

The Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils



MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2009

St. Anthony's Council - #943
Butler, NJ

Chairman, Frank Manganelli, called the Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Federation Advisor Anthony Sansone 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.

Federation Chaplain Fr. Pat Rice was excused.

District Deputies Jack Zayac, Jack Rielly, John Trommelen, and Edward Shelton were absent, and District Deputy Paul Walker was excused.

The following Councils were not in attendance: 588, 2086, 2248, 3359, 3495, 3680, 3969 5920, 6462, 6504, 6575, 6903, 7537, 9920, 11943, 12211, 12545, 12974.

There was a motion made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of September 25, 2009, which was emailed out to the membership. The motion was seconded.

Chairman's Report

Frank mentioned that there was a form on the table for sponsoring a seminarian. Any council wishing to help sponsor, please fill out the form and return it to Frank. In addition, if a council would like the name of a seminarian to sponsor, Frank has a list of names. The Federation has started a new program, there is a form in which councils can have their members fill in their names and email addresses if they would like the Federation Newsletter emailed to them. At the Fed Nite Dinner, Frank will be awarding a Distinguished Council award. Councils will be scored and rated with points that they can accumulate by attending the various affairs and meetings throughout the year. Chairman Frank commented that the Flagship Ball was a success, and thanked Carmen Blandino on a great job chairing the affair.

Reading of Bills and Communications

There were no bills or communications to be read.

Comptroller's Report – John Jones

Checking Account Balance:	\$5,839.30	
		(\$3,050.00) 2010 convention deposits
		(\$2,721.00) Pride in Priests Dinner
		(\$68.30) Operating account
Investment Account Balance (as of 10/31/09):	\$2,850.05	
Income since 9/25/09 Federation Mtg:	\$4,873.00	
Expenses since 9/25/09 Federation Mtg:	\$2,800.67	
To date – 43 Councils Pd 2009/2010 Dues	\$2,150.00	
To date – 10 Councils have not Pd dues	\$500.00	

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

Committee Reports

2010 Convention – Mike Lucarelli mentioned that to date, 40 rooms are currently booked. The cut-off date for the same room assignment as last year is November 30th. There are forms available, try to get them in as soon as possible. Tony Sansone also mentioned that if anyone has any other ideas on the convention, please let them know.

Pride in our Priests Dinner – Chairman Tony Sansone mentioned that there was still more room if anyone is still looking to attend. Cocktail hour starts at 7:00 p.m. Go back to your councils and talk up the affair. Tony also thanked all for getting their checks in very early.

Flagship Ball – Chairman Carmen Blandino thanked all for attending and making the Ball a success. The total receipts were \$26,842.00, expenses were \$17,572.28. There was a profit of \$11,269.72. There is still approximately \$3000.00 in bills outstanding, which results in around \$8,100.00 to donate to charity.

Fed Nite Dinner Dance – Carmen Blandino mentioned that Fed Nite would be held on Friday, June 11, 2010. That evening, the Federation will present the Scholarship Award, a Distinguished Council Award, as well as other Federation awards.

Old Business

By-laws amendment – By-laws Committee Chairman Carmen Blandino proposed the amendment of the Federation By-law, Article VIII, Section 1 – The Advisory Board

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.*

Anthony Sansone made a motion to accept the amendment. Motion was seconded. The membership was all in favor.

New Business

Election of an Advisory Board member

The Federation will elect a new Advisory Board member to replace State Warden Bruce DeMolli. D.D. George Coppola nominated Carmen Blandino as the new Advisory Board member. Federation Comptroller John Jones seconded the nomination, and all were in favor.

Cruise to the Caribbean – Mike Lucarelli spoke on the cruise to the Caribbean. Mike mentioned that the cruise fundraiser was a success in the past. It is a 10-night cruise from October 28th to November 7, 2010, aboard the Royal Caribbean’s “Explorer of the Seas” ship. See Mike for reservation forms or more information.

Mass for the Unborn – Chairman Frank mentioned that Anthony Fiora would be working with Fr. Pat Rice on the Mass for the Unborn. They will decide on a schedule of events and have them mailed out to notify the membership.

Free Throw Contest – Andy Foray mentioned that they are looking for someone to run the Regional Free Throw Contest and a place to hold it. Any help would be greatly appreciated. The State Free Throw will be held March 20, 2010

Retention – Ray Sans, State Director for Retention spoke on how to practice the ministry of retention. He mentioned ideas such as using acknowledgement, use encouragement, use involvement and inclusion. These four ideas can help retain members. He also mentioned to develop a welcome letter to all First Degree Knights. Invite all members from your council roster to different affairs. Also, try using the Shining Armor Award for all new incoming members.

Respect Life – Respect Life Coordinator for Paterson Tom Passage mentioned that they are trying to update the list of the Respect Life Chairman. Tom would like all Grand Knights to give him the names of the council’s Respect Life Chariman.

Scholarship Award – Chairman Leon Doty told the membership that information of the Scholarship Award would be mailing out in January. Continue to participate to award another outstanding student as in the past.

Job Opportunity Program – Joe DeLuca spoke on this new program and mentioned tha there are many Brother Knights who are experiencing financial hardships due to the present economy.

This program can help them get resumes out and help them find jobs. By us supporting this program, we can help our fellow Brothers.

Phillipine Disaster – Grand Knight Carlos Roco of St. Philips Council #11671 spoke briefly on the disaster, which has struck the Phillipines. He mentioned how thousands have lost their homes and families in this tragedy, and is asking members to go back to their councils and ask for donations to help the victims in the Phillipines.

St. Philips presented State Warden Bruce DeMolli a check for \$500 to the State for the disaster relief fund. S.W. Bruce DeMolli mentioned that the State Council has a fund set up to accept donations from councils, and will then be forwarded to Supreme. Bruce also mentioned that Supreme already sent a donation to the Phillipines.

Arrow Award - Carmen Blandino presented the Arrow Award to Council #6100 for their outstanding service. Council #6100 ran a charity drive and raised over \$4000 to donate to local charities.

50/50 Raffle – Vice Chairman Jim Aulino thanked all who participated in making this raffle a huge success. He mentioned that over 1000 responses were received with a total of over 4500 tickets being sold. In total, \$23,961 was raised. Prizes are as follow:

3rd place winner receives - \$2,396.00

2nd place winner receives - \$3,594.15

1st place winner receives - \$5,990.25

WINNERS ARE: 3rd place prize, Mickey Galino (council #6574), 2nd place prize, Leo Powell (council #9920), 1st place prize, Nick Oliver (council #11671)... Congratulations to all winners.

General Agent Report – Frank Gargin mentioned that the insurance program is doing very well. To date, life insurance is up 20%, and by the end of the year, there will be approximately 72 billion life insurance policies in force. Despite the economy, annuities are up 75% compared to last year. Frank also noted that if your council has a newsletter, you should have an article on insurance, and have the agent's name listed. He thanks all for the continued support in the insurance program.

Nominating Committee – Tony Sansone, Chairman

Committee consists of: Mike Lucarelli, John Jones, Walter Marino, and Carmen Blandino

Council Reports

Council 514 – conducted a food drive resulting in 17,000 pounds of food collected and \$2,700 in donations

Council 943 – hosting a 2nd Degree November 24th , and a Texas Hold-em on December 4th

Council 3969 – 1st Degree on December 3rd at St. Pauls in Clifton

Council 3835 – hosting an evening with Dr. John Saidi, to speak on the issues of Prostate Cancer. Flyers are on the back table. Please take one back to your council, and plan to attend this informative evening

Council 10206 - hosting a 1st Degree on Friday, January 8th.

Council 11671 – mentioned that the Columbiettes were recently formed, and on December 3rd will be their first meeting.

Council #1954 – Leon Doty mentioned that the council donated 250 Thanksgiving food baskets to residents of Boonton.

Council #10419 - food drive being conducted this weekend. The Long Valley Columbiettes were formed. On December 5th at 6 p.m., they will be holding their Annual Auction

PSD Report

Worthy PSD Tom Ciborski thanked Ray Sans for talking about the Ministry of Retention. Please call on him if you need help in Retention. Tom mentioned the importance of our participation in traditional marriage. He is asking for all of us to get in touch with our legislators and let them know that we have the right to make that decision. We need to stand strong and act now on this important issue.

Tom wished all a Happy Thanksgiving, and to remember to keep the less fortunate and our military in our prayers, and especially the tragedy in Fort Hood.

State Warden Report

Our State Warden, Bruce De Molli thanked all for a great job and the support on the 50/50 raffle. He also thanked Federation Chairman Frank Manganelli and Walter Marino for their communication efforts in letting us know what is going on throughout the Federation.

Bruce mentioned that in place of the Grand Knight's mid term meeting, there would be a Regional meeting held in place on February 6, 2010, at Pequannock Council. More information will be sent out. Bruce also encouraged councils in the Paterson Diocese to try and host a 3rd Degree. There is a form, which needs to be filled out and sent in with a \$75 check.

Bruce wished all a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Good of the Order

Chairman Frank Manganelli thanked the Grand Knight and members from Council #943 for hosting the Federation meeting.

Secretary Tom Straten read the list of deceased members, and the list of those sick and in distress. Tony Sansone led the membership in a closing prayer.

Chairman Frank Manganelli adjourned meeting at 9:20 pm

Minutes of November 20th meeting

Respectfully submitted by,
Tom Straten
Federation Secretary