

**Paterson Federation
Knights of Columbus Councils**



MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2009
Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #6904
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Hall

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:00 P.M. by Vice Chairman Steven Drabik.

Bishop Serratelli was escorted into the meeting by State Deputy Thomas P. Ciborski and Paterson Federation Chairman Frank A. Manganelli.

The Color Corps presented the colors and saluted the U.S. National Flag.

Chairman Frank Manganelli asked for the roll call of Officers. The following officers were absent: Jim Bird (*Secretary*), Michael Lucarelli (*Advisor*), William Rudloff (*Advisor*) and Anthony Sansone (*Advisor*).

The Roll call of District Deputies and Paterson Federation Councils was then conducted.

A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting since they had been e-mailed to the membership. The motion was seconded and then accepted.

Chairman's Report:

Frank Manganelli briefed members on the use of the Federation Activity Bulletin Board and reminded everyone about the revised Paterson Federation By-Laws. Councils were reminded to notify the Federation of any food drives that have been recently completed. Councils were also asked to report to the Diocese and to the Federation if they were sponsoring any Seminarians or if they were planning to sponsor one. Councils were reminded of State Deputy Thomas Ciborski's Testimonial dinner scheduled for March 8, 2009. Councils were encouraged to take out quarter or half page ads in the Testimonial booklet to help defray the costs of the dinner.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

There were no letters of communications received since the last meeting.

Reading of Bills:

\$95.00 for the Convention room

\$33.37 for Paterson Federation Scholarship postage

The Bills were accepted by the membership and approved for payment.

Comptroller's Report: (John Jones)

Checking Account Balance: \$3331.08

Dues received: \$283.51

Total of Checking and Investment accounts: \$11,465.00

Committee Reports:

There were no reports from the Flagship Ball Committee.

The Convention Committee reminded everyone to place their room requests as soon as possible to guarantee space at Pier 6600 in Wildwood NJ.

Membership: James Sweeney was not in attendance, members were reminded to continue their recruiting efforts and conduct First and Second Degrees.

Programs: Bruce DeMolli emphasized the importance of timely submission of the State Program Reports for various activities, since the deadlines are rapidly approaching for the State Convention Awards.

Old Business:

The Arrow Award was presented to St. Theresa’s Council 6320 for their recent Food Drive to assist the needy. Grand Knight John A. Castagna accepted the Award, and a second certificate will be presented to the Chairman of the Food Drive.

New Business:

Chairman Manganelli thanked the Fourth Degree Color Corps and the Grand Knight of the host Council for their efforts in insuring the success of the Federation Meeting.

Nominating Committee Report: (Bruce DeMolli)

The following individuals were nominated to serve as Paterson Federation Officers for 2009-2010.

Chaplain:	Father Patrick F. Rice	
Chairman:	Frank Manganelli	(Council 6904)
Vice Chairman:	James Aulino	(Council 6574)
Secretary:	Thomas Stratton	(Council 3835)
Warden:	Dennis Kendzior	(Council 6320)
Advisory Board:	Bruce DeMolli	(Council 3835)
	William Rudloff	(Council 588)
	Anthony Sansone	(Council 359)
	Frank LaSala	(Council 2617)

The election of Officers will be held at the next Federation meeting scheduled for April 17th, 2009. Nominations are also open from the floor for any of the above positions, with the exception of The Comptroller.

The Council that will attend the Supreme Convention is Blessed Mother Seton Council 5410. The primary delegate will be Thomas Boyle and the alternate delegate will be Jerry Evingola.

Council Reports:

None

Insurance Agent’s Report:

Guy Mariani gave the membership an update on the current Insurance Programs and encouraged the membership to participate in the annuity program that is currently being offered.

State Deputy’s Report:

Thomas Ciborski presented these names for the State Officers nominated for 2009 – 2010. The nominating committee for the office of State Warden consisted of PSD Robert Wade, PSD Robert Mate, PSD William Birtwhistle, PSD Reginald Beckett, and State Deputy Thomas Ciborski. General Program Director Bruce DeMolli was nominated by the Committee. Tom Ciborski read a short biography of Bruce’s achievements as a Knight of Columbus, and reaffirmed to the membership his outstanding qualifications. Bruce then addressed the membership, pledging to continue the tradition of great leadership demonstrated by Don Ryan and Thomas Ciborski and the past leaders of the Paterson Diocese.

The remaining slate of NJ State Officers are:

State Deputy:	Herbert Meyer
Secretary:	Wayne McCormick
Treasurer:	Daniel Rossi
Advocate:	John Moore

The State Officers gave a short address to the membership after their nominations were read.

Thomas Ciborski reported that the Knights of Columbus must do everything possible to stop the Freedom of Choice Act from ever reaching President Obama’s desk for signature. We must get out and sign petitions, write letters to our Senators and Congressman, and support the Pro-Life movement.

A membership blitz is being planned for March 28 and March 29, 2009 and the Paterson Diocese is hosting a membership training seminar at Paterson Council 240 on February 19th, 2009 at 8:00 P.M. The Supreme Representative, William Mulvihill, will be at the session.

State Deputy Ciborski also requested that Councils continue their membership efforts, and to find out why members are not attending meetings. Retention of members is the highest priority.

State Chaplain’s Report:

Bishop Charles McDonnell addressed the membership on the Freedom of Choice Act and our Catholic response to this pending legislation. Bishop McDonnell congratulated the Knights for their good works and encouraged us to continue to grow in our efforts to help those in need.

Chairman Manganelli thanked the Grand Knight of the host council and the Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church for allowing the Knights the use of the Parish hall for the Federation meeting.

Chairman Manganelli then invited the Councils to come forward and present their donations to Bishop Serratelli’s “St. Borromeo Fund “ for seminarian education. Carmen Blandino, Acting Secretary, read off the roll call of Councils and asked them to come forward. The NJ State Council presented its donation first.

Bishop Serratelli addressed the membership, thanking them for their support of the Catholic Charities that so desperately need the help of the Knights of Columbus. The offerings will be given to support the Seminarians in our Diocese. Bishop Seratelli reminded us to continue our efforts against FOCA , since it represents an infringement on the rights of the unborn, and presents a difficult dilemma for health professionals making a moral choice to work in federally funded hospitals. Bishop Serratelli called on the Knights to get behind the anti-FOCA movement and to rally support against this legislation. The Bishop then invited everyone to join him in prayer for support of the vocations Program and encouraged us to continue our good works.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 P.M. by Chairman Manganelli.