



Knights of Columbus

**St. Joseph Council, No. 8417
P.O. Box 242
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September 11, 2014

Brother Knights,

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

GK Perry Popp thanked Art Wernersbach and Tal Tallett for their continuous efforts to provide food for our council meetings. He also pointed out the need for trustees and officers to establish bylaws separating the home association (i.e. the Columbian Club) from the Council. Trustees will report back to the Council once these bylaws are completed.

The GK received and read a thank you note from Jody Kowalski and family thanking the Knights for the beautiful plant and attendance at the Rsary and Mass for her mother Dorothy Beck.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Knights of Columbus Account: \$ 1,880
- Knights Columbian Club Account: \$ 9,125
- Knights Capital Account: \$11,652
- TOTAL: \$22,657**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Membership Director Paul Vinton complimented outgoing Membership Director Allen Gradnigo for his outstanding leadership and service our the past 5 years. The growth of our Council is a direct result of Allen's efforts and is truly appreciated by all. Paul pointed out that he will need all Brother Knights to him with recruitment efforts. He requested that each of us ask two prospective members to join each month with eye-to-eye contact and a welcoming "We need you" attitude.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Ron Naizer requested that all Brother Knights wear their badges with pride at Mass and at all KC events. As he said in last month's meeting, any Knight who has completed his Third Degree should contact him about getting a KC name badge.



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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Barbeque Cookoff

BBQ Cookoff Chairman Dennis Williams reminded the Council that the 2015 Annual BBQ Cookoff is set for the weekend of March 6-7. He will distribute raffle tickets after the Council meeting for members to purchase or sell. There will be ten raffle prizes in all ranging from a \$1,000 gift card and a 12-gauge shotgun to a Sony Home Theater System and a \$50 gift card. Tickets will be available for sale at the KC Oktoberfest table. Past Grand Knights Glenn Beck and John Casarez and Financial Secretary Stan Holcomb all emphasized the importance of raffle ticket sales and how they cover the overhead cost of the event. They encouraged all members to do their part.

Pro-Life Activities

The 41st Waxahachie Annual Hike for Life (H4L) is scheduled for Saturday September 27 from 8 am until around noon at Getzendaner Park. The funds raised go to support Dallas-area Catholic Crisis Pregnancy Centers and to reaffirm our commitment to maintain respect for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. The Waxahachie Hike is one of ten hikes in the Dallas area and has been part of the oldest Pro-Life fundraiser in Texas, which began in 1973 immediately after the infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand for almost any reason.

Pro-Life Director Hugh Reynolds passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help out with the event. He also asked members to go to the H4L website and make a contribution online to Hugh's Team. Members can also make donations by check and give them directly to Hugh or mail them to the H4L address on the website. The weblink is <http://www.hikeforlifetexas.org/>.

The Dallas Catholic Pro-Life Committee (CPLC) will sponsor a Golf Tournament on October 13 to benefit the Committee's nine Pro-Life ministries. It will be held at the Tribute Golf Course in the Colony. Individuals and foursomes who would like to participate in the tournament are asked to contact Paul Manglesdorf at (214) 708-6543. The cost is \$175 for one person and \$700 for a foursome, which includes lunch, dinner, and green fees.

Safe Environment Report

Safe Environment Director Glenn Beck reminded us that Knights working at Church or KC events need to keep our safe environment status updated annually. Please check the expiration date on your Safe Environment badge and get re-certified before it expires. We can take the re-certification test online and report the results to the Parish Safe Environment Officer for your updated badge.



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Casino News

Casino Director Larry Green reported that there is a casino scheduled for Saturday November 8 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church at Holly Lake Ranch near Hawkins, Texas. We will need 20 volunteers. Larry will send out an email with details.

John Casarez displayed the newly acquired casino vests said that all casino workers interested in buying their own should coordinate with Stan Holcomb or John directly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Oktoberfest

A Council work party is scheduled for Friday afternoon September 19th at 4 pm, Friday night from 10 pm to midnight, and Saturday morning the 20th at 6 am, all at the school. Then the crew will move to the Civic Center on Saturday at 8 am with the food. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

Fantasy Football Tickets

Perry has "Fantasy Football" tickets, and he has them available to anyone who is interested. Proceeds from the sale of these tickets will support Council Officers who will be attending the KC State Convention.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Assembly 2265 Faithful Admiral Hugh Reynolds has 4th Degree raffle tickets available for sale. Proceeds from the sale of these tickets will support the costs of the 4th Degree Exemplification scheduled for September 27 in Irving. Hugh asked all 4th Degree members to see him after the meeting to take a few tickets each. Prizes are:

- 1st Prize: A \$500 American Express Gift Card.
- 2nd Prize: A \$300 American Express Gift Card.
- 3rd Prize: A \$200 American Express Gift Card.

FIELD AGENT REPORT

KC Insurance Field Agent Bob Hoholick pointed out that the Knights of Columbus Disability Insurance Program continues to break records for participation. The program is now offering coverage for part-time workers in the age range of 75 to 85. Any member who is interested should contact Bob.



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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Grand Knight read the list of family members and friends recorded on our prayer list. We prayed for all on the list and especially for the victims of the 9/11/2001 attacks and their families.

FOR THE EDIFICATION AND ENJOYMENT OF THE COUNCIL

Lecturer Hugh Reynolds shared a document dated December 23, 1907 with an interesting story from aviation history. The title is "Signal Corps Specification No. 486. Advertisement and Specification for a Heavier-Than-Air Flying Machine". As background, the earliest man-created airplanes were called "heavier-than-air flying machines" to distinguish them from "lighter-than-air" flying contraptions like balloons, blimps, and dirigibles, which had been around for decades.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, two American brothers named Wilbur and Orville Wright were the first to build a machine capable of sustained flight through mechanical power. When these young bicycle mechanics from Dayton, Ohio, kicked off the aeronautical age, it was not long before the military took interest. One of the first advertisements for bids from the public to supply a flying machine to the Army Signal Corps (the predecessor of the Air Force) was called "Signal Corps Specification No. 486". The Wright Brothers won the contract and thus opened the age of military aviation.

Hugh provided copies of both the specification and the winning contract, called the "Articles of Agreement". Excerpts from these two documents from early aviation history are shown on the following two pages. Hugh said his favorite passage from the specification is paragraph 2:

2. It is desirable that the flying machine should be designed so that it may be quickly and easily assembled and taken apart and packed for transportation in army wagons. It should be capable of being assembled and put in operating condition in about one hour."

Imagine building a military-grade airplane that you could dis-assemble, put in a 1908 army wagon, and then re-assemble in an hour!

Respectfully Submitted, Your Worthy Recorder and Scribe,

John O'Brien and Hugh Reynolds



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Excerpts from: SIGNAL CORPS SPECIFICATION NO. 486

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SIGNAL CORPS DIV.
JAN 20 1908

ADVERTISEMENT AND SPECIFICATION FOR A HEAVIER-THAN-AIR FLYING MACHINE.

TO THE PUBLIC:

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon on February 1, 1908, on behalf of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification for furnishing the Signal Corps with a heavier-than-air flying machine. All proposals received will be turned over to the Board of Ordnance and Fortification at its first meeting after February 1 for its official action.

Persons wishing to submit proposals under this specification can obtain the necessary forms and envelopes by application to the Chief Signal Officer, United States Army, War Department, Washington, D. C. The United States reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Unless the bidders are also the manufacturers of the flying machine they must state the name and place of the maker.

Preliminary.—This specification covers the construction of a flying machine supported entirely by the dynamic reaction of the atmosphere and having no gas bag.

Acceptance.—The flying machine will be accepted only after a successful trial flight, during which it will comply with all requirements of this specification. No payments on account will be made until after the trial flight and acceptance.

Inspection.—The Government reserves the right to inspect any and all processes of manufacture.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

The general dimensions of the flying machine will be determined by the manufacturer, subject to the following conditions:

1. Bidders must submit with their proposals the following:

- (a) Drawings to scale showing the general dimensions and shape of the flying machine which they propose to build under this specification.
- (b) Statement of the speed for which it is designed.
- (c) Statement of the total surface area of the supporting planes.
- (d) Statement of the total weight.
- (e) Description of the engine which will be used for motive power.
- (f) The material of which the frame, planes, and propellers will be constructed. Plans received will not be shown to other bidders.

2. It is desirable that the flying machine should be designed so that it may be quickly and easily assembled and taken apart and packed for transportation in army wagons. It should be capable of being assembled and put in operating condition in about one hour.

12. Bidders will be required to furnish with their proposal a certified check amounting to ten per cent of the price stated for the 40-mile speed. Upon making the award for this flying machine these certified checks will be returned to the bidders, and the successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond, according to Army Regulations, of the amount equal to the price stated for the 40-mile speed.

13. The price quoted in proposals must be understood to include the instruction of two men in the handling and operation of this flying machine. No extra charge for this service will be allowed.

14. Bidders must state the time which will be required for delivery after receipt of order.

JAMES ALLEN,

Brigadier General, Chief Signal Officer of the Army.

SIGNAL OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 23, 1907.



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SIGNATURE PAGE FROM WINNING CONTRACT

ART. XI. That it is expressly agreed and understood that this contract shall be noneffective until an appropriation adequate to its fulfillment is made by Congress and is available.

ART. XII. That this contract shall be subject to approval of the Chief Signal Officer, United States Army.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties aforesaid have hereunto placed their hands the date first hereinbefore written.

WITNESSES:

<u>John J. Mullaney</u>	as to	<u>Orville Wright</u>
<u>Albert Lawrence</u>	as to	Chief Signal Officer, U. S. Army.
<u>W. C. Taylor</u>	as to	<u>Wright Brothers</u>
<u>H. G. Hoffman</u>	as to	by Orville Wright

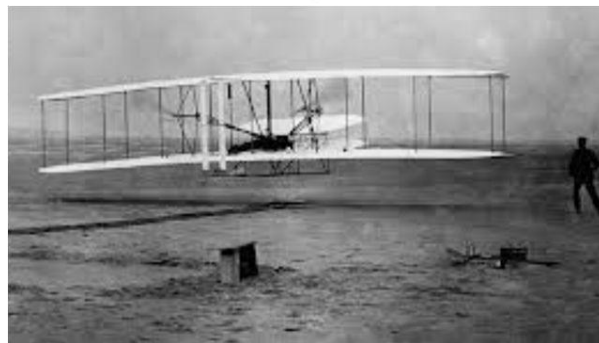
APPROVED: FEB 26 1908 , 190

Amos D. Cook
Brigadier General,
Chief Signal Officer of the Army.

*Here add to any contract made with an incorporated company for its general benefit the following words, viz: "But this stipulation, so far as it relates to Members or Delegates to Congress, is not to be construed to extend to this contract." See section 8740, Revised Statutes.

(EXECUTED IN QUINTEPLICATA.)

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The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, NC, December 1903