



1. OPENING

Mark Goedecke, Grand Knight, declared the meeting open on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:34 p.m. with an opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Opening Ode. The acting Warden vouched that all present held current membership cards.

2. ROLL CALL

<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Status</i>
Grand Knight	Mark Goedecke	<u>Present</u>
Deputy Grand Knight	Gordon Adams	<u>Present</u>
Chaplain	Rev. Fr. David Flori	<u>Excused</u>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Benito Tamaz	<u>Excused</u>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Carl Thelin	<u>Excused</u>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Paul Reittinger	<u>Excused</u>
Financial Secretary	Bob Sudar	<u>Present</u>
Chancellor	Cary Leslie	<u>Absent</u>
Treasurer	Rick Donnelly	<u>Present</u>
Recorder	Michael Koenecke	<u>Present</u>
Advocate	Tim Lyons	<u>Present</u>
Warden	Michael Bray	<u>Present</u>
Trustee 1	Chris Curto	<u>Present</u>
Trustee 2	Ron Bourgeois	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee 3	Jerry Dreher	<u>Present</u>
Outside Guard	Rudy Theissen	<u>Present</u>
Inside Guard	Tony Casmus	<u>Present</u>
Field Agent	Scott Shaw	<u>Present</u>

A total of 20 members were in attendance.

3. MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting of the Council were read and approved unanimously.

4. RECRUITING REPORT

The Recruiting Coordinator and Deputy Grand Knight, Gordon Adams, reported that he has one candidate, Oscar Valdez, a member of our parish who primarily goes to the Spanish masses, and has several children in faith formation. He strongly recommended that he be accepted, and he was accepted unanimously. He reported the following First Degree ceremonies are coming up: May 6th at 5052 in Farmers Branch at 7:00. May 19th at 7850 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. May 22nd at Council 8954 at St. Joseph here in Richardson. May 27th, at Holy Spirit Catholic Council, 8157 in Duncanville. Chris Curto noted that he had turned in a Form 100 for James Kleinschmidt, but the Council had not



yet voted on him. He usually attends 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, and helps with collections. His candidacy was recommended, voted on, and accepted unanimously. Chris requested that the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight fill in the details about the Knights for him before a First Degree.

The Council's insurance agent stated that part of what he does, when meeting with potential clients, is to explain what the Knights of Columbus is all about, which helps people understand that we are not like a general fraternity.

Gordon Adams handed out prospect referral cards for the council to use in recruiting new members. Rick Donnelly inquired about prospects from the last group of ACTS retreatants.

Jim Massey inquired about where we stand in terms of Star Council status. Gordon Adams reported that we still need two more members, and also need two more insurance members. Scott Shaw noted that new members can sign on for a \$100 annuity (during their first year), which qualifies them as insurance members.

5. GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The Grand Knight, Mark Goedecke, reported that we had a pretty successful blood drive recently with a lot of donors. Perhaps next time we can look into asking the Hispanic Ministry to do breakfast in conjunction with the blood drive, which will also bring our organizations together. The State Convention is this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The opening convention Mass is at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, and sessions continue all day. Anyone who has a valid membership card can attend, though only official delegates can vote. On Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. there will be a memorial Mass celebrated by Cardinal Denardo. The convention adjourns on Sunday at noon. Scott Shaw said the regional insurance agency will have a hospitality room (655) open on Friday and Saturday nights, and encouraged all to come by. Parking is \$15.00 at the Sheraton, though you can take the train down there for \$5.00. There was a great turnout on Monday night at Spring Creek Barbeque for the fundraiser. It was a great success, and a nice social gathering. We will be striving to get another two dates for next year: it is an easy way to raise money, and it is a fun night for the parish. He would like to get some ideas for locations for social outings for couples and families, just for a fun evening. He is also looking for ideas for outings for the Council for next year, particularly to interest those members of the Council who do not attend these meetings.

Regarding the elections for the upcoming year, those will be held at the next monthly meeting in June.

On April 8 was the luncheon at the Gardens of Richardson, given in appreciation for our holding bingo games there for the residents. Our next bingo there will be the 13th of this month at the Gardens. Lamar Sachnik added that service at a nursing home is one of the most rewarding things to do there is; he said they had an urgent need for eucharistic ministers to help out there.

The Grand Knight noticed a lot of Knights wearing their badges and helping out during the Easter



Tridium, and encouraged the members to continue to help out in our badges and/or shirts. We also still need more help on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 to set up for the choir and orchestra. Jerry Dreher noted that there are two dates in May where there are only two people to set up. Contact Len Jankowiak to see if he can put you on the schedule.

Joe Prampin and Jim Cardenas went through their Major Degrees last weekend. The Grand Knight had hoped to get Father Benito to attend, but he traveled to Rome for the canonization of John Paul II and John XXIII.

This Saturday we have fajitas and Bingo; Gordon Adams handed out a sign up sheet to help for that. There will be a planning meeting on May 15 where the officers will be focusing on nominations for the slate of officers for next year. The elections will be at the next business meeting on June 5; the District Deputy will attend. The installation dinner will be June 21 after the 5:30 Mass; the 4th Degree Color Corps will attend.

The Grand Knight again thanked all for the help during the Easter activities.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Rick Donnelly, reported that we have \$20,902.48 in the bank.

7. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Financial Secretary, Bob Sudar, reported April receipts of \$1,407.00, helped by the Bingo that month; less outlays of \$649.48 netted \$757.52 for the month.

8. FURTHER REPORTS

Jim Massey reported good turnout for the Special Olympics. Chris Curto reported on Bingo this Saturday; we have some coupons from El Chico for discounts on the beans and rice. He has just enough prizes for the Bingo, and spent \$210.00 for gift cards, but can always use more. We will need additional people to help serve the meal, clean up, and during the Bingo. He will stock up on drinks, so thinks expenses may be a little high this time.

The Grand Knight asked for unfinished business. Joe Semler noted that the Serra Club will be selling tickets after Mass to support a weekend where they work with seminarians at Holy Trinity Seminary with regard to their discernment. This is different from the raffle recently run by the seminarians themselves.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The Grand Knight asked for new business: Rick Donnelly commented on a fellow from our ACTS group whose son was cured of MS by a Catholic faith healer out of Ohio. This fellow will be in town



on Saturday.

Bob Fisher reported on the proposed slate of officers for next year, that being Trustee 3: Chris Curto; Trustee 2: Jerry Dreher, Trustee 1: Cary Leslie, Advocate: Tony Casmus, on to Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Lyons, Grand Knight: Mark Goedecke. The Grand Knight encouraged members who might be interested in an officer position: there are other non-elected officer positions available that really need to be filled. We have 130 members and have a large parish here, we are especially looking for a Youth Director to do things like the free throw competitions and work with the altar servers. We want to have some activities that will make people excited to be a Knight, especially to get the new guys engaged.

10. FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Scott Shaw reported that he has been with the agency for three years, but grew up here and went to Good Shepherd school. He went to Bishop Lynch high school. He noted that we have not gotten consistent service for the past four or five years. He lives in Van Alstyne, and has five other councils besides ours. Currently there are 1,400 agents serving the whole United States for the Knights of Columbus; he is number 5. He is very conscious of "needs orientation:" how he can provide solutions to fix people's problems. He believes that our council is one that needs more attention, because we are doing things. He noted that if anyone has money in CDs currently, you are making very little interest. The Knights have a vehicle called Single Premium Whole Life, which guarantees a minimum of 4% return but is currently returning 4.3%. Rates will adjust upwards if interest rates rise. This is a good safe harbor to guarantee growth and keep money.

11. NO REPORTS

There were no reports from the Chancellor or the Auditors and Trustees, the District Deputy, the Chaplain, or the Fourth Degree.

12. FURTHER GRAND KNIGHT REPORTS

The Grand Knight added Fr. T.J. Martinez to our Sick and Distressed list; he was a scholastic who taught at Jesuit, and started Christo Rey high school in Houston. He has Stage 4 stomach cancer, and has less than a year to live. Ray Tooley's wife Rosalie just had a shoulder replacement.

13. WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

The Grand Knight led the closing prayers (a Hail Mary), and the council sang the Closing Ode. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:43 PM.

