

**Knights of Columbus Business Meeting
Council 1134
Resurrection Parish
Ellicott City, MD
Thursday, December 3, 2009
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At 7:30pm on Thursday, December 3, 2009, Worthy Grand Knight Jeffrey Forsyth called a Council meeting to order with an opening prayer.

The roll of officers was called with the following results:

Grand Knight Jeffrey Forsyth	P	Chaplain Rev. Michael Triplett	E	Deputy Grand Knight John Garpstas	P
Chancellor Roy Harris	P	Warden Thomas Brandt	A	Recorder Samuel Lomonaco	E
Financial Secretary Stewart Bode	P	Treasurer Paul Messina	P	Lecturer Drew Scurachio	E
Advocate John Widitz	P	Inside Guard Hans Weidig IV	P	Outside Guard Mike Parker, Jr.	E
3 rd Year Trustee Drew Scurachio	E	2 nd Year Trustee Robert Carter	A	1 st Year Trustee Mike Parker	E

P = Present E = Excused Absence

A = Absent

The minutes of November's meeting are pending completion and will be reviewed/ approved at a later date.

Admissions Committee Report:

Admissions officer reported no new applications

Worthy Grand Knight's Report:

The GK thanked the Admissions officer, committee and council for their excellent efforts in recruiting this year. Recruitments stand at five (one below the quota). It is important to maintain diligent effort in recruiting practical Catholic men into our council. Best way to recruit remains "asking" men that we meet in our parish and personal interactions. Brother John Widitz was recognized for recruiting two members earlier this year that recently completed their 3rd Degree exemplification.

Worthy Chaplain's Report: Deferred

Worthy Treasurer's Report:

The Worthy Treasurer reported a balance of \$7,140.91 on 1 December 09. The council still needs to dispense the annual Tootsie Roll drive funds, which will reduce this balance. These funds will be released to Camp GLOW. The detailed Treasurer's Report is attached to this month's minutes (Attachment 1, pp 1-4).

Worthy Financial Secretary's Report:

The Worthy Financial Secretary reported that the annual dues notices have been mailed and there has been a strong response by council membership. The Worthy Financial Secretary asked for continued support in collecting all of the membership dues as soon as possible.

Worthy Grand Knight Report:

The GK gave a report on the Council Service Program:

- 1) Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign: Brother Rob Callahan has done a great job in moving this initiative forward. Judging for our area will take place on December 16th. The judges will be our GK, the Principal of our school and Brother Rob. The prize is a gift certificate to the Our Lady's Center here in Ellicott City and will be presented in January 2010.
- 2) Christmas Card Sales: Brother Weidig reported that we have \$230 on hand from sales. He has additional checks but doesn't want to include in the "received" sales until the cards are delivered. Sales are going well. We have sold out a number of the card lines. We will now only order cards that customers will pay for. We have some left over cards that can be offered at parish activities before Christmas. Brother Stew Bode asked if we could recoup our costs of roughly \$775 and Brother Weidig believes we can reach that goal.
- 3) Christmas Eve Parking: Hans Weidig IV will take the lead on this initiative. The major rush of mass attendees is between the 4PM and 6PM masses. Brother Hans will need six to eight brothers to assist. More to follow.
- 4) Council "Free-Throw" Contest: This event will be held on Jan 17, 2010. Brother Stew Bode has the led on this initiative and we need eight to ten brothers to assist with the event. The contest will convene at 1:30 PM and should conclude NLT 3:30 PM.
Fraternal Benefits Night: This will occur on 18 January 2010 @ 7:30 PM in Multipurpose Rooms 1 & 2 at Resurrection. Refreshments will be served.
- 5) Council Social Night: The council enjoyed a successful social night (7:30 PM to 10 PM) at Jilly's Sports Bar (Ellicott City) as we gathered to cheer on the Baltimore Ravens football team. We collected \$35 more than the bill/ server's tip required; it will to the Council's general fund.

- 6) Grand Knight's Christmas Open House: Sunday, 6 Sept 09 from 2 PM to 5 PM. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.
- 7) Recently, our council experienced a conflict in a site collection for the annual Tootsie Roll campaign ...our GK has discussed with the District Deputy and the GK of the St Agnes's council. Their discussion will lead to enhance coordination of fund raising activities between all of the area councils.

New Business:

- 1) Food/ Refreshments for Council Meetings: Brother Frank Roso discussed options to provide food and refreshments for monthly meetings. He provided a one-page synopsis of the options and questions to discern a way ahead for this issue. After discussion, the GK recommended that all the brothers review the options, ask the appropriate questions and come prepared to the January business meeting to close discussion, vote on the options and move ahead with a plan of action.
- 2) **2010 Italian Night Dinner (October):** The committee that will take the lead on this major annual initiative will be established in January and move forward once the membership is established from volunteers.

4th Degree Report:

4th degree exemplification will occur on 27 March 2010. As of today, at least seven council members will receive their 4th degree. Maximum participation is requested of all our members to support those brothers choosing to assume the responsibilities of 4th degree.

Worthy District Deputy:

- 1) Congratulations to the council on the recent 3rd degree exemplification; it represented a strong sense of support.
- 2) Supreme Council: Stood up and supporting the Food for Families Program. The Knights have provided in excess of one million dollars to this cause this year. 25% of our council's participation will result in funds being dispensed to our local food banks.
- 3) Membership success: Congratulations on attainment of our 2009 quota (six) and our council only needs one more insurance member to successfully complete our goals.
- 4) Worthy District Deputy closed with his five major initiatives for this year:
 - a. Membership: Our council enjoys tremendous success in bringing new members to the Knights; the council is encouraged to continue the effort diligently.
 - b. Fraternal Benefits: Ensure all brothers understand the benefits of membership.
 - c. New Members: Continue to warmly welcome new members and ensure they understand the goals and work of the Knights.
 - d. District 1st Degree Team: More members required; please consider joining and participation; if interested, please let the Worthy District Deputy or Brother Hans Weidig (Team Captain) know of your interest.

- e. Call to Service: Our quest is to know, love and serve God. Ensure you spend time with family and your Brother Knights.

Brothers in Distress:

- a. Brother Mike Parker's son continues to require hospitalization for his illness.
- b. Brother Drew Scurachio's brother-in-law suddenly passed away early this week.

Worthy Chaplain's Summation:

Our Worthy GK Jeff Forsyth offered a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Brother Roy Harris recorded the business minutes for Brother Sam Lomonaco.