
Knights of Columbus • Father Solanus Casey Council #11276
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton • Fort Wayne, IN

Dear Brother Knights,

Lent is such a wonderful season for us to grow in our faith! It reminds all of us that we all need to do so much more to live up to our Lords sacrifice, by giving more of ourselves everyday. That is why I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES to lead the way and take part in the Parish Mission activities scheduled for March 3, 4, and 5th. Wear your shirts to let the parish know we support our parish faith activities. See Bulletin for more details. Our regularly scheduled business meeting has been moved to March 18th to enable all of us to attend, so do not waste this opportunity to grow in your faith. Then I ask all of you and your families to attend the K of C Rosary, with intentions for all life and the unborn, at 7:30 PM, Friday, March 7th in the Daily mass chapel.

Brother Knights, as your Grand Knight it has been my job to lead our council in support our faith, church, priests, community, each other, and your families. This is a position that I have enjoyed and will continue to do to my full ability till the end of June this year. We will soon be looking for a few good men to move up/into the ranks of our council to lead us into the future here at St. Elizabeth's. I will continue to be very active but it is time for some of our new and old blood to step up and continue our energetic and faithful journey here in the Father Solanus Council 11276. So if you have any thoughts about making a difference in our council by being an officer and would like to learn more please call me at 459-0800 before April 1st. I would be glad to set up a meeting to discuss officer's duties. Our Nomination committee will need to provide names for each office at the first business meeting in April for a vote in May. So please consider getting involved as a council officer. The only requirement is that you are 3rd degree member and willing to make all or as many business meetings as possible for one year.

March is our National Membership Blitz month. We have not set a date for our weekend Blitz yet, but we all need to invite fellow Catholic men to join our ranks to serve our Lord. Remember that bringing in a new member to our council makes a difference. Ask that person today to become a Knight! Contact Chris Keefer (625-6636) for information or forms.

Please remember our lifeblood is having members in good standing. **On Feb 10th I received a list of 62 of our brothers that have not paid 2008 dues** from our Financial Secretary. I am not sure that all of you realize the financial strain you put on the council in not paying your dues. We have to pay Supreme and State fee's regardless if you pay or not. We also have to send out second notices and call each one of you. This amount of expense and time is quite substantial for each member that is not current or never pays there dues. This has to come out of operating and our good works budget. Remember you did make a promise at one time to keep your dues current. As a Catholic gentleman please do not go back on this word. Please send your dues in today if you haven't done so already. Thirty dollars per year is such a small fee to support our faith thru the works of our Knights. If you are having hardship at this time please give me a call. I promise that I will keep all information shared confidential and as Catholic gentleman we will not let fellow Knights in need down. I would like everyone to remember that even if you can't make many events your dues assist the Supreme, State and our council to do good works for our faith. So everyone's dues do make a difference.

We still need one man to step-up and volunteer for our Council Activities Director. This position involves is important for planning and organizing several council activities a year. For more details please call me at 459-0800.

Brothers please take the time and volunteer for several of our activities coming up next month. First we need at least 8 men to help with parking vehicles at Bishop Luers on Saturday, March 8th. This is a K of C District 13 activity. (Please call Chris Pozorski 459-0800 to volunteer) Lastly we have Coffee and donuts weekend after 7:30 and 9:30 mass. Just show up after masses to help.

God Bless you and your families
Chris Pozorski
Grand Knight

Minutes
Business Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2008
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall

- Meeting called to order by Grand Knight Chris Pozorski at 7:30 p.m.
- Opening prayer offered by Chaplain; Pledge of Allegiance recited
- (19) members in attendance
- Officers in attendance:
 - Chaplain
 - Grand Knight
 - Deputy Grand Knight
 - Chancellor
 - Recorder
 - Treasurer
 - Warden
 - Inside Guard
 - Outside Guard
 - Trustee (3rd Yr.)
- Presentation by “Academic Super Bowl” representative from Bishop Luers
 - Sample questions and answers presented and answered by membership
 - Discussion and presentation of “Bowl” costs and other support materials needed
 - Each year app. (40) students compete for spots on team
 - Last year, Luers took 1st in all subjects; Math team took 3rd at State
 - “Bowl” involves individual students from across all disciplines & interests – academics, sports, etc.
 - Request was made for donation from #11276 to Bishop Luers for materials or other assistance in exchange for work by students
 - Request also made for prayers for team
- January 2008 minutes read; unanimously approved as read
- Membership Applications:
 - (1) transfer; Jim Reed; unanimously approved
- Grand Knight Report
 - Per Supreme:
 - March Membership Blitz coming up; #11276 will work w/ Father Jim
 - Thanks to all for help on Pancake Breakfasts
 - Rosary for the Unborn in chapel on 1st Friday of March, 3/07

- Grand Knight Report (*cont'd.*)
 - Coffee & Donuts, 1st Communion Breakfast and Lenten Fish Fry all coming up next week
 - “500 Point” certification has been increased to 1,000 points
 - New call tree format was tried for Pancake Breakfasts notifications; www.callingpost.com; will be used for Fish Fry notifications, also
- Chaplain Report
 - Parishioners talking about Knights of Columbus; #11276 receiving “good, positive vibes”
- Treasurer Report
 - Checking account balance = \$6,442.81
 - Christmas Food Drive Fund = \$545.52
 - Trustees’ Emergency Fund = \$111.25
 - Shroud Fund = \$6.15
- 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
- Committee Reports
 - Program
 - Program Committee consists of (5) subcommittees: Community, Council; Church; Family; Youth
 - Youth:
 - Substance Abuse Poster Contest & church grounds cleanup are current projects
 - 25% of Fish Fry proceeds will go toward Easy-G West Virginia trip
 - Family: should be 5 events/year
 - Golf dome, bowling offered as examples
 - Something w/ food is always good idea
 - Len suggested chili cook-off
- Unfinished Business
 - Signs are being prepared for #11276 Adopt-a-Highway of St. Rd. 14; should be placed soon
 - 1st and 2nd/3rd Degree exemplifications scheduled in numerous locations over next few months; 4th Degree in Merrillville on 4/12 (registration due by 4/02)
 - Golf tournament and other events are listed on State website
 - Lee Rademaker asked about dues notices; per Grand Knight, 2nd notices are going out; Lee volunteered to make calls if necessary; per Grand Knight, may need to employ a service or such to follow K of C procedures and find out status of certain members

- New Business
 - Jim Reed stated his new employer has a guest speaker available if #11276 should need one
 - Gary Winters moved that #11276 donate \$200.00 to Academic Super Bowl; per Council guidelines, will be voted on at next meeting
 - “Virginia Howe” requested donation for “Hunger Walk”(?); need more detail & information
 - Bishop Luers Show Choir Competition is on 3/08; need (8) Knights, (2) each for (4) shifts; Grand Knight passed around signup sheet
 - Grand Knight passed around signup sheet for 1st Communion pancake breakfast
 - Coffee & Donuts will be held on 3/16
 - Craig Baker asking for donations for Eagle Scout projects; details to follow
 - Lee Rademaker asked about Shroud exhibit
 - Per Alex Fiato
 - Brownsburg, IN will get Shroud for Southern Indiana tour
 - Baltimore will get Shroud exhibit in February
 - Wisconsin will get portable exhibit or truck; TBD
 - Len asked about activity reports re: Shroud; per Alex, these are being prepared
 - 4th Degree meeting on 2/12 at #451
 - 4th Degree hours for 2007 = (66) funeral home honor guard; (353) church; (71) community; (2) youth; (31) miscellaneous
 - Per Father Jim, Diocese has put up \$3M for Parish Expansion; debt will be turned over to #11276 soon; payments will be \$60K – 80K/month
- Insurance Agent
 - Ed Eckersoll discussed upcoming product change
 - Long-Term Care now available to 30-year olds; age reduced due to significant interest; both Knight and spouse can use plan
 - Ed asked whether or not we still wanted “Permanent Financing...” signs in place
 - If not, Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger could use them as they have projects using \$15 – 18M from Diocese
 - Consensus was if signs could do good at Luers and Dwenger, they should get them
- District Deputy
 - Tim Sorg noted:
 - Luers competition has support of all (6) Councils in District 13
 - Need (8) Knights from each Council, daytime shifts into evening
 - K of C has ad in program
 - Knights should wear K of C clothing
 - Happy to see #11276 using callingpost.com, which has been successful for all councils using it
 - All 1st Degree exemplifications in 2008 will be in honor of Pope Benedict; names of new members will go into book to be presented to Pope when he visits U.S.; proposer of new member will receive a medallion
 - Eagle Scout certificates available from Supreme
 - Free Throw Tournament: District on 2/10 at St. Aloysius; Regional on 2/17 at St. Vincent’s

- Thanks to Father Jim for his support of Council #11276
- Council 11276 is one of the strongest councils in the District, if not the State –
“Congratulations”

- Gibault hat passed

- Good of the Order
 - Michelle Davis – 4th stage cancer
 - Jerry Hilker – quadruple bypass
 - Len’s daughter, Angela
 - Gary Winters’s friend – passed away

- Closing prayer, “Hail Mary”, offered by Chaplain

- Meeting adjourned by Grand Knight at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Laudeman, Recorder
Council #11276