



# Knights of Columbus

## Fourth Degree St. Francis Assembly 2982

January 21, 2014 Meeting

### MINUTES

The meeting of the Fourth Degree St. Francis Assembly 2982 was called to order at 7:03 pm by Faithful Navigator SK Bob Nieman. All possessed current membership card.

**Opening Prayer:** was prayed

**Pledge of Allegiance:** was recited

**Opening Ode:** was sung

#### Roll Call of Officers:

Admiral	SK David Buick, Present
Captain	SK Jim Sigmon, excused
Color Corps Commander	SK Jim Kraus, Present
Comptroller	SK David Raeck, Present
Friar	Rev Fr SK Lawrence Delaney, excused
Navigator	SK Robert Nieman, Present
Pilot	SK Nick Kwiek, Present
Purser	SK Gary Brya, Present
Scribe	SK Mark Kraus, Present
Sentinel - Inner	SK Ted Courter, Excused
Sentinel - Outer	SK Frederick Strouse, Absent
One-Year Trustee	SK Ed Reed, Present
Two-Year Trustee	SK John Urbain, Present
Three-Year Trustee	SK Jim Kurt, Excused

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Jim Kraus made a motion to approve the December minutes. Dave Buick seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Navigator's Report: SK Bob Nieman

- HHS mandate challenges will be heard before the Supreme Court on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Annunciation. How fitting that this occurs on the solemnity of the conception of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We have been given rules for charitable giving from Supreme. I have a copy if you are interested in reviewing them. For example, one of the rules is to incur no

more than 25% cost for the money you donate. Another way is to say we must donate 75% of the money collected for the charity from the funds raised.

- March for life in Kalamazoo on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 10AM, march to Planned Parenthood 2.5 miles away (we'll be bused back), Color Call out! FYI – Parade permit was denied. We will still march in color and make a statement for life and that Catholic men support life!
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Accept the Challenge. Color Call out for Mass at 4PM. Encourage you to attend the event and encourage color to attend the call out.
- Respect Life dinner in Livonia, April 10<sup>th</sup>, (no time) Have a flyer
- Results of Operation Patriotism - Nativity scene purchased for Ft. Custer in Battle Creek. Photos are on the District 2 website.
- 2014 Operation Patriotism – Soliciting ideas.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree knights are the top of the top and we should be setting the example by recruiting new members to our councils. 1<sup>st</sup> degree, not only 4<sup>th</sup>, new knights. I have a report due to our WM to let him know how many new members our assembly recruited. Let's help our council out!
- Poor Claire Nuns in Alabama and the feast of Corpus Christi, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, color call out. Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. (check out the website and rent a house. Cheaper than hotel rooms)
- 2014 Provincial meeting in Cleveland, Kalahari resort, \$110/night. Last weekend in September, 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. New training curriculum.
- Major Degree, March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jackson.
- March Meeting – delegates for new Master voting. Our Worthy Admiral, SK Dave Buick, threw his name in the hat for consideration.

### **Membership:**

- Spring Exemplification is April 26<sup>th</sup> in Jackson. We have one candidate (need to speak to the officers about financial help). Do we have any others? There is a major degree in our area on the 26<sup>th</sup> in Fowler. We can get 1<sup>st</sup> degree Knights through and into the 4<sup>th</sup> in April. There will also be a 1<sup>st</sup> degree that day so you can even get everything complete this spring. Let's get out there and ask.
  - a. Piggy back on the statewide membership blitz Feb 8-9.
  - b. Need candidate numbers by mid-march

**Comptroller:** 93 total members, 15 life members, for 78 dues paying members. 57 have paid 21 have not paid to date.

### **Purser's Report:**

- savings account \$3548.41
- checking account: \$14601.04

### **Communications:**

- Coaches Charity Challenge on ESPN.com – votecoachbeilein.com to benefit St. Louis Center.
- Thank you note from Fr. Delaney

### **Upcoming events**

- Millionaire Party 1/23 – 1/26.
- Fr. Godez Valentine Party 2/18

### **Old Business**

1. St. Patrick's Day Party. Scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Jude. It will begin after 5:00 Mass. How extensive do we want it to be? Dinner for sure, do we want entertainment? What is that? Irish Dancer's? Music? Etc. We need to put together a committee to plan and execute the event.
2. Texas Hold 'Em lobbyist group bill of \$300. I recommend we pay the fee. Legislation changed to cut down days from 365 to 204 and charities from 3 to 1 for each event. We will probably see a reduction in events, but should still get some dates. Securing those dates will be a bit more difficult if we are not a member in good standing of MiCGA.
  - a. Discussion: These changes may have little detriment to our efforts. The pay-off to keep in good standing is worth the risk. Workers are needed from the council.
    - i. Motion to support paying the fee: Motion Joe Ciaramella support Gary Brya. Passed.
3. St. Patrick's Mass. After mass party discussion: Volunteers to plan this event are needed. Dinner after mass is the intent along with some entertainment.

### **New Business**

1. Ad Book. Need a motion to purchase an ad in the souvenir book. Patron Ad?
  - a. Discussion: In the past we have purchased full page ad (\$100). We also purchase a full page ad for Fr.
    - i. Motion to spend \$200 for ad by camo cap; Supported by Jim Kraus
2. Towels for the women's shelter (Hannah's House).
  - a. Discussion: Towels are needed. The House supports women who are Christian.
    - i. Motion to spend \$100 to purchase towels for the Hannah House raised by Mark Kraus supported by Nick Kwiek.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Report**

- Supreme has changed the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree event requirements. This can be conducted via DVD rather than a formal ceremony.
- Blanket drive is completed. Donated 60+ blankets to St. Vincents.
- Dinner and Movie was conducted to raise money for seminarians. This raised \$600+.
- Rosary coming up on 2 February 0800.
- Next meeting is 12 February.

**People Sick and in Distress:** Dave and Paula Buick, Nicholas Moody, Mary Ann Fedewa, Fr. Frank Williams, Fr. Stan Fedewa, Jerry Brocker, Mary Sigmon, Jim Sigmon, Tom Fabus, Gene Russell, John Quinnan's daughter, and the intentions of the St. Jude Prayer Line. Special intentions for the repose of the soul of PSD/FVSM James Fedewa, and LeRoy Witt who passed away late last month.

**Closing Prayer:** was prayed

**Closing Ode:** was sung

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm**