



## NEW ORLEANS METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### Minutes of Meeting held on April 17, 2013

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

Rosary was started at 7:45 PM.

The Warden checked all for their membership/travel card.

Meeting was opened, with a prayer, by Metro President Donald Winchester at 8:02 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. There was a total of 21 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. In new business we will open nominations for the Columbian Year 2013 – 2014. We will have nominations at this meeting and the meeting in May and nominations and the election at the June 19, 2013 meeting at Christ the King Council in Terrytown. The new General Agent, Eric Ottoman, was suppose to be here. He may come later.

#### MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brother Steve Hart and seconded by Brother Tony Greg 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 March 2013. Balances on March 31, 2013: General Fund \$627.18; Restricted Fund \$4,452.26. Total checking \$5,079.44. Income for the month of March \$310.00. A total of 17 Councils and Assemblies have paid their dues. Please ask your Council to include in their budget funds to go to the Nuns Build. Any amount would be appreciated. So



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far we have collected a total of \$1,010.00 in income and had \$994.00 in expenses for the Nuns Build which gives us a \$16.00 surplus. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Brother Dennis Cass and seconded by Brother Paul Gagnet. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **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. Regardless of the amount of income a Council makes, every Council must file this form. Even if the amount is \$1.00. There is no longer a limit. Every Council must file this Form 990-N.

### **SEMINARIAN REPORT:**

Since 1989 we had the Accompano raffle to help out the seminarians to take their summer trips. It has now been changed to the Seminarian Mission Fund. Since March 31, 2013, I have received checks from 32 Councils and one Council will send in a check. So that will total 33 check so far. I received a check from the dioceses of Alexandria for \$100.00. The dioceses of Alexandria has two Councils which gave a total of \$658.00. The Dioceses of Houma/Thibodeaux gave donations. The dioceses of Lafayette gave donations. The dioceses of Lake Charles gave donations. The dioceses of Baton Rouge gave donations. You can have a second collection or other drive to collect for the Seminarians. Every Grand Knight was mailed a flyer with an envelope with suggestions on how to conduct a fund drive for the seminarians. Two years ago I went with the seminarians on one of their trips. It cost me \$1,200.00 to go. The most expensive part of the trip is the air transportation. Once you get there you stay at a Church or Mission. As you can see funding is very important for the seminarians to go on these summer trips. You still have until June 30, 2013 to get your Council's money in for the Mission Fund. If you get it in after that date, it will be used for the 2013 – 2014 Columbian Year.

### **DUES BILLING:**

Starting in May, dues for the Columbian Year July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014 will be sent to Councils so the current Grand Knight can explain and transfer to the new Grand Knight. Make sure that your Council or Assembly puts the dues in their budget. This will be ongoing so every year it will be a budgetary expense.

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, May 15, 2013. You may also mail your dues to: **KC METRO CHAPTER, 314 ST. CHARLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130**.

**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](mailto: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:**



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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 331 members. Intake goal is down 290. As of now there are 22 Councils that are suspended in the State. A total of 668 members that are still on the rosters in those 22 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Brother Ronnie Seaton spoke of changes at the school where he teaches culinary skills. Things that the school will allow and those that they will not. He also hoped everyone enjoyed the meal he cooked tonight.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **NOMINATIONS:**

Nominations for the upcoming Columbian Year, July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014 took place tonight. They will continue thru the May meeting and commence with nominations from the floor and elections taking place at our June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Christ the King Council in Terrytown. The following have stated that they would like to fill the Officer's Position for the upcoming Columbian Year and have accepted.

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>DENNIS CASS</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>DAVID GREGO</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>WARDEN</b>	<b>TONY GREGO</b>

### **LOOKING AHEAD – FUTURE MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS:**

If your Council would like to host a future meeting, please contact President Donald Winchester: [donaldwinchester@att.net](mailto:donaldwinchester@att.net) Meetings are always held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

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

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



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### UPCOMING 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Once you have your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree you can go for your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

LOUISIANA KC WEBSITE [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org)

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

**Council 1437 Marquette (New Orleans):**

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 a first degree will be held at the Council Hall (314 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans). Doors open at 6:00 PM. Candidates to be there for 7:00 PM. Degree starts at 7:30 PM. On Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night will be held. Doors open at 6:00 PM. There will be a cash bar with bar snacks. However, guests are welcome to bring food to share with others. Open to family and friends.

**Council 2878 Fr. Seelos (Metairie):**

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, at 6:00 PM there will be a crawfish cookoff at St Edward the Confessor. On Friday, April 26, 2013, at 6:00 PM Father Seelos Council will recognize altar servers with a dinner in the school cafeteria at St. Edward the Confessor. On Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:00 PM, the Council will recognize the altar servers for special events during the school year. A meal will be served.

**Council 3729 St. Dominic (Lakeview):**

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, there will be a Founder's Day Mass at 10:30 AM in St. Dominic's Church (775 Harrison Avenue). After Mass, at the Council Home (6254 Vicksburg Street), there will be a brunch. All are welcome to attend. Be sure to wear your Council shirt to honor Father McGivney. Actual Founder Day was Good Friday of this year. So we are having it now.

**COUNCIL 4508 ST. CHRISTOPHER (Metairie):**

Blood Drive on Sunday, April 21, 2013 in the St. Christopher's Gym.

**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. April 13<sup>th</sup> Rosary March at Ridgelake. April 17<sup>th</sup> Feed the people (fed 150); Crawfish Party on April 24<sup>th</sup>; April 27<sup>th</sup> Rosary March at the Midtown Medical Center; May 11<sup>th</sup> Bonco; May 17<sup>th</sup> annual Clergy and Ladies night. Hosting Metro Chapter on May 15, 2013.



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

Clergy appreciation night tomorrow night. If any Council is looking for a day trip try going to St. Joseph Abbey. They give you a tour of the grounds, the woodworking shop where they make the caskets. The group attends Holy Mass. A Deacon gives a spiritual talk. The Council rents a bus, you bring your own sandwiches and the Council provides drinks. There is no charge. It runs from about 10:00 AM and you finish up and get home by 3:30 PM.

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

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

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

April 21, 2013 will have Corporate Communion Mass. There will be a membership drive in May. Still working on the date. In March the Council cooked a meal for the Confirmation retreat class. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year doing this.

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

On April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in St. Joseph Hall – Abita Springs, the Council will cook a fried chicken dinner to benefit the cub scouts. Menu will be chicken, fries, cole slaw, bread and drink for only \$8.00 per plate.

**COUNCIL 12686 St. Catherine of Siena (Metairie):**

Blue Mass on Sunday, May 19, 2013, at the 11:00 AM Mass. This will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Dress Out.

**ASSEMBLY 2921 St. Maria Goretti (New Orleans):**

Sponsoring a TV raffle for \$1.00 donation. The prize will be a 51” Samsung Plasma HDTV. The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2013, after the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Maria Goretti Church. Winner need not be present. The purpose of the raffle is to purchase swords and white capes for the Past Navigators and a white cape for the incoming Navigator.

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)

### **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.



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**NEXT MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY  
LUDOVICUM COUNCIL 4663  
COUNCIL HALL ON DEAD END STREET  
OFF CARROLLTON AVE & ASH STREET (BUCKTOWN)  
(SAINT LOUIS KING OF FRANCE PARISH)  
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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 Vice President Dennis Cass.

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:15 PM.

Attest: Justin D. Douglass, Jr.  
Secretary