



1. OPENING

Tim Lyons, Grand Knight, declared the meeting open on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:34 p.m. with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Warden vouched that all present held valid membership cards: 22 members were in attendance.

2. ROLL CALL

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
Grand Knight	Tim Lyons	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Deputy Grand Knight	Tony Casmus	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Chaplain	Rev. Fr. David Flori	<a href="#"><u>Excused</u></a>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Benito Tamez	<a href="#"><u>Excused</u></a>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Carl Thelin	<a href="#"><u>Excused</u></a>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Paul Reittinger	<a href="#"><u>Excused</u></a>
Assistant Chaplain	Rev. Gustavo Vasquez	<a href="#"><u>Excused</u></a>
Financial Secretary	Derek Glatz	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Chancellor	Joe Prampin	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Treasurer	Rick Donnelly	<a href="#"><u>Excused</u></a>
Recorder	Michael Koenecke	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Advocate	Aaron Smith	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Warden	Richard Villareal	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Trustee 1	Jerry Dreher	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Trustee 2	Chris Curto	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Trustee 3	Mark Goedecke	<a href="#"><u>Excused</u></a>
Outside Guard	John Danna	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Inside Guard	Tony Pirro	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>
Field Agent	Paul Marinoni	<a href="#"><u>Absent</u></a>
District Deputy	Reed Fontenot	<a href="#"><u>Present</u></a>

3. OPENING ODE AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council then sang the Opening Ode. The minutes from the previous meeting of the Council were reviewed, and were approved unanimously with one typo corrected.

4. REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Grand Knight reported that we have one application from a David Hirster, brought in by Joe Prampin, a transfer from St. Michael's in McKinney. There were no initiations or other events to report.

5. DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

The District Deputy brought greetings from our State Deputy Terry Simington and the Supreme Knight, and said our Order was alive and well. We have seven new members to bring in to meet our membership goal. He recommended we consider a membership drive in the first week of May, which is also the same weekend as the state convention in Corpus Christi. We need two more



insurance members to meet our goal. If we hit Star Council this year, we will hit all the categories needed for the Columbian Award. This is Roger Scott's last year as Diocesan Deputy. For insurance members needed, it is easy to have people apply for an annuity for as little as \$100 to \$300. He inquired about first degree members: there will be a major degree at Council 799 on May 15. The trustees will be providing a recommended slate of officers at the next meeting, and the budget proposal will also be presented then. He will be co-chairman of the 2017 convention (which is usually during the first weekend of May), which will be here in Dallas, and will be needing volunteers to help out.

#### 6. GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The Grand Knight said that the District Deputy covered a number of necessary issues, especially with respect to membership and insurance. We may try to tag-team with the upcoming blood drive or with the corporate communion to attract some new members. Special Olympics is coming up later this month. We had a successful Bingo in March in conjunction with the Men's Club fish fry, and had a good turnout to cook lunch at the Ronald McDonald House. Kudos to Chris Curto for another successful Bingo, and thanks to Bob Fisher for organizing the Ronald McDonald House outing. Upcoming activities always need volunteers: we need to get people on board. The Spring Creek Barbeque event is on Monday, April 25. On Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Father David's ordination, so we may make the Spring Creek Barbeque event to celebrate that. There is also a plan to collect cards for Father's anniversary. We also have a couple of representatives from the Fourth Degree to talk to us:

Representatives of the Christopher Columbus Assembly (Jack Ayres, Faithful Navigator, and Ron Choate, Faithful Admiral) then spoke to the meeting. They passed out flyers about the Fourth Degree. The Fourth Degree was added only a few years after the birth of the Knights of Columbus. Only 17% of third degree Knights go on to the Fourth Degree. Numbers are falling: the Fourth Degree loses about 4,200 nationally every year and get 4,000 new members. More than half of the Fourth Degree are over 70. Wives of Sir Knights are more involved: they get included in a lot more things. The next big exemplification comes up in October, in Addison.

7. INSURANCE AGENT'S REPORT: No report.

8. CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: No report.

#### 9. TREASURERS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORTS

The Treasurer was not at the meeting. The Financial Secretary reported that we have \$20,831.42 in the bank. We had receipts of \$999, minus expenses equaled income of \$509. Largest income was dues, largest expenses related to the free throw competition. We have 126 members, a net gain of two, and a net gain of one insurance member.

10. AUDITORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT: No report.

#### 11. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Joe Prampin first called Glenn Angel, Church Director, who said there is the North Texas Catholic Men's Conference coming up on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 8:00 a.m. It is a mix of speakers, Rosary,



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fellowship, a Mass and a Reconciliation. The website is <http://www.ntcmc.org>. We have another request for contribution from another Kolbe Prison Retreat, going on in June.

Joe Prampin said the Bingo at the Gardens went well: we had a good turnout of Knights but not many residents. The next one will be on May 17, which will be the last one for our fraternal year. Meals on Wheels, choir setup, the flag pole memorial, and various other events are coming up.

Jerry Dreher spoke about the choir setup, and passed around a signup sheet for the next three months. Our flag was torn due to extreme wind, so it has been replaced. The old one was repaired and is still usable, though faded. He handed out a sign up sheet for the Spring Creek Barbeque event. Whenever Sam's Club has anything they need to get rid of, they call Joe Semler, so he gets a lot of merchandise to distribute. They are delivering between 17-23 Meals on Wheels to a Section 8 apartment complex at Forest and Greenville.

Jim Massey reported that the Special Olympics will be the last weekend this month, in Cedar Hill.

Bob Fisher reported that we received a thank you card from Ronald McDonald House, at which we served 65 meals. There is an altar servers' appreciation event coming up on April 23. Bob suggested that we invite the 9:15 youth choir to come along as well. Bob Seegmiller noted that we invited them last year. This year it will be cheaper per person, so we should be able to invite more children.

The blood drive is on April 24, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will be signing up at all Masses the week before.

Family Director Chris Curto said that the Bingo on March 18 was pretty successful. We brought in \$695, minus expenses of \$250, for a net of \$445. The Men's Club's proceeds from the fish fry was only \$310.00. We basically break even on Bingo meals, and may consider raising the price, especially with having to pay \$200 for the parish center cleaning fee. The next Bingo is Saturday, April 30, and we will need lots of manpower.

Jim Massey inquired about billing the parish for setting up the dance floor.

Youth Director Bill Archer gave out free throw competition awards just prior to the meeting. Volunteers are also needed for the altar servers' appreciation outing.

The Grand Knight noted that Mark Goedecke, Bill Archer, and Ben McKeen have worked out a process for selecting our annual scholarship winners, which they will share with the council next month. This will involve working with the school and the Faith Formation folks, and will include a requirement that the recipient be a member of the parish. Joe Semler noted that one person got two scholarships last year, which he thought we should avoid this year.

Bob Seegmiller, Pro Life Director, reported that the Bishop's Pro Life Dinner is on April 16, and costs \$100 per seat, \$60 of which is tax-deductible. The featured guest this year is a Mexican actor and producer who is producing faith based films. Mother's Day is May 8, and we will be selling orchid corsages to benefit the White Rose, and will also have a baby shower to collect baby items (new items only) for the Bella House in Plano. He will be sending e-mails out about that, and will need two people before and after each Mass that weekend to help out. He ordered 150 orchids, and expects all Knights to buy one. We are also starting to plan for the Hike for Life in September.



Joe reported that we are hoping to set up a picnic for the summer, and that someone wants a ramp to be built at their home.

Joe Semler asked whether Habitat for Humanity through Helen Allison had asked us to make hamburgers for them this year (the bulletin says April 23), which we did this past year.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Grand Knight asked for unfinished business: there was none that had not already been discussed.

13. NEW BUSINESS

The Grand Knight asked for new business, and noted that we need to fill a slate of officers. He asked for those who want to be officers to let him know. Chris Curto reported that the Men's Club is still working on putting a grill at the Parish Center; he proposed that the council contribute 50% of the cost, up to \$5,000, which he did not think would cost that much. Estimates are from \$6,000 to \$10,000 total cost. The Grand Knight tabled the issue until the planning meeting.

Joe Prampin asked if the council would sponsor a ramp for an elderly couple (the Rylanders) in the parish for \$20.00 in materials. A discussion ensued about what would be involved in moving or creating the ramp. There is a ramp available that was installed for Marshall Kellar which could be moved, so no real cost may be involved.

We have received an invitation to one of our sponsored seminarian's ordination to the diaconate, which will be on Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. at the cathedral. Bob Seegmiller inquired whether we need to get him a gift. Derek Glatz believed that having a group go down for the ordination would be an effective demonstration.

14. REPORT OF THE FOURTH DEGREE: No report.

15. INSURANCE AGENT'S REPORT: No report.

16. WRAP-UP AND CLOSING

The Grand Knight read the names from the current sick and distressed list, and accepted additions. He asked for the Good of the Order. The Grand Knight then closed the meeting with a Hail Mary prayer and the closing ode: the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

