Dear Brother Knights,

I apologize for this late newsletter and calendar. The Holy week and the trip to West Virginia by fellow Knights (Purely coincidental an noted after arriving) Father Jim, Robbie McCarty, Jim Kitchens, Tim Homier, Lou Connelly, New Member Rob Slocum, Gary Winters, Ryan Trouten, and me has not allowed the time to do this as promptly as I should.

I wish all of you could have come to West Virginia with our High school youth group. It was not only a lot of work, but what a spiritual trip. Not only in witnessing the great needs of the people of this area, but witnessing the true spiritual awareness and understanding of our Lord by the youth on the trip. I came away from this trip with not only a physical soreness but with such an open heart searching to be as open to serving our Lord as the youths were. If any of you had kids on trip, I have to say you have all done a great job in showing them the way of the Lord and the knowledge of our Catholic faith.

Some great news was announced to K of C members worldwide in the last few weeks. Father Michael J McGivney was given the status of venerable by the Pope. This is truly great news in the hope and forward progress in the process that Father McGivney will one day be declared a Saint. Also we are all excited for the Pope's visit to the US during the week of the 14th. We need to all pray for the success of his message and visit to our country.

Some council news and business needs to be discussed. First we will be looking for a few good 3rd degree members to lead our council next year. Please if you are asked, do not say you are to busy. Say yes and make this commitment work. We need new blood, new ideas, and new energy to make this council the best it can be. We have Father Jim's commitment and energy as our foundation and we need to support him. So please let's look at our lives and make room to serve our Lord through the involvement of the Knights in our parish.

Secondly we are sending out Knight Alerts to members who have not paid there dues and a call will follow very soon. Please pay your dues or let us know of the need for help or schedule a payment plan. All we need to do is work out our commitments.

Calling all 1st degree Knights. You have a chance to complete your 2nd and 3rd degree here in Fort Wayne at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel. Event usually starts at 11:30AM for sign up and lasts till about 4-5 PM. You will even get fed after-words. This is an awesome step to Knighthood and should be done by all. So if you have been waiting for that perfect time, why wait any longer. Contact Chris Keefer to sign up and find out more details.

Lastly please look at calendar closely for upcoming events. Your help and dedication to the success of the event is much needed. I hope to see all of you at one of these events. God bless all of you for your continued support of our council as we serve the Lord through our acts and deeds.

We are in need of a chair person for the Tootsie Roll drive coming up on May 9th and 10th. Please call Chris Pozorski if you are interested.

Have a blessed month fellow brother Knights

Chris Pozorski
Grand Knight
Father Solanus Casey Council 11276

Minutes
Business Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2008
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall

- Meeting called to order by Grand Knight Chris Pozorski at 7:38 p.m.

- Opening prayer ("Our Father") offered by Grand Knight; Pledge of Allegiance recited

- Officers in attendance:
  - Grand Knight
  - Chancellor
  - Recorder
  - Financial Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Warden
  - Inside Guard

- February 2008 minutes read & corrected to note that Supreme is actually taking over Seton building debt; unanimously approved as read & corrected

- Membership Applications:
  - No new applications
  - Sean Miles has gone through 1st Degree exemplification

- Grand Knight Report
  - There are (51) members w/ outstanding dues; phone calls will be made to remind; ideas also offered re: web searches and the like for out-of-town members to verify status and intentions
  - Pope Benedict has declared Fr. Michael McGivney as "venerable", the next step toward canonization
  - State is at 81% of "Circle of Honor" goal of (900)
  - State shows membership of 11276 as (159), 11276 records shoe (176)
  - Fr. Jim has been unavailable to discuss membership blitz; ideas from Council members are welcome
  - 1st Degree exemplifications will be held on 4/7 at Council 451 and 5/7 at St. Vincent's
  - 2nd/3rd Degree exemplification will be held on 5/4 at Council 12379 (St. Joseph Hessen Cassel)
  - Per Pope's visit, new members will receive a certificate and new member proposers will receive a pin, commemorating Pope's visit, through April
  - Thank you to all who assisted w/ the Fish Fry and Show Choir competition

- Treasurer Report

- "Balance is greater than it was before"

- Receipts:
  - Fish Fry = $5,076.00

- Treasurer's Deposit = $719.92

- Bills
  - Country Chef (fish fry) = $3,259.60
  - Grand Knight (fish fry) = $125.03
  - Grand Knight (fish fry) = $8.18
  - Supreme = $20.17
  - Omega Engraving = $48.25
  - Raffle tickets = $385.00
  - Gibault Hat (4/07 – 2/08) = $306.73
  - SOS = $1,712.00
  - Poster Contest = $75.00
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  - Communications
  - "Thank you" letters from (2) Helping Hands recipients
  - "Thank you" letter provided by Treasurer from Children's Hope House *(already read into minutes at previous meeting; now providing letter)*; #11276 donated $500.00 in 2007 from Valentine's Day Dance receipts

- Financial Secretary's Report
  - 70% of members have paid their dues; 30% have not paid
  - (43) 2nd Notices were mailed on 2/27/08; (8) returned; (2) withdrawals; (1) transfer; (17) out-of-state did not receive notices; out-of-state mailings have not been returned
  - Per Lee Rademaker, Allen County Public Library has a way of finding people if they have a phone number
  - Discussion re: how to best locate unfound members and still not spend too much money while also adhering to Supreme's rules

- Committee Reports
  - Church – coffee & donuts will be on 04/13 after 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses
  - Community – Highway 14 cleanup will be on Saturday morning, 04/19

- Unfinished Business
  - Gary Winters moved to donate $200.00 to the "Academic Super Bowl" per last month's presentation and discussion; vote was called and the motion passed unanimously

- Grand Knight reported that the Fish Fry was a success, though not as good a turnout as in past years; guarantee was (850), sold (7__); contract had (50) dinner leeway either direction
  - $4,899.00 = Total sales
  - $3,259.60 = Country Chef bill
  - $_133.21 = GK receipts
  - $1,506.19 = Net profit
    - $110 = 50/50 raffle proceeds ($55.00 donated back to Council by anonymous Brother Knight who won)
    - $_47.00 = nut sale proceeds by Easy-G
    - $157.00 = Easy-G proceeds
    - $377.00 = 20% of Fish Fry net profit to Easy-G
    - $534.00 = total to Easy-G for West Virginia trip
- 4th Degree on 04/13 in Merrillville
- Garrett, Council #1790: 3rd Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble on 06/14/08

- New Business
  - Gibault is renovating
    - Furnace needs replacing in building that has K of C museum in it
    - Gym needs new floor – is 50 years old
    - These (2) projects will cost $37,000.00; Councils can sponsor holes at Gibault golf tournament
    - Craig Baker asked about SOS funds being used for this , but this money is presented at State Annual Meeting
    - Gibault hat passed; tonight's Gibault collection = $26.00
  - Kevin Custis asked about what our donation requests are and where we are donating; Treasure and Financial Secretary will provide details at next business meeting
  - Discussion re: numerous golf outings and how to get word out for members who would like to participate
  - Lee Rademaker moved to donate $200.00 to Gibault*(per 11276 rules, must wait for next moth to vote on this)*
  - 04/27/08 is State Convention – need an Alternate and Delegate to join Chris Pozorski and Chris Scheer; Rich Laudeman volunteered to go, tentatively, based on availability
  - Notre Dame Council #1477 has requested participation (donation) for "John Paul Scholarships" for Summer, 2008 for high school students
    - Purpose is to assist in discerning God's calling in their lives
    - Scholarship application available if 11276 knows anyone
    - Will pass on to Robbie McCarty to see if he knows anyone who might be appropriate
  - Greg Diss passed out "11th Hour" boxes and reported on Pro-Life activities
    - Greg has 10,000 boxes to distribute to all (160) Councils ion State
    - Gabriel Project has 1 22' x 10' billboard poster that needs a frame built for Convention display; maybe Council could work on it at 04/01 meeting
    - Local Knight, Bob Hartenstein running for State Advocate; Bob is not allowed to discuss his candidacy but others can and Greg is doing this in our area
    - 4/01 meeting will be a work session to work on poster frame and box distribution

- Gary Winters voted to donate $200.00 to "Bob Hartenstein for State Advocate"; motion seconded by Gary Jaeckle; will be voted on at next business meeting
- Greg will be on Redeemer Radio (SharAthon) on 04/23; please call in
- Gary Jaeckle moved, Rich Burton seconded, to donate $200.00 to Redeemer Radio SharAthon

- Good of the Order
  - Tony Schortgen – knee surgery
  - Larry Wilson – overall health

- Closing prayer, "Hail Mary", offered by Grand Knight

- Meeting adjourned by Grand Knight

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Laudeman, Recorder
Council #11276