

The Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils



MEETING MINUTES

January 29, 2010 – Bishop's Night

Elizabeth Ann Seton Council - #6904
Whippany, NJ

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Jim Aulino.

Vice Chairman Jim Aulino 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 Advisor Mike Lucarelli was excused.

District Deputy Jack Zayac was absent, and District Deputies John Trommelen and Ed Shelton were excused. The following Councils were not in attendance: 2086, 2248, 3969, 5486, 5920, 5943, 6212, 6354, 6462, 6903, 7536, 7537, 9920, 11943, 12211, 12545, 12974.

There was a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of November 20, 2009, which was emailed out to the membership. The motion was seconded.

Reading of Bills and Communications

There were no bills or communications to be read.

Comptroller's Report – John Jones

Checking Account Balance:	\$10,599.28
	(\$5,445.00) 2010 convention deposits
	(\$5,154.28) Operating account
Investment Account Balance (as of 11/30/09):	\$2,865.89
Raffle Checking Acct Balance (as of 11/30/09)	\$23,947.00
Total Expenses	\$16,108.60
	(\$5,990.45) 1 st place raffle prize
	(\$3,594.15) 2 nd place raffle prize
	(\$2,396.00) 3 rd place raffle prize
	(\$4,128.00) misc raffle costs – mailing, permits, Printing, DPD costs, bank charges

Raffle Checking Acct Balance	\$7,838.40
Funds moved to new Raffle Savings Acct	\$7,500.00
Raffle Checking Acct Balance (as of 12/31/09)	\$338.40

At this time, Chairman Frank Manganelli asked the Color Corp to escort our dignitaries into the meeting. The membership welcomed: PSD - Tom Ciborski, PSD - Don Ryan, State Warden - Bruce DeMolli, State Treasurer - Dan Rossi, Pastor of O.L.M. - Fr. Sean McDonald, Federation Chaplain - Fr. Pat Rice, State Chaplain – Most Rev. Bishop Charles McDonnell, and Bishop of Paterson Diocese – Most Rev. Bishop Arthur Serratelli.

Chairman's Report

Frank thanked the Color Corp for their attendance and services. He also thanked V.C. Jim A. for starting the meeting. Frank mentioned to the membership about the devastating earthquake which struck Haiti. He mentioned how the K of C already donated \$50,000 to the Haiti Catholic Relief Services, and Supreme Council is asking all councils and members to help donate.

Last year, 18 councils helped sponsor 27 Seminarians, and 5 Novices. Frank is asking more councils get involved in sponsoring a Seminarian or Novice this year. Frank has a list of names if any council needs one. Forms have been emailed out to councils. Also, this year, the Federation will not have a Knight of the Year, instead, there will be a Distinguished Council Award which will be presented at the Fed Nite dinner. The Paterson Federation offers a partial 4 yr scholarship. Contact Leon Doty for more info. This year, the Mass for the Unborn will not be held in the cemetery. It will be held on Sat, May 8, 2010 at St. Ann's Church in Parsippany. Please make every effort to attend.

Committee Reports

2010 Convention – Tony Sansone reported the Convention is the weekend of May 14-16 in Wildwood. He mentioned that if anyone has any other ideas on the convention, please let them know. There are room applications on the back table for both the Pier 6600 and Shalimar hotels.

Cruise – Tony Sansone mentioned the Cruise will be Oct 28 – Nov 7th 2010. Applications are available. See Tony or Mike Lucarelli for more info.

Fed Nite Dinner Dance – Carmen Blandino mentioned that Fed Nite will 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. The scholarship award is for students entering a catholic H.S. It is a 4 year scholarship.

Old Business

Supreme Council Convention -Next council in rotation to attend the Supreme Council Convention will be St. Michael's Council #3665 of Netcong. G.K. Tom Migliorino will be representing the Paterson Federation.

Distinguished Council Award –Carmen Blandino reported on this new program the Federation is running. The Distinguished Council Award will be presented at the Fed Nite dinner in June. There is a point system in which the councils are rated. Let the Federation know what your council is doing so points can be awarded.

Chairman Frank M. mentioned a change in the Pride in our Priests Dinner. It will be on Monday, November 22, 2010, but this year, it will be held at The Hanover Manor.

Frank also wanted to take a moment to thank Carmen Blandino, editor of the newsletter, and Walter Marino, director of communications, for all they do for the Federation.

-- Councils called for presentation of gifts to Bishop Serratelli --

Council Reports

Paterson Diocese will be holding a Spelling Bee on Feb. 28 at 2:00 at the St. Francis Academy. See Jim Aulino for more details.

Council 3665 – hosting an evening with a presentation on The Book of Revelations – Jan. 31st at 4:00 p.m.
Feb 7th – Superbowl Sunday – Tailgate BBQ at 5:00 p.m.

Council 14493 – hosting a Breakfast fundraiser for Nicole Ramsden on Sunday, Feb 14th from 8-1 at O.L.M. auditorium. On March 13th, a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Council 9914 – hosting a Beefsteak Dinner and an evening with Uncle Floyd. April 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Center.

Council 3801 – will be holding a bone marrow screening on Feb 27, 2010.

Council 11671 – hosting a Beefsteak Dinner on Feb 20, 2010. And on Feb 28, 2010, a Texas Hold'Em Night. both at St. Philips Auditorium

Council 10206 – St. Patty's Dinner Dance on March 13, 2010

Council 5510 - hosting a Dinner Dance on April 17, 2010 at The Piccatinny Arsenal

Council 3359 – Fish and Chips dinner on Feb 17, 2010 at St. Mary's in Denville

Council 588 – hosting a Seminarian Breakfast on Feb 21, 2010. and on March 26, 2010, a Fish and Chips Dinner.

Council 13677 - mentioned they now have their web base program up and running.

Council 10419 – hosting a Beefsteak Dinner Dance

Arrow Award Presentation Carmen Blandino presented the Arrow Award to Our Lady of the Magnificat Council #14493. Approximately 30 members of this council got together and hosted a breakfast fundraiser for a Brother Knight afflicted with throat cancer, and the Knight's daughter who is diagnosed with Leukemia. They raised \$5500 to help assist the family.

New Business

Nominations of Federation Officers for 2010-2011

Chairman - Jim Aulino, Council #6574

Vice Chairman – Sal LaRosa, Council #13060

Secretary – JohnGuido, Council #6904

Warden – Dennis Kendzior, Council #6320

Trustee 4yr - Frank Manganelli, Council #6904

Nominating Committee –Tony Sansone, Chairman

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

General Agent's Report Frank Gargin mentioned that the insurance program is doing very well. 2009 was a great year for K of C insurance. Life insurance was up 13% compared to 2008, and had a total of \$7.5 billion in sales, despite the economy. The Annuity program is up 60%, with over \$500 million in the program, and \$350 in dividends. There is no rate increase, and there are some new products which will be coming out.

PSD Report

Worthy PSD Tom Ciborski mentioned that The Hope House will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary. Mary Mullhulund and Oscar Doyle will be honored at a dinner dance. More info will be out shortly. Tom also spoke on the upcoming Polar Bear Plunge to benefit The Special Olympics, where he will be "taking the dive". It will be held on February 27, 2010 in Seaside Heights. Go to njpolarplunge.com, if you would like to make a donation or more info.

Tom also read the nominations report for NJ State Council Officers for 2010-2011. Recommendations for officers are:

State Warden – Bruce DeMolli

State Advocate – John Moore

State Treasurer – Dr. Dan Rossi

State Secretary – Wayne McCormack

State Deputy – Herb Meyer

State Warden Report

State Warden, Bruce DeMolli thanked Tom Ciborski and the nominating committee for nominating him again for the position of State Warden. The past 7 months have been great, and have been keeping him very busy. Bruce mentioned that in place of the Grand Knight's mid term meeting, there will be a Regional meeting held on February 6, 2010, at Pequannock Council. Please try to have at least 1 or 2 representatives there to hear about what is going on throughout the state. Bruce also mentioned that Supreme Council has set up a fund for donations to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake disaster. Please do what you can and donate to help these people out.

State Treasurer Report

Dr. Dan Rossi thanked the State nominating committee for their confidence in him in serving as State Treasurer. Dan said that being able to serve in this position has been an honor and very meaningful. He spoke on the works of Mother Theresa, and how she has helped and served in every capacity in her life. Mother Theresa is being recognized from the post office with a stamp. Unfortunately, there are groups such as The Freedom from Religion Group who are boycotting the stamp. These are the types of challenges that we as Catholics, face every day. Be proud to be a Knight of Columbus, and help fight these challenges and battles. Dr. Rossi thanked all the members for all they do in promoting the good works of the Order.

Bishop's Report

Most Reverend Bishop Serratelli thanked all the councils for their gifts which were presented to him earlier. Bishop Serratelli then began to speak about the superbowl, and referenced some commercials which would possible air. One commercial, in which CBS turned down and did not air was where two men were watching the game, and by accident, their hands touched as they both reached into a bowl of snacks. That in turn started a make-out scene between the two men. The other commercial, which did air, was one starring Tim Tebo and his mother. This commercial is in reference to Pro-Life, where his mother decided to take a risk and bring her son to term instead of abortion. This type of commercial is being protested by many groups, especially women's groups such as N.O.W., and pressure is being brought to CBS to have the commercial removed. By

CBS airing this spot, it is showing people that having a family is a good thing, and that life is a good thing. As Catholic men, we are more in need to respond to these types of challenges, and to reach out to the younger generation to help protect what we believe in. Bishop Serratelli thanked all especially the Knights of Columbus for all the good work we do, especially for our seminarians. Because of the good works we do, we now have over 50 seminarians studying for the priesthood. Bishop Seratelli asked that we continue our path of good works and to continue to serve our church and God.

Chairman Frank thanked Fr. Sean for allowing the Federation to use the hall for our meeting. He also thanked G.K. Joe Milano for hosting, and DD George Copolla for setting up the repass.

Good of the Order

Secretary Tom Straten 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.

Most Reverend Bishop Charles McDonnell led the membership in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm by Chairman Frank Manganelli

Minutes of January 29, 2010 meeting

Respectfully submitted by,

Tom Straten, Federation Secretary