



NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Minutes of Meeting held on March 20, 2013

Meeting was held at Saint Maria Goretti Center, 7300 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70127 and hosted by Saint Maria Goretti Council 9415.

Rosary was started at 7:47 PM. Only one decade was said do to time constraint.

The Warden 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 22 Knights in attendance.

ROLL CALL:

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thanked all for coming to the meeting tonight. Thanked St. Maria Goretti Council for putting on a fine meal and hosting tonight's meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brother Steve Hart and seconded by Brother Leroy Dufrene that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as published. Motion to approve the minutes was made by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial Report for the month of February 2013. Balances on February 28, 2013: General Fund \$637.84; Restricted Fund \$4,452.26. Total checking \$5,090.10. Income for the month of February \$100.00. We collected \$50.00 in dues and \$50.00 donation to the Nuns Build. A total of 17 Councils and Assemblies have paid their dues. Please ask your Council to include in their budget funds to



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go to the Nuns Build. Any amount would be appreciated. So far we have collected a total of \$760.00 for the Nuns Build and spent a total of \$804.00.

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS:

The Metro Chapter has filed with the IRS Form 990-N. (Tax-Exempt). Check with your Council to make sure that this form has been filed. Deadline is May 15, 2013. If not filed in a timely matter Council could lose their tax-exempt status and must start the process all over to get it.

The Louisiana Department of Revenue has issued a directive on fund raising. It is related to the collection of sales tax on fund raising. You must file an application for exemption, for each fund raiser, at least 2 weeks in advance of the fund raiser. To be safe, file it a month before so you will be sure to get the exemption.

Revenue Ruling #13-002, February 25, 2013. La. R.S. 47:305.14

R-1048 Application for Exemption from Collection of Louisiana Sales Taxes

Uncle Paul has sent out this information to Grand Knights and others. Make sure you get a copy of both.

Tonight we received a donation of \$100.00 for Nuns Build. Marquette Council cooked a meal for Nuns Build for \$320.66. Marquette Council approved a donation of \$200.00 to Nuns Build so that leaves a balance of \$120.66 to reimburse Marquette Council. A motion to pay the bill of \$120.66 to Marquette Council was made by Brother Paul Gagnet and second by Brother Donald Winchester. Motion passed by voice vote.

SEMINARIAN REPORT:

Brother Steve Hart reports that in order to get credit on the State Deputy award for points it must be received by March 31, 2013. If your Council is not going for the State Deputy award then you have until June 30, 2013. Since there is no longer the Accompano raffle the Seminarian Mission Fund has taken its place. You can have a second collection or other drive to collect for the Seminarians. We have been getting \$50.00 and \$100.00 checks from Councils, which is great. However, if you can take a portion of your fish fry dinner or other function and donate it to the seminarian that would be great. There are around 300 Councils in the state and if you could get \$50.00 from each Council you can see how much that would bring in. Every Grand Knight was mailed a flyer with an envelope with suggestions on how to conduct a fund drive for the seminarians.

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 17, 2013. You may also mail your dues to: ***KC METRO CHAPTER, 314 ST. CHARLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130.***



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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:

MEMBERSHIP:

Brother Paul Gagnet reports that the State Office has asked him to reintroduce himself to the State membership team. Not as the director but for the team. His responsibilities will be to aid and assist all Councils in Areas A – B – C. The state is having a horrible year and down 350 members. Intake goal is down 290. As of now there are 19 Councils that are suspended in the State. A total of 668 members that are still on the rosters in those 19 Councils. Don't forget to ask the men in your parish to join the Knights. Have an open house and invite families. Check men's club in the parish to see if anyone may be interested in joining the Knights. I have also been named Archdiocesan Coordinator on the Southshore for the 4th Degree. If you still have the blue form 4 please through them away. They will not be accepted. The new color is purple. I have some here tonight and I can get more. Just give me a call. As membership director for the Metro Chapter we need more membership in the Chapter. Out of 47 Councils and Assemblies we only have 17 in our membership. The following Councils are members of Metro: Councils 1437, 2732, 2878, 3411, 3528, 4508, 4663, 6870, 8546, 9007, 9347, 9415, 12529, 13425. If your Council is not on this list please bring it up at your next Council meeting. The following Assemblies are members of Metro:

314, 1635, 2921. If your Assembly is not on this list please bring it up at your next Assembly meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Brother Kerry Williams spoke on donating benches at school on Chef Highway.

Brother Justin LaGrange spoke on the wounded warriors making a pilgrimage to Lourdes to help heal. Looking for donations.

Brother Justin LaGrange passed the hat around for donations to help our Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Marquette Council collected \$700.00 (See Feb. 20th minutes) for this parish. This additional collection will go toward that same parish.

Grand Knights received a video and pamphlet on **AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION**. This is a program to purchase wheelchairs for people with physical disabilities who have no means to acquire a wheelchair. You can have a "Wheelchair Sunday" parish drive in your church and help sponsor thousands of wheelchairs. Brand new wheelchairs would sell for \$500.00 in a medical supply store. When purchased in lots of 280 wheelchairs this can be done for only \$150.00 per wheelchair.



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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Nominations will be held during the April and May meetings. Elections will take place at the June 19th, meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD – FUTURE MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS:

If your Council would like to host a future meeting, please contact President Donald Winchester: donaldwinchester@att.net Meetings are always held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Apr. 17, 2013: Msgr. Henry Bezou Council 8546 (St. Francis Xavier) **(NOMINATIONS)**

May 15, 2013: Ludovicum Council 4663, Metairie (Bucktown) **(NOMINATIONS)**

Jun. 19, 2013: Christ the King Council 6870, Terrytown **(ELECTIONS)**



UPCOMING 4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Saturday, June 22, 2013 – Carencro – Hosted by Assembly #315

Saturday, September 21, 2013 – Gonzales – Hosted by Assembly #2052

REMINDER:

There is no longer a waiting period for your 4th Degree. Once you have your 3rd Degree you can go for your 4th Degree.

LOUISIANA KC WEBSITE www.louisianakc.org

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

Council 1437 Marquette (New Orleans):

Thursday, March 21st, a first degree will be held at the Council Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Be there for 7:00 PM.

Council 2878 Fr. Seelos (Metairie):

On Friday, March 22nd a fish fry, shrimp & crawfish dinner will start at 5:00 PM. Pizza as well as drinks and desserts will also be available. Dine in or take out.

Council 3729 St. Dominic (Lakeview):

On Sunday, April 7, 2013, (11:00 AM to 8:00 PM) St. Dominic's Parish Fair will be held in St. Dominic's school yard, 6300 block of Memphis Street in Lakeview. St. Dominic's Council will man the beer booth. Come out to the fair and enjoy good food, drink and fellowship.



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

On October 4, 2013 Norwegian 7 day Cruise out of Quebec City. Prices start at \$877.00. March 20th Feed the people (fed 150); March 24th, Blood Drive; March 27th KC social (talk on home security and gun security). April 13th bonco; April 26, 27 & 28th State Convention in Lafayette. Four Knights will be going.

COUNCIL 5747 RUMMEL (CHALMETTE)

The Louisiana Crawfish Festival will be held on Thursday, Marcy 21, 2013 thru Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Sigur Cultrual Center, 8245 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA 70043. The festival is organized by the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Joseph Rummel Council #5747.

District 1 will resume 1st Degrees on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except March), at Rummel Council 5747.

Council 6870 Christ the King (Terrytown):

On Saturday, April 20th there will be a crawfish cook-off between the Knights and Men's club.

Council 6872 Oscar J. Gelpi (Picayune):

Brother Bryan Cassagne reports on the Pope John Paul II "Portrait In Faith" in the museum in City Park. It runs from March 8th thru June 16th. Museum Hours are Tues-Thurs 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Friday 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM; Saturday & Sun 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Admission: \$15.00 for adults; \$13.00 for seniors & active military; \$6.00 children (7-17). Group pricing available. There is a 19 minute introduction video. About a 1 hour audio guided tour. For more information 1-866-608-4799 or www.JPliinNOLA.com

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

Fish Fry on March 22nd. On St. Joseph's Day 1400 people were fed in the school cafeteria. On April 5th the men's club will have a crawfish boil from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Benefits scouting program at St. Francis. Celebrity Chef Mr. Al "Seafood City" Scramuzza. Crawfish: \$8.00 per plate (2 lbs); \$1.00 soft drinks or water; \$3.00 beer.

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

On Saturday, April 20th the parish will host the 3rd Annual Great Gumbalaya Cook-off and Silent Auction. The hours are 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM. On Sunday, April 21st at the 8:00 AM Mass the Council will have their Quarterly Communion.

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

On March 22nd and 29th from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM in the St. Maria Goretti parking lot (Crowder & Morrison Blvd.) we will have our fish dinners for \$10.00 per plate and we accept credit cards. The proceeds from the dinners go toward our programing 70% dedicated to our youth. The next two weekends we will be selling HE IS RISEN magnets for \$5.00 with our squire circle. The proceeds will go toward the squire convention. April 5th & 6th we will be participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Archdioceses of New Orleans.

Council 12115 St. Leo the Great (New Orleans):

April 7th thru 10th "Old-fashioned tent revival, "It's a Love Thing." 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM nightly. Hunter's Field (corner of St. Bernard and Claiborne Avenues.



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Council 12529 St. Jane de Chantal (Abita Springs):

On March 21st the Council will cook fish dinners for 110 senior citizens; On March 22nd fish fry in St. Joseph's Hall from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM; On March 23rd will be an all town garage sale – Knights will cook french fries for the CYO hamburger sale.

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

Assembly 314
Assembly 2093
Assembly 2921

Bienville
Bishop Greco
Saint Maria Goretti

(New Orleans)
(Metairie)
(New Orleans)

NEWS FROM SUPREME

Supreme has stated that Councils will receive \$9.00 for every new member that is recruited from January 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2013. A \$9.00 credit will be given to the Councils beginning July 1, 2013 to be used anyway they wish.

NEXT MEETING

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY
MSGR. HENRY BEZOU COUNCIL 8546
444 METAIRIE ROAD, METAIRIE, LA 70005
(SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH)
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 @ 7:00 PM**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please pray for our new Pope Francis. Remember him in your daily prayers. 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.

Closing prayer was said by President Donald Winchester.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:20 PM.

Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.
Secretary

HAPPY EASTER

FROM YOUR METRO OFFICERS