

# **The Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**September 23, 2011**

Bishop McLaughlin Council 3495  
238 Speedwell Ave., Morris Plains, NJ 07950

The Meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM by Chairman James Aulino.

Chaplain Fr. Pat Rice led the opening prayer, and Warden Thomas Migliorino led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Federation Officers, District Deputies, and Councils was conducted by Secretary John Guido.

Worthy Past State Deputy Don Ryan and Tom Ciborski were excused.

Federation Officer Comptroller John Jones was excused.

District Deputy Alexander Taggart was absent.

The following Councils were not in attendance: 240, 2248, 3835, 5486, 5943, 6212, 6354, 6504, 7536, 9914, 9920, 10206, 10419, 11943, 12211, 12545, 12649, 12974.

There was a motion by Leon Doty to accept the minutes from the meeting of May 13, 2011, which were emailed to the membership. The motion was seconded by John Walsh, and passed by the membership.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Jim Aulino first thanked our gracious host council Bishop McLaughlin Council 3495 for hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> or kickoff meeting of this Columbian year. Then Jim welcomed all Grand Knights and delegates

especially the 1<sup>st</sup> time 1<sup>st</sup> term Grand Knights. Jim asked Councils for their continued support for the Federation and their programs – many that you will hear reports on tonight. Later you will hear a report from Joe Wickham on Rite-to-Life and a very important, VITAL program that can only be successful by the cooperation and participation of all the councils in the Paterson Dioceses. It is the type of programs that make us a true Fraternity and unite us in a true Catholic Organization. Jim had some information in regards to the Seminarian letter writing campaign, run by the State, and also found in the Grand Knights manual. You may have also seen a list of the Paterson Dioceses Seminarians there. Today he received a NEW UPDATED list which he did not have a chance to make copies of. It includes a few more names and addresses. Jim would be glad to forward it to anyone who needs it. The names on the list tonight are still Seminarians so the list is accurate. Jim asked that you also send an e-mail to him letting the Federation know which Seminarians your council may be supporting.

Last week in talking to his DD, Jim was saying that it seemed we supported an Ad Journal around this time every year but could not quite recall which one. It felt like we're missing something. He realized right away that it was the Flagship Ball Ad Journal that he was thinking of. Well since the Flagship Ball ceased operating, we have looked for ways as a Federation to raise funds for our endeavors especially the scholarship funding.

This year – we're going to change our format from the year end Fed-Night affair to a different fund raising and award presentation night. We will be running a BEEFSTEAK Dinner. We will still have a scholarship award presentation and A DISTINGUISHED COUNCIL AWARD presentation. Of course if you have ever been to a beefsteak dinner you know it is a bit more casual type affair then what we are use to holding and I hope it will appeal to more of our councils while keeping the ticket price reasonable in these economic times. YOUR FULL PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE THESE PROGRAMS A SUCCESS. More info will be presented at f

future meetings.

We have a fairly full agenda tonight. In fact we will also be hearing from the Council representative from the Supreme Council who will give his report under Old Business. Jim also would like Worthy Advisor Pete Bartkowiak to speak on Degrees.

### **Reading of Bills and Communications**

There were no bills.

There were two (2) communications read:

- 1.) The Delegate – Alternate List from Council 1954.
- 2.) The Delegate – Alternate List from Council 6575.

### **Comptroller's Report**

No report.

### **Federation Committee Reports**

**Federation Scholarships** – Leon Doty reported that he received letters of thanks from several recipients, thanking us for the awards that they received from the Federation.

**Right to Life** – Joe Wickham brought good news. St. Joseph Hospital in Paterson is allowing us to give them an Ultrasound Machine. The net cost is approximately \$58000. Supreme will give \$20000 and the Federation will give \$15000. DD Ray Lill reported to Perez Council 262 that \$20000 is

needed, and Perez Council will donate the first \$20000 for an Ultrasound Machine in Paterson. Ken Moehler, a re-cycled Grand Knight, reported that the Council had to sell their building so the Knights of Columbus will benefit from this. Ken then presented a check for \$20000 to the Federation. Joe then stated that he has to find a place for another machine.

**Raffle** – Dennis Kendzior stated that it was that time of year again. Our biggest fundraiser is the 50-50 Raffle. Each Council will get 20 books. Please try to sell them. The drawing will be held at the Nov. 11 meeting in Butler. Grand Knights please see your DD for your tickets. We need maximum productivity. The Federation would like to give out an additional scholarship but need the extra income in order to do that.

**Mass for the Unborn** – Deacon Anthony Fierro reported that the Mass will be held on Oct. 8 at St. Christopher's in Parsippany at 10 AM. Bishop Serratelli personally invited all priests and asked them to invite their parishioners. They will wear white vestments. Right to Life has sent out notices 3 times to their members, thanks to Chairman Thomas Passage.

**Pride in Priest** – Anthony Sansone reported that the dinner will be held on Mon. Nov. 21 at 6:30 at La Neves this year. All Councils should have received flyers. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. 350 people expected.

**NJ State Convention** – Mike Luccarelli reported that the Convention is May 18 – 20. The price at the Shalimar went up \$5. We need your reservations by Nov. 30. Frank Manganelli said that they will be offering breakfast at Pier 6600 for \$6. You will pay there.

**Supreme Convention** – Al Clark of Council 3680 made an extensive report on the Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado. The Convention was held from Aug. 1 – Aug. 4. It was a very nice experience for Al and his wife, and revitalized his enthusiasm. Al reported that at one meeting it was noted that 3 famous Roman Catholic men were Knights of Columbus. They were John F. Kennedy, Vince Lombardi, and Babe Ruth. Al then read parts of JFK's inaugural address in 1961.

### **Old Business**

No old business.

### **New Business**

**Membership** – Jim Sweeney reported on 2 upcoming events. First, on Sat Sept. 24 in Pequannock at 8:30 AM there will be training on Membership. Second, on Oct. 8-9, the Membership Blitz will be held. Talk to your pastors and conduct a blitz, even if you can't do it on that weekend. Report the results to your DD's. Then get your prospects to First Degrees. Supreme is asking each Council to recruit 1 new member per month.

**Degrees** – Peter Bartkowiak reported that the Third Degree has changed radically. The requirements for the Third Degree were given to the DD's. There are no minimum numbers of candidates. The lowest amount is 10 candidates. There are some site requirements so check with your DD. You must send a form and fee to the State Warden to host a Third Degree. If you bring candidates to the Third Degree, your Council must supply the Medallions that each candidate receives. The cost is \$5 each. The next scheduled Third Degree is on Oct. 28 at Echo Lake. Peter recognized Fred Conforti who is retiring from being a Conferring Officer.

**State Newsletter** – Frank Manganelli reported that if you send your Degree Dates to the State Webmaster, it will be put in the Newsletter and on the State website. Grand Knights report First Degrees to the Webmaster. Second and Third Degrees are reported by the DD's.

**Leadership Training** – Jim Bird reported that there will be a Leadership Training in February in Butler. Everyone who is in a leadership position is invited. They will be covering the definition of a leader, Protocol, Litany, and Dress Code, etc. It will be 2 hours and refreshments will be served.

**DPD** – Scott Milliken, Executive Director, reported that Federation Councils have donated \$2 million dollars. They need to raise \$450 million to survive. Because they are the largest Catholic organization, Columbia Magazine will do an article on DPD. There are 10 active members of the Knights of Columbus on their Board of Trustees. There will be an Open House at Columbus House. Invitations will be sent out, including those to Federation Officers.

**Tank Pull** – Ray Lill thanked everyone who participated for 2 years, and the Federation for providing a team this year. They have raised close to a quarter of a million dollars in money and goods. Jim Aulino called up Tom Migliorino who presented Ray with the Federation check for \$2300 raised for the Tank Pull.

**Scholarship** – Leon Doty reported that the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scholarship is coming up. 19 years ago, Leon was asked to be on a Committee. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year of giving. As of June 20, 2011, \$128000 spent on or committed to kids in Catholic High Schools. 32 scholarships given from 574 applications.

## *Councils*

Gary from Council 13060 reported that a 4 year old girl has a terrible disease. They will be hosting a Fundraiser Dinner and Wine Tasting on Oct. 21 at La Neve's in order to purchase a van so the girl can travel.

NJ Right to Life Raffle – They raffle a Volvo. They need volunteers, especially in Passaic County, to sell tickets. Tickets are \$10 each, and your Church gets \$1 per ticket sold.

On Sun. Oct. 2 it is Life Chain Sunday. It will be held on Rt. 46 in Clifton. It is a prayer vigil against abortion, and takes up 4 to 5 blocks. It will be held from 2:30 –4.

Bob Barbalaci of St Theresa Council 6320 is holding a Blood Drive on Oct. 16. They are having a Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 30. They are hosting an Italian Night on Nov. 18. Cost is \$35.

Nick Cutrone of Blessed Kateri Council 13677 will be holding a Crop Walk. On Oct. 29 they have a walking team for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk. On Dec. 3, they will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luminary Night for the Squires. 6 of 8 Squires are now Knights.

Leon Doty mentioned that there are Supreme certificates for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who achieve the highest honors.

Council 3801 will be holding their first Annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 15. Cost is \$35/person.

Rey Sandoval of Council 943 reported they will host a First Degree on Tues. Sept. 27 in Butler. On Sept. 29, they will host a Pasta Dinner.

Frank LaSala, Council 2617, announced that they will hold their Councils 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Past Grand Knights Beefsteak Dinner on Oct. 15. Cost is \$35.

Council 6139 will host their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Dinner Dance on Oct. 22.

Frank LaSala reported that the Advisors audited the books of the Comptroller.

**Host GK** – Chairman Aulino introduced James Cannestro, Grand Knight of the host Council. James welcomed everyone to the Council. James said the Council will hold the Father Fallon Golf Benefit on Oct. 12. Cost is \$125. On Oct 15, they will host an Italian Night for Several Sources. They will have the Sounds of Frank Sinatra. There will be a repast tonight and a 50-50.

### **General Agents Report**

Charles Miraglia reminded us in Wildwood, he said that they would give out the Insurance Awards at this meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Federation is Council 6139, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Federation is Council 14493. Charles sat recently with the Supreme Knight. He sent his warmest wishes. There were 75 deaths in the US, 3 in NJ. 40 didn't have insurance and 35 did. We want to reverse that. The Supreme Knight said he is the present but he is not the future. We need to recruit younger guys. We need to bring in our replacements.

### **State Advocate's Report**

State Advocate Bruce De Molli reported that great things are happening in Paterson. Bruce thanked Perez Council 262 for their donation for the

Ultrasound at St. Mary's Hospital. Bruce asked that we keep Don Ryan in our prayers. He is in a nursing home recovering from getting a pacemaker. Mass for the Unborn will be held on Oct. 8 at 10 AM. Pride in Priest Dinner will be on Nov. 21. Bishops Serratelli and Rodimer will attend. Since July, the State has been discussing a disaster relief fund. The State will need a list of names of people who suffered great damage from the hurricane. The State received \$20000 from Supreme. Each Diocese will have its own coordinator. Bruce thanked Fred Conforti for all the work he has done in Degree Work over the years. The Third Degree Team Dinner will be held and the members will receive a memento from the State. Since the First Degree can be read now, Councils should hold a First Degree right away. There will be one Grand Knights Meeting in January. You will be notified of the date. Bruce thanked everyone for all that they do. It is important to attend the Paterson Federation Meetings. Bruce is proud to represent us at the State level.

### **Chaplain's Report**

Fr. Rice stated that he heard great stories of evangelization in the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Rice stated that Mother Teresa was God's pencil. He stated that we are also God's pencils, so God can work through us. Keep the love going.

### **Good of the Order**

Secretary John Guido read the list of deceased members, and the list of those sick and in distress. Please remember to keep all in your thoughts and prayers.

Chaplain Fr, Pat Rice led the membership in a closing prayer.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 by Chairman James Aulino.

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Respectfully submitted by,  
John Guido, Federation Secretary