

Knights of Columbus – Montgomery Council #2323  
Minutes of May 19, 2009 Social Meeting

Called to order at 8:05 pm by Grand Knight Randy Drago.

Roll of officers called. The Chaplain, Chancellor, Treasurer and Inside Guard had excused absences. The Advocate had an unknown absence.

The Recorder provided written minutes of the May 5 business meeting to the Executive Committee and General Membership.

There were two applications for new membership, and two applications for readmissions:

- 1 – Paul Fell, St. Jude’s parish, sponsored by Pat McAleer (New)
- 2 – Todd Dickerson, St. Mary’s parish, sponsored by Pat Gilroy (New)
- 3 – Timothy Denzel, St. Martin’s parish, sponsored by Russell Kennedy (Readmission)
- 4 – George Griffin, St. Mary’s parish, sponsored by John Durbin (Readmission)

All were voted in my unanimous voice vote.

Grand Knight’s report - included the following items:

- 1 – The state convention was held last weekend. The Council was awarded a plaque for overall participation on service programs. District 30 also received recognition as an honor district for this year.
- 2 – Continue praying for Fr. Zylla. He has started his treatments and has them five days a week.
- 3 – The Shrimp Feast, Family Night, and Two Bit Auction all went well.
- 4 – Election of officers will be held at the next meeting (June 2). Nominations are open up until the time of the election.
- 5 – Grand Knight’s end of year celebration will be the second meeting in June (June 16)
- 6 – Maryland Special Olympic Games will be held on the weekend of June 5-7 at Towson University. Check with Randy after the meeting if interested in helping.

Treasurer’s report – no report due to Treasurer’s absence

Financial Secretary’s report –

- 1 – Receipts \$2,351.00. Major item was \$2,195 proceeds from the Shrimp Feast.
- 2 – Disbursements \$300.00. One item for the support of Holy Land education.

Communications – The recorder read in one item. It was a donation to Special Olympics - \$25.00 from John Rix, a former council member. Pat Cribben will send a thank you to Mr. Rix.

Chancellor’s report – No report due to the Chancellor’s absence.

Committees’ report –

1 – Leo Snyder briefed everyone on results of the Council’s donations to the Saint Martin Food Pantry this year. They were able to buy about 3,250 pounds of rice and about \$1,000 in other groceries. The regular social meeting “Bar Jar” will be available tonight for donations (collected \$42.00).

2 – Shannon Dougherty mentioned the Grants Event Barbecue on June 6. Chris Dierken will make the formal presentation to the parish schools as the Grand Knight Elect. Shannon asked for volunteers for setup/cleanup and also asked members to call him with for a headcount on number of attendees to prepare for the food order.

Trustees report – Kevin Ginley gave an overall “thank you” on behalf of the trustees to everyone for their efforts in supporting council activities over the past fraternal year.

Unfinished business –

1 – Chris Dierken summarized his efforts on trying to get a chaplain to fill in for Father Zylla while he is undergoing his treatments. He contacted the parishes and the Archdiocese, but no one was available. We could possibly get a seminarian from Mount St. Mary’s or a deacon from St. Martin’s. A general discussion followed. If either was selected, they would need to be member Knight (take at least the First Degree) and they would serve as a Spiritual Advisor and not as a Chaplain.

2 – Dan Bonner expressed interest in pursuing setting up a Squires program in the Council. A general discussion followed. Dan will continue his research and contact other councils who have a program and will report back at future meetings. Randy mentioned that the Squire program is one of the items covered at the Committee Workshop. The next workshop will be at Good Counsel at the end of July. Pat McAleer offered to assist Dan.

New business – None raised

Fraternal Benefits Advisor report –

Pat told a story of how he met Paul Fell, one of the new members voted in tonight. Paul actually heard about the Knights from some people at work, but the council that would have been his home council did not really go out of their way to recruit him. He was just told to go to a first degree ceremony. Paul was actually referred to Pat by a Grand Knight from another council.

This just goes to show that you need to talk up the Knights. If anyone you meet seems to be “on the bubble” about joining, you can refer them to Pat who can cover the benefits of Knight membership with them.

District Deputy report –

1- The State Deputy has asked that councils who have bars not open the bars before meetings. (The Council will adhere to this policy).

The Lecturer conducted his usual program for the good of the order. Also as usual, he claimed that his questions were easy!! (Actually they were, except for one Presidential

question which stumped the membership. Who ever remembers Martin Van Buren for any significant accomplishments!!

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Attest: Lawrence J. Royster, Recording Secretary