



PRE-OPENING

The winners of the Council Free Throw Competition who were present where acknowledged, and presented with their awards by Greg Campbell.

1. OPENING

Mark Goedecke, Grand Knight, declared the meeting open on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at approximately 7:40 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	Excused
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Paul Reitinger	Excused
Financial Secretary	Derek Glatz	Present
Chancellor	Joe Prampin	Present
Treasurer	Rick Donnelly	Present
Recorder	Michael Koenecke	Excused
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 February minutes were approved unanimously on motion made and seconded.

4. GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The Grand Knight reported on upcoming events: There will be a webinar on recruiting hosted by Supreme. All members are invited to join in the live webinar or it will be available for playback. The Council is sponsoring a Bingo night on March 20 in conjunction with the Men's Club Fish Fry and Mary's Way of the Cross.



5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Grand Knight brought forward a transfer request from a Knight who was in attendance at the meeting and introduced himself. He is requesting to transfer from the Council at Texas Tech University.

6. TREASURERS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORTS

Rick Donnelly, Treasurer, reported on our bank balance. The Financial Secretary, Derek Glatz, reported monthly income of \$3,384.91 and expenditures of \$1,461.10, for a net income of \$1,923.81.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORT

Chris Curto asked for volunteers for the March 20 Bingo. He will be sending emails as a reminder. The Grand Knight indicated he would like to donate two cases of beer for the Bingo on behalf of the Council.

8. OLD BUSINESS

St. Paul School scholarships were discussed. The Grand Knight along with Bob Seegmiller, Glenn Angel and Greg Campbell were assigned to review the scholarship selection process. and discuss with the school. The Grand Knight reported he had a preliminary discussion with school principal Darby Safford about six weeks ago. Jerry Dreher recommended the Grand Knight work directly with Darby to determine the selection process so scholarships can be awarded before the end of school. The Grand Knight said his intent was to have broader input from the Council, took the matter under advisement, and will seek further input from the scholarship team.

A contribution of \$1,000 to the Faith Formation & Youth Group was discussed. Bob Seegmiller had volunteered to lead the effort. Beckie Soto has agreed Faith Formation will split the money with Youth Group. Council has asked Beckie Soto to document how the funds will be used and is still waiting for her to do so. It was suggested the Council should include separate line items in next year's budget for Faith Formation and the Youth Group.

The Grand Knight asked about elections, and discussed how nominations are in May and elections are in June. Existing officers were asked if they wished to drop out, but none so indicated. He needs to send out another plea with respect to choir setup starting at 3:00 on Saturday. Jerry Dreher indicated that Len Jankowiak would put a schedule together: currently there are two weeks out of the month where there are only two people to set up. They get by, but four more people would really help.

The Grand Knight then brought up the issue of dues, asking the Financial Secretary for a status report. The Financial Secretary, Derek Glatz, said that we have 30 people who are delinquent in their dues for 2015, and 10 who are seriously delinquent (for 2014 as well). He plans to reach out to all of them via e-mail, but would like some help to call people directly. There are 130 active members on the roster. Jerry Dreher noted that for delinquent dues payers we need to send out a Notice of Intention to Suspend, with a copy to the District Deputy. We will need that list dated no later than March 15 to get it in this year.



He brought up New Business: we have been asked to do a membership blitz in the March-April time frame. In our case, we do not want to do anything until after Easter. He went to the DDC meeting last Thursday, at which the second longest agenda item (after the website) was the recruiting blitz. They are really pushing effective church drives and recruitment strategies. Greg Campbell suggested that he assign Knights to first degree members, to encourage them to get to the major degrees. We have not done these in the past, since they have not been effective, but it is a big push by Supreme so we will try it this year. Jim Massey said we should beg the help of the pastor: if he would just endorse the program, it would go a long way. Possible strategies were discussed, so that duties may be spread out and the campaign will be successful. The Grand Knight floated the idea of giving free aprons for people who join on a particular day. We may be able to do something in connection with the April blood drive. Rick Donnelly inquired whether we had considered donating a new membership to the school auction.

Jerry Dreher brought up the fact that the St. Joseph First Degree team had had to drop to every other month due to lack of leadership. He is looking for people who want to learn and be a part of the degree team. He discussed how most of the degree team is elderly, and many have died in recent years.

A member brought up how the Hispanic community really enjoyed the dance, and recommended that they be aware that the Knights cooperate in helping them set up the floor for future dances and cooperate in whatever way possible. It is tricky to set up the new dance floor.

9. FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Our Field Agent, Ryan Conklin, said he had just returned from Supreme. He quizzed the members, asking what life insurance company is the highest rated in North America. Naturally, the answer was the Knights of Columbus. He brought a video which would be helpful in recruiting, then noted that the Knights had received the best possible insurance company rating for the past 38 years. He said that the contest period for a life insurance policy is two years: but from statistics, the Knights of Columbus do not ordinarily contest policies, even when they pay off rapidly.

10. 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.

11. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

No Chancellor's report was recorded.

12. FURTHER GRAND KNIGHT REPORTS

The Grand Knight added two names to the Sick and Distressed List: Gary Pasqua, who is terminally ill, and Phil Easlson, a good friend of the Grand Knight. Both are in palliative care for cancer.

13. REPORT FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

No Fourth Degree report was recorded.



14. DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

There was no District Deputy report.

15. MISSING REPORTS

There were no reports from the Recruiting Chair or Chaplain.

16. WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

The Deputy Grand Knight read the names from the current sick and distressed list, and accepted additions. 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.

