

Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fr. Joseph Boylan, Jr. Council #15175
January 4, 2011

The Council was called to order at 7:00 pm with 23 members plus the Field Agent , during the meeting 3 additional council members arrived and 1 council member left prior to the completion of the meeting.

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present; A – Absent):

Chaplain	P *	Financial Secretary	P	Inside Guard	P
Grand Knight	P	Treasurer	P	Outside Guard	P
Deputy Grand Knight	P	Lecturer	P	Trustee (Woodward)	P
Chancellor	P	Advocate	P	Trustee (Cook)	P
Recorder	P	Warden	P	Trustee (Nalewajka)	P

* attended late after attending another meeting.

The Opening Prayer was the “Our Father”.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present.

The minutes of the preceding meetings from December 7, 2010 and December 21, 2010 were read and approved by the members present.

The Financial Secretary reported as follows:

- A PO Box and a Tax Identification Number have been secured.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

- A checking account will be established in the next few days.

The following bills were read and referred:

- Bill from Supreme Council for \$27.50 for dues in arrears from 4 transferred members. Jeff Furler will contact these 4 members.

Communications read:

- A letter to Brother and District Deputy, Mike Tellman from John Fruin was read thanking him for his personal sacrifice of money, time and guidance in the formation of Fr. Joseph Boylan, Jr. Council #15175.

Financial Secretary’s report of receipts of meeting:

- Total amount, \$1,320, made up as follows: Dues, \$1,120; Special, \$200.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed of as follows:

- A nomination for Scott Plato to be Inside Guard was presented by Joe Klingler and 2nd by Kevin Cook. The members voted unanimously to approve the nomination.
- A nomination for Dan LaFayette to be Outside Guard was presented by Joe Klingler and 2nd by Kevin Cook. The members voted unanimously to approve the nomination.
- John Fruin distributed copies of the proposed Council #15175 By-laws to any member who did not have a copy. John Fruin led a discussion on the specific By-laws articles. Kevin Cook made a motion to accept the By-Laws as presented; the motion was 2nd by Tim Abel. The council members voted unanimously to accept the By-laws. John Fruin will submit the updated By-laws to the Supreme Council for approval.

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The following new business was brought up:

John Fruin, Grand Knight appointed the following Directors:

- Joe Klingler, Program Director
- Dan Lamboley, Membership Director
- Guy DiCiaula, Director of Community Activities
- Jim Woodward, Director of Council Activities

Joe Klingler lead a discussion on brainstorming for activities our council would like to work on. The activities for discussion at the next meeting are:

- Quarterly pancake/sausage breakfast
- Habitat for Humanity House
- Men's March in Peoria
- Adopt a Highway or portion of the Constitution trail
- Fishing derby
- Work the concession stand at a local sporting event to raise funds for the council
- Golf outing
- Appreciation ceremony for the parish volunteers – Parish Staff, Eucharistic Ministers, Teachers, Choir, Altar Servers, Lecturers, etc.
- Working the nursery on Mother's Day weekend
- Blood Drive
- Cub/Cardinal bus trip
- Card night
- Casino Night
- Parish help
 - Projects
 - Snow removal
 - Remembrance Garden
 - Etc.
- Free-throw contest
- Special Olympics volunteer
- Tootsie® roll drive
- Organize food after our meetings
- Group sporting event outing – hockey, indoor football, college basketball, baseball etc.

Jeff Furler will contact Jana Schopp, Family Life Coordinator at the Parish to see how we can help and not be perceived as infringing on the Family Life Activities Group.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- Explained his role and notified the council that just about all new members have been contacted to have the fraternal benefits explained to them. The Knight of Columbus flag is on backorder and hopefully will be in by the next meeting.

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Under Good of the Order:

- Jeff Furler discussed personal information for member which can be populated into a database to help with notification of birthdays, anniversary, phone numbers, number of children and ages a member may have that could be beneficial to the council when organizing different events. After discussion it was decided that Jeff will send an email or pass out a form to council members at a future meeting to solicit the information and populate the council database. Dan LaFayette added it would be a good idea to periodically provide the information so it is kept current.
- John Fruin provided dates of upcoming 2nd and 3rd degree ceremonies: January 30, 2011 – Springfield – with cost; February 20, 2011 – Utica – no cost; April 17, 2011 – Springfield – with cost. Field Agent Bramley indicated there usually is a 2nd and 3rd degree ceremony in Bloomington / Normal in the first part of 2011, but no local council has yet to establish a date. Joe Denman indicated we would likely have a better turn out if a ceremony was local.
- Scott Plato indicated a website has been established which is mobile friendly. Web address is www.kofc15175.org

Chaplain's summation:

Monsignor Jerry thanked the council for willingness to get involved and impressed with how far it has come in the few short months since starting. Explained having a Knights Council at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Merna has always been a dream since first coming to the parish.

Jim Woodward motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm the motion was 2nd by Jeff Lopez the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 18, 2011 Shamrock Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Luke Filosa, Recorder