



Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph Council, No. 8417
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August 2014

Brother Knights,

Grand Knight's Report

Grand Knight Perry Popp reported that he, the Trustees, and numerous past Grand Knights held a planning session on Wednesday August 27 to discuss the following items:

- The 5 Year / 10 Year Plan.
- Council Hall Rental.
- Status of Kaufman Street church property.
- Various upcoming events.

Further discussion of these subjects was conducted in various committee reports.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Thomas Buford reported the following balances for our three accounts:

- Knights of Columbus Account: \$ 1,819
- Knights Columbian Club Account: \$ 9,268
- Knights Capital Account: \$11,652
- TOTAL:** \$22,739

Thomas added that the Council has \$26,800 left on our 5-year note, and we have 30 more payments left to pay off the loan.

Financial Secretary's Report

Financial Secretary Stan Holcomb¹ read and referred the following bills:

- Dues to the Supreme Office:
 - \$ 675 – Supreme Per Capita
 - \$ 1,727 – Texas Per Capita
 - \$ 2,360 – Texas State Charities
- Accounts Payable: \$ 4,762 – Total Due

These payments are due by October 10 and no later than December 31, 2014.

¹ A great big thank you to Stan for agreeing to take on this demanding position and to Harold Jerpi who filled the office for the past six years.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee

Art Wernersbach reported that the locks in the Council Hall have been changed and the old keys won't work. He also said that the owners of the Kaufman Street church property behind St. Joseph's are not interested in selling at this time. Art then updated the council on a couple of other building-related issues:

- Property Repairs – The asphalt in front of the hall is in need of repair. Art estimated that we would need \$5,000 for the repairs. He will cost out specific repairs and recommend appropriate action to the Council.
- Council Hall Rentals – The Building Committee proposed a revision to the old Hall Rental Agreement dated June 6, 2012. Under the old rental agreement, the main part of the hall was rented for \$200 for a minimum of 2 hours plus \$75 per hour thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 hours. A separate check for \$300 was also collected as a damage deposit for the hall and the kitchen combined. (Revisions to the policy were discussed under "Columbian Club Business".)

Columbian Club Business

A motion was then made and seconded to suspend the regular Council meeting and open a session of the Columbian Club. The motion was agreed to except for one "Nay" vote. The Columbian Club opened for business and the following topics were discussed:

Revised Council Hall Rental Policy

- Art introduced a motion that the Council Hall rental policy, procedures, and fees be revised as follows:
 - For the main hall, members in good standing will pay a fee of \$100 per 8-hour event (at the discretion of the hall rental manager).
 - A member in good standing will be the sponsor of the event, will attend the event, and will be responsible for the event.
 - A damage/cleaning deposit of \$100 will be collected (in a separate check) for the hall, kitchen, and grounds combined. This check will be due along with the rental agreement.
 - This check will be deposited and will be refunded after inspection of the hall, kitchen, and grounds.
 - We will no longer be renting to non-members.
- The motion was discussed, seconded, and approved by the Council except for one "Nay" vote.



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Purchase of Vests for Council Casinos

- John Casarez introduced a motion to spend \$2,000 to purchase 35 vests at \$42.95 each for Council Casino workers to wear at Casinos. Tal Tallett seconded the motion, and it was approved with one “Nay” vote.

A motion was made and seconded to conclude the Columbian Club business and return to the regular Council business meeting. The motion was approved with one “Nay” vote.

(End of Columbian Club meeting.)

Annual Barbeque Cookoff

BBQ Cookoff Chairman Dennis Williams reported that the dates for the 2015 Annual BBQ Cookoff will be March 6-7. He also indicated that St. Joseph’s Parish is planning a fundraising event on March 21, but he does not anticipate any conflict between the two events.

OktoberFest

Ron Naizer is scheduling a Council work project for September 18 to cook brisket and sausage for the annual OktoberFest school fundraiser. He will distribute a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the September 11 meeting.

Pro-Life Activities

The Hike for Life is scheduled for September 27 at Getzendaner Park. More information will follow at the September 11 meeting.

New Business

James Speelman is scheduling a Fish Fry for February 27, 2015 and asked the Council for help with the cooking, serving, and cleanup. He will provide more information at a later date.

Ron Naizer told the Council that any Brother Knights who have completed their Third Degree should contact him about getting their KC name badge.

Fourth Degree Report

John Casarez reported that there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on September 27 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW Airport in Irving.



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Introduction of the New District Deputy

The Grand Knight introduced our new District Deputy Richard Bollinger, who challenged the Council to go for the "Double Star" Council Award. He said that he is available to give us any assistance we might need to win this award. Thank you Richard for taking on this important role for our District and our Council.

For the Good of the Order

John Casarez asked for prayers for Brother Knight Locadio "Wolf" Pesina who is fighting cancer. The Council also offered prayers for other family and friends on our prayer list. Sir Knight Deacon Dennis Bryant led the Council in the *Prayer for Vocations*.

Respectfully Submitted, Your Worthy Recorder and Scribe,

John O'Brien and Hugh Reynolds

Major Events Coming Up in September



Waxahachie Hike for Life
Getzendaner Park, Sept. 27



St. Joseph School Oktoberfest,
Waxahachie Civic Center, Sept. 20



4th Degree Exemplification,
Sheraton, Irving, TX, Sept. 27