

The Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils



MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2009

St. Catherine of Siena Church
Mountain Lakes, NJ.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:00 P.M. by Chairman Frank Manganelli.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership, and an opening prayer was offered by Father Patrick Rice, the Federation Chaplain.

The Roll call of Federation Officers, District Deputies, and Councils was then conducted. The Federation Comptroller, District Deputy John Jones, was excused due to an illness. District Deputies John Zayac, Edward Shelton, and Michael Vaclavicek were also excused.

The following councils were not in attendance: 2086, 3969, 5114, 5486, 5920, 6462, 6504, 6805, 6903, 7536, 7537, 10206, 10419, 11943, 12211, 12545, 12974 and 13677

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting which were emailed to the membership. A correction was made to the Comptroller's report. A motion was made to accept the minutes, and it was seconded.

Chairman's Report:

Frank Manganelli updated the membership on the status of Seminarists supported by the Federation Councils. 13 Councils in the Diocese responded and the total number of seminarists sponsored is 21. Frank Manganelli reported that 7 Councils had not paid their Federation Dues. A reminder was given to the membership to list unique Council events on the Bulletin Board next to the sign in table. Chairman Manganelli also thanked Our Lady of the Lakes Council 3359 for hosting the Federation Meeting.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

There were no Bills or Letter of Communications received since the last Federation Meeting.

Comptroller's Report:

Checking Account Balance:	\$8,271.55
Investment Account Balance (as of 3/31/2009)	\$8,218.47
Income since 01/30/2009 Federation Meeting	\$5,500.00
Expenses since 01/30/2009	\$736.16

Federation Committee Reports:

Flagship Ball - 2008: The Flagship Ball raised only \$3,000.00 for charity. Each of the two honorees received \$1,500.00 each for their charities.

Flagship Ball - 2009: Carmen Blandino reported that the Flagship Ball for 2009 will be held at the Hanover Manor, in East Hanover, NJ. The Restaurant can hold up to 425 persons, and we should try to fill it up with attendees. More information will follow.

2009 N.J. State Convention: Anthony Sansone reported that Reservations were rapidly causing overflow to the Shalimar Hotel. Pier 66 is just about full as of today! Councils are encouraged to complete their Convention hotel registrations, even at this late date....

Federation Scholarship: Carmen Blandino reported for Leon Doty, who was absent. Due to losses in the Investments, we will only be awarding one scholarship this year. Applications should be sent to Leon Doty as soon as possible.

Investment Report:

Frank Sweeten reported that the Paterson Federation K of C Councils Investment Fund Account was valued at \$8,259.00 as of the close of business on 04/16/2009.

The Columbian Charities 501C3, better known as the "Scholarship" Account, is valued at \$127,292.61 as of the close of business on 04/16/2009.

Since the radical change in the Stock Market since September 2008, the accounts were modified. The Scholarship Account started with a deposit of \$111,000.00 and paid out in excess of \$80,000.00 in scholarships awarded.

The scholarship's account loss in value has been confined to gains previously made and not to principle.

Currently, the Scholarship Account and the Investment Fund Account hold short and intermediate term investment corporate grade bonds, GNMA's and cash.

Right to Life: Joseph Wickham

Joseph Wickham gave a report on the Truth Booth at Woodbridge Center. The Monthly rent is \$2,000.00. Mike and Maureen Nuzzi are seeking the assistance of the Federation Councils to keep this critical respect life program running. The Truth Booth educates adults and children with ultrasound images of pre-born babies. Life Works Ohio is attempting to expand these displays by bringing financial strength to the project.

State Committee Reports:

Membership: James Sweeney reported that of all of the Councils in the State, only 20 per cent reported the results of the March Membership Blitz. Over 500 prospective members have been identified, and there are 119 completed Form 100's. Councils are encouraged to schedule First

Degrees as soon as possible, and not let a time period elapse that might compromise new member interest in the Order.

Retention: Jim reported that there were over 350 pending suspensions, but it could go as high as 500. To offset these suspensions, we will have to recruit as many as 1,000 new members. Councils must redouble their efforts to recruit and retain members.

Councils are reminded that the new Form 100's is being used, and old Form 100's should not be submitted.

Degree Dates:

First and Second Degrees:	04/21/2009	Council 6100
Second Degree:	04/24/2009	Council 6904
Third Degree:	05/01/2009	Council 6904

Programs: Bruce DeMolli reported that Councils have been very conscientious in timely submission of the required State Reports. He encouraged the membership to continue their efforts to run good programs, and reminded everyone about the Drive to assist those with Developmental Disabilities. Bruce also reminded everyone about the forms needed to be completed for the various NJ State Council Convention Awards. He stated that over 100 awards were in the process of being completed!

Old Business: Election of Officers for 2009 – 2010.

Bruce DeMolli, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the list of Officers nominated for the Paterson Federation. He then called for the Election Proceedings to begin. Bruce read every Officer nominated, and then called for nominations from the floor in accordance with the Federation By-Laws. He progressed through every Officer in sequence, with the exception of the Comptroller and the Chaplain, who are appointed. The following Officers were elected by the membership:

Chairman:	Frank A. Manganelli	(Council 6904)
Vice Chairman:	James Aulino	(Council 6574)
Secretary:	Thomas Straten	Council 3835)
Warden:	Dennis Kendzior	(Council 6320)
Advisory Board:	Bruce DeMolli	(Council 3835)
	Michael Lucarelli	(Council 943)
	Anthony E. Sansone	(Council 359)
	Frank LaSala	(Council 2617)

New Business: Carmen Blandino reminded everyone about the Paterson Federation First Annual "Fed Nite" Dinner Honoring State Deputy Thomas Ciborski and Scholarship award presentation, scheduled for Sunday, June 14th, 2009 at the Hanover Manor in Hanover, NJ. He encouraged the membership to get as many Knights out for this special event honoring our outgoing State Deputy. The Federation will make a presentation to Tom Ciborski at this event.

Council Activities: Several Councils reported on their planned activities in the next few weeks. A blood drive, a Beefsteak dinner, and a Breakfast to raise funds for a family member stricken by Cancer were announced.

The Arrow Award was presented by Chairman Frank Manganelli to St Michael's Council 3665 for sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2008 for eleven eighth grade students in support of the March for Life. Transportation, dinner, and sweatshirts were provided for these participants. The Award recognizes the Council's commitment to our core principles and to the Right to Life and Respect Life Programs. The presentation was made to Grand Knight Henry Bilas.

General Agent's Report: Frank Gargin gave a brief report reminding Councils to get the Star Council applications in early. Councils should also request the list of Inactive members to see if they would reconsider rejoining the Order. Life Insurance sales are up 14% for the year, and Annuity sales have really accelerated. The Annuity Programs have a guaranteed principal and interest rate of 3%.

Good of the Order: Chairman Manganelli thanked the Grand Knight of the host Council, David Gallagher for sponsoring the Federation Meeting. David invited the membership to stay after the meeting and enjoy the food that the Council had prepared.

Vice Chairman Stephen Drabik then read the list of recently deceased members and those that are sick and in distress.

Father Patrick Rice offered a prayer for the above then extolled the membership to continue doing the work of Our Lord. He said that we, as Knights of Columbus, are instruments of his peace, and urged us to continue our good work during the Easter season, and throughout the year. He urged us not to give up, but to use the Holy Spirit as a beacon of hope. He then offered a closing prayer.

Chairman Manganelli closed the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Bird, Jr., Secretary