



1. OPENING

Tim Lyons, Deputy Grand Knight, declared the meeting open on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Warden vouched that all present held current membership cards: 20 members were in attendance.

2. ROLL CALL

<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Status</i>
Grand Knight	Mark Goedecke	<u>Excused</u>
Deputy Grand Knight	Tim Lyons	<u>Present</u>
Chaplain	Rev. Fr. David Flori	<u>Excused</u>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Benito Tamez	<u>Excused</u>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Carl Thelin	<u>Present</u>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Paul Reittinger	<u>Excused</u>
Financial Secretary	Derek Glatz	<u>Present</u>
Chancellor	Joe Prampin	<u>Present</u>
Treasurer	Rick Donnelly	<u>Present</u>
Recorder	Michael Koenecke	<u>Present</u>
Advocate	Tony Casmus	<u>Present</u>
Warden	Richard Villareal	<u>Present</u>
Trustee 1	Carey Leslie	<u>Excused</u>
Trustee 2	Jerry Dreher	<u>Present</u>
Trustee 3	Chris Curto	<u>Present</u>
Outside Guard	John Danna	<u>Present</u>
Inside Guard	Tony Pirro	<u>Present</u>
Field Agent	Ryan Conklin	<u>Present</u>
District Deputy	Bernie Grant	<u>Excused</u>

3. OPENING ODE AND MINUTES

The Council then sang the Opening Ode. Minutes from the previous meeting of the Council were distributed; minutes for the November meeting were made available to Council members online. The November and December minutes were approved unanimously on motion made and seconded.

4. GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The Grand Knight being home with the flu, there was no Grand Knight's report. The Deputy Grand Knight noted that dues and notices have gone out, along with the survey for hours, and he encouraged all to make sure their dues are paid.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Rick Donnelly, Treasurer, reported that we have \$16,463.74 in the bank.

6. REPORT OF AUDITORS AND TRUSTEES

Chris Curto noted that the trustees need the bank statements and vouchers in order to do the audit,



and that the required report has been filed with the IRS late, but no penalty was incurred. He has the report calendared for next year.

7. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Joe Prampin reported that we are sending out more e-mails trying to get better attendance at our meetings. Bob Fisher, Council Director, reported on the upcoming wine tasting event for January 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A wine expert from Spec's will be coming in and going through various regions of the world; there will be food as well. Fourteen couples are currently signed up; there is room for one more couple. Joe stated that he had sent a chart of activities to all members, and encouraged all to review what is available and participate. Bob noted that we do not have any athletics as activities, and suggested that a team be formed for something like bowling or softball.

Chris Curto, Family Director, reported that we will have Bingo in two weeks at the Parish Center, and will be serving chili there. He will be asking for volunteers to help via e-mail. Chris also noted that he went to the Welcome Back dinner, and passed around a pamphlet with names and information about all the seminarians we help to support. Chris also noted that our council raised the most money for the Richardson Hike for Life, and received a couple of small awards (a cross and a drawing), which he proposed to give to Youth Director Kimberly Garza. Chris reported that we raised more than \$700 for Hike for Life, which was applauded.

Bill Archer, Youth Director, reported on the upcoming free throw competition for this Sunday, at noon in the gym. He has to work, so is hoping for volunteers to run it, needing shot counters and people to help with cooking hot dogs for the contestants. We are the only council who is running one in the district, so our winner will automatically be the district winner. Bob Seegmiller noted that the council winners should shoot enough for district level as well (25 throws for council, 15 for district) to qualify. Bill noted that we have the gym reserved for district level on February 1, and we may just ask the winners to come back and shoot for district qualification then. The event has been publicized in school newsletters, e-mail blasts, and the church bulletin and announcements. Joe Prampin asked for a show of hands, and six Knights indicated their availability to help.

Pro-Life Director Bob Seegmiller thanked everyone for stepping up and filling in for him during his time in the hospital, and particularly appreciates everyone's prayers. An e-mail blast has gone out about the Roe v. Wade memorial events on January 17, starting with a Mass at the convention center at 2:00 p.m., followed by the March for Life to the courthouse. Bishop Farrell and Bishop Michael Olson from Fort Worth will speak. He recommended Knights consider participating in the event. Bob also mentioned House Bill 2, which placed restrictions on abortion facilities, among which was qualification as an ambulatory surgery center, and that the abortionists have admitting privileges at local hospitals. He said there was an abortion clinic near U.T. Medical Center, run by a Dr. Robinson, which was shut down because the requirements could not be met. There was another facility called Northpark Abortion Center which had been closed, which he tried to re-open, attempting to get admitting privileges at a hospital in Oak Cliff. He sued the hospital to get admitting privileges and won; but the hospital later closed, meaning he had to close the abortion clinic. The Diocesan mid-year meeting is January 24th, where funds will be distributed to Birth



Choice and the White Rose Women's Center.

Joe Prampin, as Community Director, reported on an excellent turnout for Trains at Northpark at the December event. There will be another Bingo at the Gardens sometime in February, perhaps on the 11th but to be determined. He called for applause for the Deputy Grand Knight for filling in today.

8. FURTHER GRAND KNIGHT REPORTS

The Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Lyons, noted that we will be having a blood drive this month on Sunday, January 25th, at 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If we continue on schedule, we will wind up having three blood drives this year. Richard Kaniss from the Men's Club and Tim went down to the White Rose Women's Center to deliver a check for the \$29,000 that was raised. They said that was second only to their annual dinner as their biggest fundraiser. Bob Seegmiller said that both Birth Choice and the White Rose depend heavily on the Knights as their biggest source of funding. He also said that Bishop Farrell's goal is to have a Catholic crisis pregnancy center near every abortion clinic, so the more clinics that close save money.

9. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Financial Secretary, Derek Glatz, reported that dues requests and requests for hours of service have gone out. Joe Prampin said he was not able to read the attachment. Bob Seegmiller asked him to re-send it to everyone, just in case. Joe Semler asked if there were hard copies available. Derek said he would have member cards printed out by next month, but has to enter payments into the system to do so. There are 25-30 Knights that have requested to receive things by mail only, but he is hoping to be able to notify them via e-mail as well.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The Deputy Grand Knight asked for any new business to be discussed. Mike Koenecke told the Council about the upcoming North Texas Men's Catholic Conference, and said he would send a link to information about it to the Council, stating that he attended the conference last year at Prince of Peace and found it valuable. Glenn Angel also said that he had attended and found it valuable. The conference will be on February 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Jim Massey brought up the coming Valentine's Day dance, and met with Father Flori regarding buying a dance floor, which will cost \$3,356.00. Father Flori agreed if four organizations could contribute \$700 each, he would buy it. We are hoping that all organizations join in to assist with this event. All we will need to do is put in the floor and take it up. The ticket price for the Valentine's dance will be \$20 per head. Upon motion made and seconded, this expenditure was approved unanimously.

Jim added that the plans are to meld all the parish organizations together for this dance. Each organization will be asked to do something. The PPC will help with communications, and all organizations will market and sell tickets. Bernie Gotway has been talking with Liz Goedecke about marketing, and has the band set up. It will be BYOB beer and wine, adults only.

Gordon Adams said there will be a Special Olympics basketball tournament in Grand Prairie on Saturday, January 28th. There will be shifts from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 3:00 to 7:00, where they



need seven men per shift. He reported on other events needing people to assist following, all Knights need to be Safe Environment approved. He will forward an e-mail regarding these events to the Council.

11. FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Ryan Conklin, our new field agent, introduced himself to the council, saying he hoped to be here for a long time. He grew up in Michigan and moved here with his family in 1997; went to Mexico as a volunteer for a year after high school, then attended seminary for 7½ years in Connecticut and Rome. During an internship in Spain he decided that the priesthood was not his vocation. He has been a Knight for nine months (but is a third generation Knight), and an insurance agent for five months. He attended the breakfast with the Bishop here previously, and met with Bernie Grant a couple of days ago, and brought the Columbian Award for Council 12021 from the District. He thanked the Council, can be contacted at 214-240-4540 or ryan.conklin@kofc.org, and hopes to help us recruit.

Bob Seegmiller asked that he put together a summary of Knights fraternal benefits to send out by e-mail. Ryan Conklin mentioned accidental death, orphan, and unborn children benefits available to Knights. He also noted that he is fluent in Spanish.

12. MISSING REPORTS

There were no reports from the Recruiting Chair, District Deputy, Chaplain or the Fourth Degree.

13. WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

The Deputy Grand Knight read the names from the current sick and distressed list, and accepted additions. He then closed the meeting with a Hail Mary. The closing ode was sung, and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

