money raiser for a needy Brother.
On July 17, 2012 there will be the installation of Officers at 7:30 PM.
On July 21, 2012 there will be a banquet for Officers and members at 6:00 PM.

Council 3729 Saint Dominic (New Orleans):

The Flag Day ceremony, which was held on Saturday, June 9, 2012, was a huge success. Also had our Blood Drive and elections of Officers.

Council 4663 Ludovicum (Saint Louis King of France Parish, Metairie):

June 20, 2012 fed 175 people.
June 27, 2012 social with founder Angie Thomas from Woman's New Life Center. Subject will be "Unplanned pregnancy and what Knights can do to be of service to the Women". Meal and refreshments will be served.
July 14, 2012 Bonco Party.
July 18, 2012 Prepare meals for the homeless.
July 25, 2012 Installation of Officers followed by a dinner.



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Council 6870 Christ the King (Christ the King Parish, Terrytown):

On Thursday, June 21, 2012 we will have the elections of new Officers.

On Saturday, June 23, 2012, at the 4:30 Mass, we will have the installation of our new Officers. Brother Steve Hart, our District Deputy, will handle the installation.

Council 8546 Msgr. Bezou (Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Metairie):

On Sunday, July 1, 2012 there will be a Mass and luau for God's Special Children. The Mass will begin at 2:00 PM and party will start around 3:00 PM. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside.

Council 9007 Bishop Caillouet (Saint Angela Merici Parish, Metairie):

Election of Officers took place on June 4, 2012. Installation will take place on June 21, 2012. Installation will be done by Worthy Former District Deputy Matt Ventura and current Worthy District Warden Jim Call.

Council 9415 Saint Maria Goretti (Saint Maria Goretti Parish, New Orleans):

On Wednesday, June 27, 2012, we will have the installation of our Officers.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE: Macy's event on August 25, 2012. \$5.00 Shopper's pass. 25% off most merchandise. Also available will be a drawing for a \$500.00 gift card from Macy's.

Council 12529 Saint Jane de Chantal (Abita Springs):

On June 23, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM there will be a KC Family Picnic at Abita Park. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided. Father Michael will be leaving Saint Ann's and moving to the Northshore and Father Robert Cavalier will take his place at Saint Ann's.

Assembly 314 Bienville (New Orleans):

On Sunday, July 15, 2012, Installation of Officers will take place after the 11:00 AM Mass at Jesuit Church, 130 Baronne Street, New Orleans. After the installation, a banquet will be held at Marquette Hall, 314 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans.

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

Assembly 314	Bienville	(New Orleans)
Assembly 2093	Bishop Charles Greco	(Metairie)
Assembly 2711	Padre Pio Assembly	(Abita Springs)
Assembly 2921	Saint Maria Goretti	(New Orleans)



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NEXT MEETING

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY
MSGR. HENRY BEZOU COUNCIL 8546
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
444 METAIRIE ROAD, METAIRIE, LA 70005
ON WEDNESDAY, July 18, 2012 @ 7:00 PM**

**THIS WILL BE THE INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS FOR THE
COLUMBIAN YEAR 2012 - 2013
ALL OFFICERS PLEASE WEAR COAT AND TIE.**

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 9:07 PM.

Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.
Secretary