

Knights of Columbus – Montgomery Council #2323
Minutes of January 5, 2010 Business Meeting

Called to order at 8:05 pm by Grand Knight Chris Dierken

Roll of Officers called. All officers were present except for the Trustee (2nd year) who had an excused absence.

There was one application for a transfer membership:

Craig Pinto, St. Patrick's parish, transferring in from the Catholic University Council, sponsored by Pat McAleer.

He was voted in by a unanimous voice vote

Grand Knight's report - included the following items:

- 1 – We are starting a new year.
- 2 – He is looking for new ideas.
- 3 – Continue to keep in mind that this is the year of priests.
- 4 – Continue to keep up on recruitment.
- 5 – Always remember that we are called to serve.

Treasurer's report – Checking account balance as of December 30 was \$17,456.47.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Receipts: \$192.00

Communications – The following information was read in:

The Fr. Zylla Memorial Fund has been established at Mount St. Mary's and has a website. <http://www.msmart.edu/seminary/frzyllamemorial.html>. It includes the following information for memorials: Memorials can be sent to the "Rev. Robert V. Zylla Memorial Fund" c/o Mount St. Mary's Seminary or the Crosier Fathers and Brothers, Box 500, Onamia, MN 56359-0500. There are also photos from Father Zylla's funeral on this web site.

Chancellor's report on vocations – No report. Joe Kempf did report on the proceeds from the Wagon of Cheer which will go to Seminarians. Total was \$1,067.00

Trustees report:

1 – Kevin Ginley reported that we will not be having a Shrove Tuesday mass this year. As an alternative we will have a talk by Deacon Jim. A pancakes and pot luck dinner will follow. Also, we will not be having Fish Fries this year since we have lost our cook. Kevin asked us to think of alternatives.

Committee reports:

- 1 – Leo Snyder conveyed a thank you from the St. Martin’s pantry. The rice tally is up to 1,360 pounds.
- 2 – Ed Dudenhoefter reported final Entertainment Book proceeds. Net to Council was \$2,212.50.
- 3 – Mike Thomas reported on the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 31. He has flyers available at tonight’s meeting with information including his phone number for reservations.

Unfinished business – None

New business – None

Fraternal Benefits Advisor report:

- 1- He thanked everyone on behalf of the McAleer family for condolences for his father’s passing. His father was a knight and two of his brothers are knights.
- 2 – Be there for your spouse and parents.
- 3 – Make a new year’s resolution to get your financial and other personal records in order. Don’t leave this as a burden to your spouse on your passing.

District Deputy Report:

- 1 – Wised everyone a happy new year.
- 2 – Thanked those who worked the Special Olympics Christmas party
- 3 – We will be taking down the crèche at St. Mary’s on Saturday. Needs volunteers.
- 4 – Degrees which are coming up this month: First degree at OurLady of Guadalupe, this Thursday, January 7; Second degree at Rock Creek, Thursday, January 14; Third Degree at Rock Creek, Friday, January 15.
- 5 – March for Life is Friday, January 22
- 6 – Fourth Degree Exemplification

Jack Giacalone gave a talk on the fourth degree. Like the Army slogan “be all you can be” by becoming a fourth degree knight. He had some brochures on the fourth degree and there will also be an open house at the Sullivan Brothers Assembly meeting on Thursday, February 18. All are invited. The exemplification will be Sunday, April 18 at University of Maryland.

The Lecturer conducted his usual program for the good of the order.

Chaplain’s summation:

Father Beaubien remarks centered on St. John Neumann, whose feast day is today. He is the only canonized male saint from the United States, but hopefully some day he will be joined by Father McGivney and possibly Bishop Fulton Sheen. However, we are all called to be saints whether we are formally recognized as such or not. Our work in the Knights of Columbus can help us achieve sainthood. .

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Attest: Lawrence J. Royster, Recording Secretary