



NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Minutes of Meeting held on December 19, 2012

Meeting was held at Marquette Council Hall, 314 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130 and hosted by Marquette Council 1437.

Rosary was started at 8:15 PM

The Warden checked all for their membership/travel card.

Meeting was opened, with a prayer, by Metro President Donald Winchester at 8:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a total of 15 Knights in attendance.

ROLL CALL:

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

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MINUTES:

No minutes from last meeting due to the fact that the Nuns Build had their party at Rummel Council Hall on Paris Road in Chalmette.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thanked all for coming to the meeting tonight. Today, I spoke with Katie Goldrath of Catholic Charities. They bought a bus into a mobile unit with Ultra Sound equipment on board. They can go to different neighborhoods and provide services to those who otherwise could not make it to permanent location. What they need is funding to equip this bus with the Ultra Sound machinery and other items that are needed. I invited her to come to the January meeting and speak on this project. They want to have the bus up and running by July or August of 2013. They need about \$25,000 to equip the bus and this is strictly fundraising. No labor is needed.

The Knights of Columbus Statewide retreat will be on January 18, 19 & 20, 2013 in Maryville.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial Report for the month of November 2012. Balances on 11/30/2012: General Fund \$1,121.22; Restricted Fund \$4,452.26. Total checking Account Balance \$5,573.48. Membership dues for the month of November of \$75.00 collected. Total collected for the Nuns Build program is \$600.00. Received a bill from Ludovicum Council 4663 for \$683.00 for preparing sandwiches, drinks, etc. That means we are \$83.00 short on the Nuns Build collection. Please have your Council make a donation for Nuns Build if they have not done so. Most donations are running between \$50.00 and \$100.00. We will accept any amount your Council can afford. We collected and donated \$394.00 to the seminarians and Nuns Build. As of November 30, 2012 we have a total of 13 Councils and Assemblies that have paid their dues for the 2012 – 2013 Columbian Year. **If your Council has not paid their dues for the upcoming year, please urge them to write a check in the amount of \$25.00 to KC METROPOLITAN CHAPTER and bring to the next Chapter Meeting or mail to KC METRO CHAPTER, 314 SAINT CHARLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130.** Motion to accept treasurer's made by Brother Justin LaGrange and seconded by Brother Tony Grego. Motion passed by voice vote.

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS:

See Treasurer's Report.

SEMINARIAN REPORT:

Brother Steve Hart reports that Notre Dame seminarians are on their trip now and will be home sometime before Christmas. The seminarians from Saint Joseph will begin their trip around January 3rd, 2013. Rather than send all the seminarians down to Guatemala at one time they go in three groups so as not to overwhelm the host parish. Brother Steve also reports that he has received a total of four check from Councils. Three were from Councils who gave a donation and one was from a Council that actually had an envelope drive in Church where the parishioners took part by putting money, for the seminarians, in a special collection. The State came up with a plan of a \$2.50 donation per registered Catholic family in the State of Louisiana. If this could happen, the total collection, for the seminarians, would be around \$1,056,000 in Louisiana. To get credit for any amount your Council collects, you have until March 31, 2013. This date is so your Council gets recognized at the State Convention. However, the program runs until June 30, 2013.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BILLBOARDS:

Brother Steve Hart reports on the billboards. There is a total of 49 vinyl billboards and 11 digital billboards in and around the New Orleans area including La Place. Twelve different boards had the KC emblem. This has been a very successful year for the billboards and hopefully we can do more next year.

COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN SAINT BERNARD PROJECT:

Councils helped out with the Saint Bernard Project. The nuns arrived in the New Orleans area on Sunday, November 11, 2012. A Mass was held at Marquette Council Hall at 5:30 PM and a dinner was prepared at the Hall, for the Nuns, after Mass was over. On Tuesday and Thursday of that week, sandwiches were prepared at Ludovicum's Council Hall and delivered to the areas where the Nuns and others with the Saint Bernard Project were rebuilding. On Thursday of that week a



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dinner was held at Rummel Council Hall on Paris Road in Chalmette. Those Councils who have not made a donation, to the Nuns Build, can still do so with a Council check made out to: **KC METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, and mailed to: KC METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, 314 SAINT CHARLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130.** The Metro Chapter will take any monetary donation your Council would like to send. Those donations, to date, have been in the form of checks ranging from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

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, January 16, 2013.

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:

INSURANCE:

No Report.

MEMBERSHIP:

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

LOOKING AHEAD – FUTURE MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS:

Jan. 16, 2013: Msgr. Bezou Council, 400 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70005

Feb. 20, 2013: Bishop Caillouet Council 9007, St. Angela Merici Gym, Metairie, LA 70002

Mar. 20, 2013: Need Location.

Apr. 17, 2013: Need Location.

May 15, 2013: Need Location.

Jun. 19, 2013: Need Location



4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION – SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2013
St. Luke's, 910 Cross Gate Blvd., Slidell, LA 70461-3918

UPCOMING CALLOUTS

Pro Life March in Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 12, 2013. There will be a round trip bus ride departing Saint Edward the Confessor at 10:45 AM and return by 5:30 PM. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes the Hotard bus ride and a box lunch, including 2 drinks. Reservations must be made in advance. Contact Chapter Vice President, Brother Dennis Cass, 504-427-8754 or Yvette Fouchi, 504-874-9225.

Please arrive at St. Edward's parking lot by 10:30AM to check in.

LOUISIANA KC WEBSITE www.louisianakc.org

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

Council 1437 Marquette (New Orleans):

Sunday, December 16, 2012. Christmas Party with Bienville Assembly. Doors opened at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, January 6, 2013 Twelfth Night Party. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish.

Friday, January 18, 2013 is Trivia Night. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Competition begins at 7:00 PM.

Mardi Gras is coming and parades start on Friday, January 25, Saturday, January 26 & Sunday, January 27, 2013. Then there is a week off for the Super Bowl. Parades start up again on Wednesday, February 6th and go non-stop thru Mardi Gras, February 12, 2013. To gain access to the Council Hall on Saturday, February 9th, Sunday February 10th and Tuesday, February 12th (Mardi Gras Day) you must purchase wristbands. Those persons without wristbands on the above three days will not be admitted. All other parade days you do not need a wristband.

Council 2878 Fr. Seelos (Metairie):

Father Seelos Council has Fruit Cakes for sale \$12.00 each. Dennis Cass 504-427-8754.

Council 3729 St. Dominic (New Orleans):

On Sunday November 18, 2012 the Council had a Peter Campagno Memorial / Ozanam Inn Champagne Brunch from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. \$15.00 Per Person or \$25.00 for a couple. Benefits Ozanam Inn. It took place at the Council Hall on Vicksburg Street just off Harrison Avenue across from Rite Aid. The Council donated \$1,000.00 to the Ozanam Inn. This event was a huge success and will be done next year. Also had a very successful Christmas Party on December 15th. Super Bowl Party on Super Bowl Sunday. On March 9, 2013 there will be a Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph party at the Council Hall.

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

On Saturday, December 8, 2012 Rosary March and Bonco.

On Sunday, December 9, 2012 participated in Grand Knight's Day.

On Friday and Saturday, December 14 & 15, 2012 Times Picayune Doll & Toy Fund.

On Sunday, December 16, 2012 Quarterly Mass Communion with the 4th Degree dress out.

On Wednesday, December 19, 2012 fed nearly 200 people at Saint Joseph's Church.

On Friday, December 21, 2012 food bank gifts.

On Saturday, December 22, 2012 food bank delivery and Christmas Manger.

On Saturday, December 29, 2012 Council Christmas Party. \$10.00 per person.

On Wednesday, January 2, 2013 Executive Meeting.



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On Wednesday, January 9, 2013 Business Meeting.

On Saturday, January 12, 2013 Bonco.

A member of Ludovicum Council went to Lakeside Mall and asked if a Nativity scene could be placed in the Mall since there was none. The Mall management said no one had asked to put one up in the Mall before. He told the Ludovicum member he could put one in the Mall. The member purchased one with his own money and placed it in the Mall close to the Causeway Blvd Entrance.

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

Had God's Special Children party with about 150 children & family members.

Had our Council Christmas Party. Had a gumbo cookoff.

Will decorate the Church on Sunday, December 23, 2012.

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

On Saturday, December 8, 2012, had their annual Christmas Party in the Msgr. Kern Center.

On Sunday, January 20, 2013 will have their semi-annual Meatball and Spaghetti Dinner, in the Msgr. Kern Center, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

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

No Report.

Council 12529 Saint Jane de Chantal (Abita Springs):

No Report.

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

Assembly 314

Bienville

(New Orleans)

Assembly 2093

Bishop Greco

(Metairie)

Assembly 2921

Saint Maria Goretti

(New Orleans)

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY

MSGR. HENTY BEZOU COUNCIL 8546

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

400 METAIRIE ROAD, METAIRIE, LA 70005

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2013

DOORS OPEN AT 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 along with those victims and family members of the Newtown, CT. school shooting.

Closing prayer was said by President Donald Winchester.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:10 PM.

**Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.
Secretary**