



1. OPENING

Mark Goedecke, Grand Knight, declared the meeting open on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:33 p.m. with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Warden vouched that all present held current membership cards: 26 members were in attendance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. OPENING ODE AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The Grand Knight asked the Deputy Grand Knight if we had any applications outstanding, who replied in the negative, but noted personally that he had received an e-mail contact from one Patrick Brady who was interested in joining our Council. He thanked our Deputy Grand Knight for handling the meeting last month. We had a very busy January, starting off with the free throw contest on January 11, all of our winners are going to the Diocesan competition. Members participated in the Roe v. Wade memorial Mass at the cathedral, and the ensuing march. Some also participated in the rosary vigil on Greenville Avenue. There was a successful wine tasting on January 17 put together by Bob Fisher; there is considerable interest in doing that activity again. We also had some membership prospects there; Bob Fisher is looking for another brewery to go visit for another



potential activity. On January 24 was a corporate communion, then a chili and Bingo night, which was not very well attended. The Diocesan corporate communion is scheduled in March, which counts as one of our corporate communions. We need to follow up and see how we can get more members to attend our corporate communions: whether it should be separated from our Bingo events, or whether we should add events to them. We had a very successful blood drive on January 25th, which collected 59 units of blood. We had to turn people away. Beckie Soto and the faith formation group plan to have a breakfast to coincide with our next blood drive on April 19th. We also had a nice fundraiser at Spring Creek Barbeque on February 2. Jerry Dreher reported that we did make our minimum of 200 easily; he thanked Tony Casmus for staying outside and directing traffic all evening. He also thanked Greg Campbell, Oscar Valdez, Mark Goedecke, Rick Donnelly, John Danna, Tony Pirro, Joe Semler, Jim Massey, James Kleinsmith, Katie Seegmiller, and some others for helping out.

The Grand Knight then discussed the RSVP program for our support of seminarians: he had to track things down and clarify that we are supporting four seminarians, not three (one of them was listed under the wrong last name). Chris Curto commented that he was at an event at Christ the King last Thursday, where he saw a seminarian (Michael Baynam) who has been supported by our council for the last five years, who was very appreciative. Bob Seegmiller recommended that our seminarians be put on our distribution list and kept advised of our corporate communions and other activities. He will work on that after receiving their names and contact information.

Our April business meeting will be rescheduled from Holy Thursday to April 9.

5. TREASURERS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORTS

Rick Donnelly, Treasurer, reported that we have \$18,270.65 in the bank, and should have a healthy deposit tomorrow as dues come in. The Financial Secretary passed out current membership cards, and reported that we have 6,400 hours of service. He was reminded that our form regarding Special Olympics activities needs to be submitted soon.

6. FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Our Field Agent, Ryan Conklin, said that he hopes to become more involved in the council, and to get more exposed to the council and to the parish. Next week he will go to the new agent training in New Haven, and will report back on that at the next meeting. He is working on producing marketing materials. He says he is, first and foremost, a brother Knight and a passionate Catholic, whose goal is to provide the information and service for every Knight to cover the insurance needs for himself and his family. He also discussed long term care policies briefly, and said he is willing to meet with all Knights to discuss their needs.

7. REPORT OF AUDITORS AND TRUSTEES

Chris Curto noted that the trustees got the necessary signatures for the audit, which will be turned in to Supreme tonight.

8. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Joe Prampin reported on the wine tasting, Bingo, and asked Glenn Angel to report on a church directory. Glenn Angel mentioned the men's conference to be held this Saturday in Hurst, and



encouraged Knights to attend. Joe passed around a sign up sheet for Bingo at the Gardens scheduled for this upcoming Tuesday. Bob Fisher held the wine tasting, and we are working on another social at the Eisemann Center for Knights night out.

Chris Curto, Family Director, reported that we had netted \$670 profit at the chili and Bingo event. Some newer Knights were helping out, which was encouraging. The next Bingo will be on Friday, March 20, which will coordinate with a Men's Club fish fry, back in the school cafeteria, as the Parish Center will be being prepared for a school auction. A sign up sheet for the Knights Night Out at the Eisemann Center, as kind of a poll, was passed around.

Bob Seegmiller reported on Pro Life activities. The next event is on Saturday, April 18, the Bishop's Pro Life Dinner at the Irving Convention Center; he is gauging interest on the Council sponsoring a table. In recent years we have not done so but have made a direct donation instead. He will send out an e-mail to see how many Knights are interested.

9. FURTHER GRAND KNIGHT REPORTS

The Grand Knight noted that we have a second approval needed for donating \$700 to the parish to support the purchase of a dance floor for the Parish Hall. The Council approved writing the check to the church unanimously.

He also noted that we will need labor to help set up the Parish Hall on Friday evening and all day Saturday; setting up the dance floor may take some time as we have not done that before. Jim Massey said we have 197 tickets sold for the upcoming Valentine's Day dance so far, and we are hoping for 250.

The Grand Knight said he wanted to form a group to reform our St. Paul School scholarships. He asked for someone to step up and organize this group. In the past we have asked for students to submit essays, but we have not received many submissions recently. Bob Seegmiller, Glenn Angel, and Mark Goedecke agreed to be on the group. The Grand Knight encouraged all Knights to make sure their dues were current. He received a request for help from Minh Tran, who directed our first ACTS retreat: he is starting a group for ACTS in Prison, which will be having a retreat at the Hutchins State Jail in June (Friday through Sunday). He is asking our council to volunteer to cook a meal for the prisoners on the ACTS team, or donate money for such a meal. This would be for 80 to 100 people. The Council approved, via show of hands, looking into helping him with this venture.

The Knights State Convention is May 1-3 in Houston. We would like to send the Grand Knight, the Deputy Grand Knight, and possibly the Financial Secretary. We do have that budgeted.

The St. Paul Youth Group has requested our support for their family movie night, by providing sodas and snacks for them to sell to raise money for activities. We do not know if Beckie Soto considers this to be part of her group. She has requested our help for her faith formation group as well. Jerry Dreher said he had spoken to Beckie in some detail, and that she was thrilled with the idea of splitting the money between Faith Formation and the Youth Group. She said she would work on it, and the Youth Director Kimberly Garza is also aware of this.

Len Jankowiak is asking for more volunteers for the choir setup on Saturday afternoon. Right now



we have a crew that sets up, but we need some younger people to help. He needs at least four new people to sign up. They start at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoons.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The Grand Knight asked for any new business to be discussed. Tim Lyons, Deputy Grand Knight, brought up the Committee of 1,000 pins available for a \$10.00 donation to help support seminarians.

11. REPORT FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Jim Massey reported that the Fourth Degree has an upcoming funeral in McKinney, but not so many coming up.

12. REPORT REGARDING THE DDC

Bob Seegmiller reported on the Dallas Diocese Council, which will be meeting at Council 799 on Tuesday night, February 26, 7:30 p.m.. Each Council is represented on the council and has two votes. The purpose of this group is to share information from the Diocese between the councils. Len Jankowiak has been doing this, but cannot continue, so our council needs a new representative for future DDC meetings. He encouraged a new fellow to get involved, as one learns a lot about the Diocese in general.

13. DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

The District Deputy brought Ace wings, plus medallions for all winners of the free throw contest for Bill Archer to distribute. The Diocesan competition will be on February 22nd at Bishop Dunne High School. The District Deputy noted that he had previously been the director of Squires. There is a new program, called the Squires at School. Since we have a school, this is an excellent chance to set that up. That would give us four points in the youth category towards our Columbian Award. Bishop Deshotel noted that all his books when he attended seminary had been bought by the Knights. Bob Seegmiller noted that this council supported Father Benito at Holy Trinity Seminary also. He recommended our Field Agent for his expertise and for his compassion. He emphasized the importance of keeping up to date with our audits, so that our officers are kept protected by their bonds. It is important to get our delegate done as soon as possible, as that needs to be in by the first of March, plus any resolutions for the State Convention The Good of the Order needs to be given to the Executive Secretary by the first of March as well. He thanked all for their prayers and cards while he was in the hospital.

14. MISSING REPORTS

There were no reports from the Recruiting Chair or Chaplain.

15. WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

The Deputy Grand Knight read the names from the current sick and distressed list, and accepted additions. Bob Seegmiller asked that we pray for our country and our leaders. The Grand Knight then closed the meeting with a Hail Mary. The closing ode was sung, and the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

