

Father Louis A. Rowen Council #3670

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March 2008

Grand Knights Report

For the third month in a row, we did not have enough members present for a quorum at our business meeting. So, we were only able to discuss a number of topics that affected our council, but we could not act on them. I'm asking all the Brothers to make a special effort to attend our meetings. We need you to help run the council.

I want to thank all those who helped man the Wild Wing Concession stand at JPJ this year. We earned over \$5000 for that gig.

A membership blitz will occur over the March 29th-30th weekend. I'm asking each member to get two new prospects for our council.

Please consider running for an office in our council. Every Third and Fourth Degree Knight is eligible to hold office. Some of our current officers have been in their position for a number of years. It's time for new people to step up and take over. If you feel intimidated by the office, remember that the past office holder will be available for consultation.

In a News Release dated February 26, 2008, the Department of Veteran Affairs stated that military veterans who served in combat since Nov. 11, 1998, are now eligible for free medical care up to 5 years for most conditions from the Department of Veterans Affairs. (See Page 6).

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

General: That the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.

Mission: That Christians persecuted because of the Gospel in various parts of the world and in various manners may be sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness courageously and openly to the Word of God.

OFFICERS

Grand Knight - Joe Murray - 971-2737

Deputy G. K. - John Chiumento - 975-6474

CHANCELLOR - Tom O'Rourke - 244-2852

RECORDER - Dennis Koziol - 973-7806

TREASURER - David Gamache, Sr. - 980-2937

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Kelton Flinn - 296-6224

ADVOCATE - John Andrews - 977-0429

Lecturer - Bill Philips - 973-6726

WARDEN - Bob Marinchick - 823-4068

INSIDE GUARD - Ernest Sardi - 985-4180

Outside Guard - Mark Sissons - 973-1288

TRUSTEE ONE YEAR - Jim Morrisard - 973-6570

TRUSTEE TWO YEARS - John Kost - 293-7864

TRUSTEE THREE YEARS - Dennis Koziol - 973-7806

District Deputy - Robert Maher - 589-1170

Any Knight who is sick or in need of transportation to a doctor or to get medication, please contact Brother Joe Murray at 971-2737.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR NOTES:

April 2nd - Day of Remembrance & Healing for Cancer

PLEASE NOTE!

KOVAR

The KOVAR campaign will take place from April 17th through April 20th. Volunteers will be needed to solicit funds at various businesses in the Charlottesville area. Please call the Deputy Grand Knight, John Chiumento, to volunteer your time (normally 2 hour slices) at one of the designated places. It behooves us to volunteer since our goal, stated by the District Deputy, is \$3627.00. Tootsie rolls will be available to hand out to prospective donors. Please be generous with your time.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:
TBA**

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH:
TBA**

50/50 was won by
Phil Carr

Attendance Prize winner
was not drawn.

Deputy Grand Knight Report – John Chiumento

The DGK stated that for the last three meetings, he had a request from the Church of the Incarnation to provide funds in the amount of \$390.29, for purchase of picture frames to be presented as a memento to the First Communion Class. Because of a lack of a quorum, no action could be taken. So, he presented it to the council in the form of a motion to get it enacted upon at the next valid business.

Chancellor's Report – Tom O'Rourke

We have a catalog of Knights of Columbus materials. If you want to get any items, we should pool our requests since we can split the shipping charges and reduce our costs.

The Walk for Life 2008 for The Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at 9:00 AM at the Student Activities Building, UVA. See your local Church bulletin for more information.

Attended the funeral of Debra Dickinson, wife of Lew Stokes. Although both were blind, they were an inspiration to many because of their faith in God. As many as 26 of the 30 or so attendants, spoke of her impact on their lives.

Thanks to the Financial Secretary, we now have a funeral kit and instructions. Five members will say the Rosary. A Certificate of Condolence will be presented to the widow. If you are the lead at the funeral, the kits are available. See the Warden, he has the materials.

We have an Award for "Citizenship of the Year" to be presented to Collette Hall, wife of Brother Kelton Flinn. However, we have to wait for an auspicious occasion to make the presentation.

Are we getting our fair share of the money that we work hard for at the Wild Wings concession at JPJ? Financial Secretary, Kelton Flinn stated that in fact, we are. We took his word for it.

PACEM – Many of the Knights and their families provided care for the homeless by providing coffee and Danish at Holy Comforter prior to their being transported to one of the parishes, Incarnation, First Baptist, etc. where they received a warm bed for the night. This program ended on March 14th.

IMPACT – is composed of 28 congregations in the Charlottesville area that are looking to provide dental care and affordable housing for the area poor. Over 1900 activists met at UHALL on March 10th to persuade officials of Charlottesville and Albemarle County to fund these worthy endeavors. It was a great success.

Financial Secretary Report – Kelton Flinn

Receipts received this month included \$19.60 – PKD, \$150.00 - Dues, \$89.00 – Christmas Cards, and \$900.00 – JPJA. Total receipts = \$1158.60.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Gamache

- * Receipts include \$25.00 – Dues, \$3.65 – PKD, \$1500 – JPJ. Total \$1792.29
- * The balance in the checking account was \$10516.20.

Membership Chairman – Dave Gamache

A Membership Blitz will occur on the weekend of March 29 –30. All members are to ask at least two new prospects to join our council. Membership kits are available. It is also suggested that a membership drive be conducted at each parish after each Mass.

Trustee One Year Report – Jim Morrisard

Trustee, Jim Morrisard, wanted to amend his motion to change the amount of the donation to the youth of Incarnation for their trip to Washington from \$500.00 to \$1200.00. His rationale was that the youth worked for that money by helping the Knights man the Wild Wings concession at JPJ. The Chancellor seconded the motion. **See Motion 2 on Page 5. - Editor**

We need people to run for offices in the Council. If we do not get people to run, the current offices will be filled by the incumbent.

District Deputy’s Report – Bob Maher

A membership blitz will take place on the weekend of March 29 & 30. We need the reports on Form 100 and Prospect Cards.

The KOVAR campaign will take place on April 17th through 20th. The goal for Council #3670 is \$3627.00.

The “Our Lady of Charity” ICON will be here from April 12th through April 16th.

The Nominating Committee needs candidates for council officers by May 15.

The state convention will take place from April 2nd through April 4th.

The state basketball free throw competition is schedule for March 29th in Richmond.

The Virginia House of Delegates recognizes the Knights of Columbus Founders Day as March 29. We can view their motion on their web site at <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?081+ful+HJ451>.

Notes From The Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree meeting was held on Feb. 26th at St. Isidores. 28 of 140 members attended.

The next Exemplification will be conducted at St. Timothy’s in Chantilly, Va. On May 17th. Candidate cost are \$70.00, while a Ladies program is available for \$12.00. Housing is at the Springfield Suites for \$79.00 per night. Festivities start at Noon. There will be a Mass.

An April 6th social will be conducted with the Richmond contingent for \$10.00 per person. It will be held at St. Michael’s on Springfield Road. Activities start at 3:00PM. Dress is casual.

The Councils reported that they participated in Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross.

The next meeting will be March 25 at St. Thomas with dinner at 6:45 PM.

Rick Dossett is taking orders for 4th Degree white short sleeve shirts, with or without pockets. Call 540-967-0842 and give size.

Special Notice – Nat Long sent a note that he has been sick and nobody visited him. He thinks that the only time he hears from us is when dues come up. He’s a member of our Council – 3670.

REMEMBER

The “Our Lady of Charity” ICON will arrive at our Council on April 12, 2008. It will be with us for 4 days before leaving for St. Thomas on April 16. Since our Council represents four parishes, we must determine which parish will host the ICON and hold our Prayer Service.

We have booklets on “The Catholic Teaching on Annulment”. If you know of anyone in need of this type of guidance, please contact Tom O’Rourke for a booklet.

Good Of The Order

Please pray for:

Sylvia Murray, Father Carl Naro, Peter Colo, E. T. Cason
Mark Sissons, John Cornachio, Father Richardson, Darwin Pologruto
Nat Long

Meetings

Our next meeting is April 21st. Rosary at 7:15 PM, Business meeting at 7:30 PM.

Third Degree – Saturday, April 12th, in Stafford, VA. Council #6175 presiding. Contact them for details.

Other Items

Ed Griffin, who is the Knights of Columbus coordinator for Fridays after Five, dropped by at the March 17th meeting to inform us that he would need the FAF volunteer list by Wednesday of the week we are scheduled to work. It's a major change from last year.

Remember, we have a new insurance agent in our district – Colin Kearney who belongs to St. Francis of Assisi Council #690, in Staunton. Call him if you need insurance.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MEETING MINUTES

These notes were excerpted from the March 17th meeting minutes.

For the third month in a row, there were not enough members in attendance to constitute a quorum. So no business could be finalized. But, the District Deputy pointed out that business items could be discussed and relayed to the council members through the “Newsletter” so they could be voted on at the next valid meeting.

Because of this continued lack of a quorum, the Deputy Grand Knight suggested that our Council #3670 should pursue merging with St. Thomas Aquinas Council #11324 in order to provide more attendance at meetings, and a greater pool of resources for manning Fridays After Five and the Wild Wings concession at JPJ. Trustee John Kost stated two reasons why this was not possible: 1). The State Deputy wants each Parish to have its own K of C Council, and 2). St. Thomas's Council is a “College Council” which is preferred by both State and Supreme councils. The DGK then opined that because of a lack of priests, a merge of parishes might happen in the future precipitating a merge in councils. However, the DD reiterated that the Rules and Regulations prevent us from merging with a “College Council”. The Warden pointed out that when we ask for volunteers to staff FAF and JPJ Wild Wings concession we do get enough people to effectively provide the required services, and earn the money for our charitable works. But our visitor, Ed Griffin from Council #11475 remarked that **if members don't come to the meetings, we can't provide our charities with needed funds since we don't have a quorum to conduct business.**

Unfinished Business

The “Our Lady of Charity” ICON will arrive at our parish on April 12 from St. Peter & Paul Council #11475. Then we are supposed to deliver the ICON to St. Thomas Aquinas Council #11324 on April 16. The DGK asked the DD what provisions are being made to expedite the exchange. The DD will coordinate the transfer through e-mail with the respective Grand Knights, or their representative.

MOTIONS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

1. At the February 18th meeting, DGK John Chiumento requested \$500 for the youth group to support their trip to Washington D.C. A motion to provide the funding was requested by Trustee Jim Morrisard and seconded by the Chancellor, but it could not be voted on by the Council because a quorum was not present.
2. At the March 17th meeting, Trustee, Jim Morrisard, wanted to amend his motion to change the amount of the donation to the youth of Incarnation for their trip to Washington from \$500.00 to \$1200.00. ***His rationale was that the youth worked for that money by helping the Knights man the Wild Wings concession at JPJ.*** The Chancellor seconded the motion. *During the discussion, the Warden opposed the motion since the Washington trip is only one function at Incarnation. Others include support for the trip to the Catholic Youth Conference, normally \$500; and support for the First Communion Class with their request. This year they require about \$390.00 for memorabilia. The Warden thinks that \$500.00 is the correct donation for the Washington trip.*
3. DGK John Chiumento made a motion to provide the Church of the Incarnation \$390.29 for Photo frames to be given as memento to the First Communion class. The motion was seconded by the Warden. The motion will be voted upon at the next valid business meeting.

PROPOSALS

The following proposals were presented to the council by Tom O'Rourke at the January 21st meeting. As far as the Editor knows, none of the proposals were moved to a motion and seconded. We should be able to get this done at the next meeting.

1. It has been proposed that instead of the Warden leading the Rosary before the meeting, 5 members of the council be chosen each to lead one decade of the Rosary.
2. It has been proposed that the council establish a kit of 5 Rosary beads and 5 cards on how to say the Rosary, for use at funerals. A Certificate of Condolence should also be made available. The Grand Knight or His Designee shall administer the presentation.
3. It has been proposed that council establish a kitty of Rosary beads for use by members prior to the meeting. To encourage carrying your own beads, a fee of 25 cents should be levied for their use. The money garnered should be used to purchase more. The Inside Guard should administer this program.

Peake: Honoring Commitment to Newest Combat Veterans

WASHINGTON – Military veterans who served in combat since Nov. 11, 1998, including veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, are now eligible for five years of free medical care for most conditions from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This measure increases a two-year limit that has been in effect nearly a decade.

“By their service and their sacrifice, America’s newest combat veterans have earned this special eligibility period for VA’s world-class health care,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake.

The five-year deadline has no effect upon veterans with medical conditions related to their military service. Veterans may apply at any time after their discharge from the military -- even decades later -- for medical care for service-connected health problems.

The new provision, part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 signed by President Bush on Jan. 28, 2008, applies to care in a VA hospital, outpatient clinic or nursing home. It also extends VA dental benefits -- previously limited to 90 days after discharge for most veterans -- to 180 days.

Combat veterans who were discharged between Nov. 11, 1998 and Jan. 16, 2003, and who never took advantage of VA’s health care system, have until Jan. 27, 2011 to qualify for free VA health care.

The five-year window is also open to activated Reservists and members of the National Guard, if they served in a theater of combat operations after Nov. 11, 1998 and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

Veterans who take advantage of this five-year window to receive VA health care can continue to receive care after five years, although they may have to pay co-payments for medical problems unrelated to their military service. Co-payments range from \$8 for a 30-day supply of prescription medicine to \$1,024 for the first 90 days of inpatient care each year.

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Do Not Forward