

The Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils



MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2009

La Neves Restaurant
Haledon, N.J.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Chairman, Frank A. Manganelli.

Federation Chaplain Fr. Patrick Rice led the opening prayer, and Warden Dennis Kendzior led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Federation Officers, District Deputies, and Councils was conducted.

Advisory Board members Michael Lucarelli and Anthony Sansone were excused.

District Deputies Jack Zayac and Edward Shelton were absent, and District Deputies Michael Vaclavicek and Paul Walker were excused.

The following Councils were not in attendance: 359, 588, 2086, 2248, 3680, 3801, 5486, 6212, 6462, 6504, 6903, 7536, 7537, 9914, 9920, 10419, 11943, 12211, 12545, 12974.

There was a motion made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of May 15, 2009, which were emailed out to the membership. The motion was seconded.

Chairman's Report

Frank Manganelli thanked all who were in attendance at the first Federation meeting of the year. He mentioned that the Federation was very successful the previous year, and hopes that the success will continue. Frank mentioned the Federation has many activities planned for the upcoming year, which includes the Flagship Ball, Pride in our Priests Dinner, Fed-Nite, 50/50 raffle and the upcoming Federation meetings. Frank also reminded the new Grand Knights to remember to pick up the new Federation Directory after the meeting. Please look for all the emails that are sent out from the Federation and the State for any information on what is happening, or upcoming.

Reading of Bills and Communications

There were no bills or communications to be read.

Comptroller's Report – John Jones

Checking Account Balance:	\$3,766.97
	(\$2,020.00) 2010 convention deposits
	(\$1,746.97) General Account
Investment Account Balance (as of 6/30/09):	\$2,828.50
Income since 5/15/09 Federation Mtg:	\$9,941.00
Expenses since 5/15/09 Federation Mtg:	\$12,682.78
To date – 31 Councils Pd 2009/2010 Dues	\$1,550.00
To date – 26 Councils have not Pd dues	\$1,300.00

John mentioned that any council present who has dues to pay, or anyone who needs to know if their dues were paid or not, see him after the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Flagship Ball – Carmen Blandino reported the Ball is Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Hanover Manor. The cost is \$75 per Knight and \$75 for a spouse/guest of the Knight. Information on the ad journals and booster ads has been sent out. Carmen stressed the importance of the Flagship Ball is that approx. 98% of the profits made goes to charity which also includes the Federation Scholarship Fund. The balance would be for the expenses of the Ball, such as mailings and postage. The three honorees are: Mrs. Maria Verducci-Florio, Esq., Dr. Brian Beyerl, MD., FACS, and Dr. Jonathan L. Fellus, MD., all who are well deserving of the award.

Fed-Nite – Carmen Blandino mentioned the 2nd Annual Fed-Nite will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010. There will be a great dinner, dancing and an overall great time. Please come out and support the affair. Walter Marino commented on the young man who was awarded the scholarship saying how he was well spoken, and that he was a well deserving winner of the Scholarship Award, and it would be great to be able to give out more than one scholarship award next year.

Scholarship Award - Leon Doty reported on how well the Scholarship Award has been doing since it started under the leadership of PSD Don Ryan. He mentioned how well all the students who were the recipients of the award were doing, and how many of them were taking advanced courses and participating in extra-curricular activities in school. He has received many calls thanking him and the Knights of Columbus for the program. Leon thanked Chip Leiher, FDD and all who helped and supported the Scholarship program.

2010 Convention – Frank LaSala reported on the upcoming 2010 State Convention. It will be held on May 14-16, 2010 in Wildwood, NJ. Reservation forms are available; please get them in as soon as possible. Last year's assigned rooms will be available until Nov. 30. Any questions, contact Mike Lucarelli or Tony Sansone. Frank would like to have a great showing that weekend for our newly elected Worthy State Warden Bruce De Molli, as well as our PSD Tom Ciborski.

Cruise to the Caribbean – Frank LaSala mentioned that the Federation is sponsoring a 10 night fundraiser cruise to the Caribbean, October, 2010, aboard the Royal Caribbean’s “Explorer of the Seas” ship. Information is available on the back table for all who are interested. A portion of the profits go back to the councils who participate.

Semi Annual Audit Report – Carmen Blandino reported on behalf of Mike Lucarelli. The audit was conducted on September 15, 2009.

Opening balance as of 7/1/08	\$3,725.11
Income for the year	<u>\$36,609.00</u>
Total income	<u>\$40,334.11</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$36,103.38</u>
Balance as of 6/30/2009	\$4,230.73

New Business

By-Laws Proposal – Carmen Blandino, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee is recommending an amendment to the By-Laws.

Present By-Law reads:

Article VIII – Advisory Board

Section 1 – The Advisory Board Shall:

- A. Consist of four (4) members, each of whom shall be a Past Chairman of the Federation.

To Be Amended AS Follows:

Article VIII – Advisory Board

Section 1 – The Advisory Board Shall:

- A. Consist of four (4) members, each of whom shall *preferably* be a Past Chairman of the Federation. *A past Federation Officer may also be taken into consideration.*

Notices will be sent via email on this amendment, and will be voted on at the November 20th meeting.

Pride in our Priests Dinner – Chairman Frank Manganelli reported on behalf of Tony Sansone. The Dinner will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at LaNeves Restaurant, Belmont Ave, Haledon. 7:00 PM open bar, followed by dinner being served at 8:00 PM. Cost is \$32 per person. Reserved tables of 8 or more. Reservations must be in by Nov. 16th. Contact Tony Sansone for more information.

State Membership Report – James Sweeney, Paterson Federation Membership Chairman for NJ mentioned and thanked Council 359 for hosting the recent Training Seminar on September 15. He also thanked Chip Leiher for conducting the seminar. There will be a future session held by Supreme, but no date is set as of yet. Jim also mentioned that last year we achieved the Triple Crown for the State of NJ for membership. Under that, we increased our membership in a positive direction.

Upcoming there will be a State wide Membership Blitz on October 10th and 11th. Jim asks that all councils participate in the Blitz. Hold it at your local parishes, try to have an announcement made from the pulpit, and then follow up with an open house at your council hall. Then try to get the prospective member to a 1st Degree as soon as possible. If you are unable to hold the Blitz on that weekend, please try to schedule it for another date.

50/50 Raffle – Vice Chairman Jim Aulino reported that the raffle is going well. All members should have received their raffle books in the mail. Tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing will be held at the November 20th meeting in Butler. If you didn't or you need more, please see Jim after the meeting. To date, over \$10,300 has been deposited. Please all help to make this a success by purchasing your raffle tickets.

4th Degree - Pete Bartkowiak reported on behalf of Worthy Master Joe Olivo. There will be an Exemplification on Sunday, October 18, 2009. If any council has a member interested in joining, the cut off date is October 5th. Also, try to encourage your priest or clergy to join. The start time will be 1:30p.m. Cost is \$75 for a member and \$50 for clergy.

Council Reports

Council 1954 – Walter J. Barrett, will be hosting a dinner to welcome 12 men who have just moved to the Diocese and are living at the former Mt. Carmel convent. The members of the council and parish will welcome these men in, and try to get them involved in any of the Knights of Columbus activities.

Council 6575 - will be having a Communion Breakfast on October 11th at St. Vincent DePaul Parish. The breakfast will be in honor of Fr. Damien who will be canonized by Pope Benedict on that day. The council has petitioned the State Deputy to change the name of the council from Fr. Damien council to St. Damien Council.

Council 13677 - will be holding a Life Chain on October 4th. Members of the community will be holding a 1 hr vigil prayer service for the unborn. Also, members will be holding a 24 hr vigil in front of a Planned Parenthood in Newton.

Council 3359 – the council will be hosting a Golf Tournament on October 7th. 8:00am cont. breakfast, 9:00am start time. \$95 per golfer.

Council 11671 - hosting a Night at the Races on October 23rd. And on November 7th will be holding a Texas Hold 'Em Night. Anyone interested contact GK at St. Philips.

Council 5943 – will be hosting a Polish Night on October 17th. All are welcome; there are flyers on the back table if anyone is interested.

Arrow Award Presentation

Presented to Queen of the Lake Council 5114

General Agent's Report

Field Agent Guy Mariani reported on behalf of General Agent Frank Gargin. Guy spoke on the Insurance program of the Knights and how it is one of the top rated Insurance companies around. Help out the agency by becoming an insured member. Also, a new member is most likely to approach you first before talking to an agent. You will be able to tell him that you are an insured member, and help explain the benefits of the insurance program.

PSD Report

Worthy PSD Tom Ciborski spoke on the State's R & C Committee. They committee meets 4 times a year to discuss what is going on around the country, the state and our local towns, and also issues that are important to us as Catholics, as Knights and as citizens. Also, what we can do to get our beliefs heard. The State would like to see all councils have an R & C liaison. This person would receive all important information from the State, and would be able to bring the info back to their councils.

One main topic being discussed is the issue of traditional marriage. Tom stressed that the Knights of Columbus are in total support of traditional marriage – meaning 1 man, and 1 woman. On October 25th, there will be a rally in Trenton starting at 2:00pm. Please make every effort to go down and support this issue.

Tom also challenged the membership to continue their efforts on retention. He mentioned instead of suspending a member right away, try to contact the person, and find out what the problem is and how we as a council can help this member. He also mentioned to contact your Pastor, and help out in collecting the petitions that were signed during the Petition Drive, and help get the petitions to the parish representatives.

On a “healthier” note, Tom introduced the “Knights Delight Cookbook”, made up of recipes from Knights and their families. The books are \$20 each and the proceeds from the book go to help support charitable causes.

In closing, Tom thanked all for their continued support, and he asked that we continue the support for our newly elected State Warden Bruce DeMolli.

Good of the Order

Chairman Frank Manganelli thanked DD Sal LaRosa for his hospitality in hosting the meeting. Frank also reminded all that Bishop Serratelli will be in attendance at the Pride in our Priests Dinner.

Vice Chairman Jim Aulino read the list of deceased members, and the list of those sick and in distress.

Chaplain Fr. Pat Rice spoke briefly on the works of Fr. Damien and our founding Father Michael J. McGivney. He mentioned that we are all representatives of both Fr. Damien and Fr. McGivney, and how their works continue through us as Knights of Columbus. Fr. Pat bestowed the Grace of the Lord on the membership, and led us in a closing prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM by Chairman Frank Manganelli

Minutes of September 25th meeting
Respectfully submitted by,
Tom Straten, Federation Secretary