

**Knights of Columbus  
Montgomery Council 2323  
Meeting Minutes for December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Called to Order at 8:10 pm by the Grand Knight, Lewis Tillis

The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were said

Roll of Officers ( <b>and honored guest</b> ) called and noted			
Chaplain: Deacon Jim Datovech	Present	Lecturer: Guy Beaven	Present
<b>Fr David Beaubien</b>	Excused	Advocate: Joe Kempf	Present
Grand Knight: Lewis Tillis	Present	Inside Guard: Michael. Cox	Present
Deputy Grand Knight: David Ball	Present	Outside Guard: Jack Jones	Present
Chancellor: Larry Royster	Present	Trustee 3 yr.: John Leighton	Present
Financial Secretary: Pat Cribbin	Present	Trustee 2 yr.: Chris Dierkin	Present
Treasurer: Ed Dudenhoeffer	Present	Trustee 1 yr.: Randy Drago	Excused
Recorder: Emmanuel Agboifo	Present	Warden: Michael Joseph	Present

The minutes from November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting were posted online and accepted.

**Grand Knights Report:**

Grand Knight's Report:

- Grand Knight Reported that the Past Grand Knight Dinner was excellent

**Correspondence read by Recorder:**

The following notices of application were read and approved by the council

1. Bart Brendan J - Sponsor Daniel J. Bart
2. Billingsley Benjamin M - Sponsor Gary J. Palmer

**The Council conferred the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree on the following:**

1. Bart Brendan J
2. Billingsley Benjamin M
3. Bryant McNish

**Treasurer's report:** checking account \$

**Financial Secretary's report** Receipts of the meeting: Disbursements and receipts were read. Receipts of \$1807.85 and disbursements \$1148.30 of were reported for 12.06.2011.

**Report of Trustees:** None.

**Chancellor's report on Vocation:** None.

Prayers for vocation was said by Deacon Jim Datovich

## **Deputy Grand Knights Reports of Committees:**

- Mike Thomas
  - asked the Brothers to continue saving the pull tabs from aluminum cans.
  - Annual Spaghetti dinner Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- Gary Palmer reported
  - that two of the newly exemplified first degree brothers came through the internet. He encouraged the use of the internet and noted that it is an interesting concept.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification comes up on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the council hall and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification comes up on Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Mercy, Potomac. All proposers are encouraged to ensure that their candidates participate. Emails will be sent out.
  - January 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day of sales for the entertainment books
- Larry Royster reported
  - That the council raised a total of \$5746.12 from this year's tootsie roll sales, which was a slight improvement on last year's sale, but very encouraging considering the economy.
- The council is currently collecting for the St Martin's pantry
- Thanks to PGK John Leighton for setting up this year's Christmas party which was a success.
- 2012 Annual Fish Fries will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Volunteers are needed for set up, kitchen staff, servers and clean-up crew. Chuck Durban has offered to be the chef for the day.
- DGK David Ball will set up Fish Fries at Hershey's Restaurant on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:** none

### **New Business:**

Proposal for the celebration of founder's day which is the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, and possibly combine the celebration with membership drives in the three churches. Gary Palmer is open to new ideas to make this a success.

### **Other New Business:**

**Report of the Fourth Degree:** District Warden Tom Firestone informed that the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be held from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. All brothers in 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree for at least 6 months are encouraged to apply.

**Financial Benefits Advisor Report:** Wished all a happy and prosperous Christmas and New year on behalf of himself and his family.

### **District Deputy's Report:**

District Deputy Jack Giacalone informed the Council

- that we have also achieved 50% of the membership drive and 60% for insurance

- that the State Deputy will be coming for the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and would be good to have good turn-out of candidates .
- Mid-term will be 7<sup>th</sup> of January
- Encouraged the new brothers to get their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees at the next opportunities coming.

**Sick and Deceased:** Names were read followed by prayers.

**The Good of the Order:**

- A booth is available at the Montgomery County fair for the right to life campaign. Members are encouraged to join in the campaign.

**Chaplain's Report:** Worthy Associate Chaplain Deacon Jim Datovech spoke on the Immaculate Conception and the need for Brothers to step back this Advent and examine our lives on how we can become better Catholic Men especially with accepting the roles that God gives to us as our Mother Mary accepted hers without question.

The meeting was adjourned and closing prayer was led by Associate Chaplain Deacon Jim Datovech