



*Cardinal Dougherty Assembly #913
Knights of Columbus*

*Officers & Conclave Meeting
March 7, 2012*

Faithful Navigator called this meeting to order at: 2003 Hr

Prayer was led by: SK Dan Eury, PFN

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: SK Joseph Caromano, PFN, FST

Officers & Trustees

Faithful Friar -	SK Rev. Dennis Weber	Present
Faithful Friar Emeritus-		
Faithful Assoc Friar -	SK Rev. Pierre Benson	Excused
Faithful Navigator -	SK Benjamin Linowski Jr.	Excused
Faithful Captain -	SK Donald Masse	Excused
Faithful Pilot -	SK Jamar Hill	Present
Faithful Admiral -	SK Charles H. Cunningham, PFN	Present
Faithful Comptroller-	SK John J. Cruice, Jr, PFN	Present
Faithful Purser -	SK Michael Twigg	Present
Faithful Scribe -	SK Neal L. Pizzano	Present
Faithful Inner Sentinel -	SK Joseph S. Paoletti	Present
Faithful Outer Sentinel -	SK Michael L. Vecchione	Present
Faithful Trustee 1yr -	SK James E. Smith, PFN	Present
Faithful Trustee 2yr -	SK Thomas F. Valent , PFN	Excused
Faithful Trustee 3yr -	SK George N. Closs, PFN	Excused

Chairmen

Admin Assistant:	SK George Closs III, PFN	E
Arrangements and Chair Companion:		
Attendance:	SK Gerald Szper	P
Awards:	SK Hassell Mitchell	P
Budget:	SK Richard Dan Eury, PFN	P
BY-Laws Chairman	SK Patrick J. McFadden, PFN	E
Boosters/ Newsletter:	SK Gerald D. Paradis, PFN	E
Catholic Activities:	OPEN	
Chalice Guard:	SK A. J Herr	E
	SK Michael Vecchione	P
	SK Buzz Kelly	E
	SK Rick Megaro	E
Corps Commander:	SK Thomas F, Valent, PFN	E
Dinner Dance:	SK Donald Masse	E
Editor:	SK Thomas F. Valent	E
Historian:	SK Robert Burke	P
Investment Committee:	SK Peter J, Driscoll, PFN	E
Membership:	SK Gerald Dugan	P
Memorials/ Bibles:	SK Joe Caromano, PFN, FST	P
Officers Dinner Meeting:	SK Joseph Paoletti	P
	SK Gerald Paradis, PFN	E
	SK Buzz Kelly	E
Parliamentarian:	SK Samuel O, Brown, PFN, FSW	E
PFN`s :	SK Joe Caromano, PFN, FST	P
	SK Jack Horan, PFN	E
Patriotic Observance:	SK Donald C. Wells	P
Pro Life:	SK A.J Herr	E
	SK Peter J. Driscoll, PFN	E
Publicity:	OPEN	
Retention/Membership:	SK Jack Cruice, jr, PFN	P
Sick/Visitation:	SK Joel Chanitz	E
To Be a Patriot:	SK Neal Pizzano	P
Vocation/RSVP:	SK James J. Armbruster	E
Youth Program :	SK Charles Cunningham, PFN	P
Web Page:	SK George Closs III, PFN	E

Note: Meeting ran by SK Charles Cunningham, PFN

Faithful Friar Report: Brought up concerns that address who we are as 4th Degree Knights. The HHS mandate to force abortion costs onto those who morally oppose such actions is at question, noting the violation of the 1st Amendment. Rev. Weber mentioned that we need to support the Bishops. There will be a rally on March 23, from 12:00 to 1:00PM on Independence Mall for Religious Freedom.

Motion to waive reading of minutes from previous meeting were approved by voice vote. The motion was made by SK Robert Burke and Seconded by SK Joseph Paoletti. Approved by Assembly

Bills & Communications: No Bills

1 Communication from the Master. Notice to the Bi-annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 22 at the Lancaster Host Farms Convention Center in Lancaster. Doors open at 1 PM for Registration, Meeting starts at 2 followed by a light buffet. Main purpose is to select 3 nominations for the position of the Master. Our Assembly has the Faithful Navigator, 11 Delegates, and 12 Alternates. We only nominated 15 at last months meeting. Charge is \$5 per person for the meal that follows the meeting.

Faithful Comptroller / Membership: Please see FN's copy for details.

For the month of February for Dues/memorials/Donations: \$1266 turned over to the Purser. \$300 for the Dinner Meeting, \$1750 for the Dinner Dance Tickets, and \$16 for the 50/50. (All other Dinner Dance Monies will go in March's Report).

Membership: (As of February 1 st) Total membership 1,084. 53 are Honorary, 322 are Honorary Life, 8 are Disabled, 2 withdrawals from the 3rd Degree. Suspensions and Arrears are both down.

Motion to accept the report was made by SK Robert Burke and Second made by SK Dan Eury, PFN. Approved by Assembly.

Faithful Purser: Please see FN's copy for details. Total account balance \$10,088.55
Motion made to accept by SK Michael Vecchione and Second made by SK Jamar Hill.
Approved by Assembly.

Committee Reports

Admin Assistant: No Report.

Arrangements and Chair Companion: Attendance: 20 Sir Knights in attendance.

Awards: No Report.

Budget: No Report. Note that due to our reduction in membership dues, we are under funded for our budget. We have a budget scheduled for \$17k but only have \$14k in incoming dues. 95% of our budget is already accounted for so we do not have much available for requests for donations.

Boosters/Newsletter: No Report.

By-Laws: No Report.

Catholic Activities: No Report.

Chalice Guard: Five (5) SKs went to their eternal reward. Robert Thomas Fawley from Council #11051- no request from family, John "Jack" McKenna III, Council #4129 request unable to be filled, William Lines, Council #4518 - 1 SK in attendance, Anthony Pileggi, Council #242 - 4 SKs in attendance, & James Cattafesta, Council #11051 Funeral to be held Monday, March 12.

Corps Commander: No Report.

Dinner Dance: Follow-up: SK Jamar Hill – Ad Book. A few ads still need to be collected, but was successful. Patron Chairman SK Joe Paoletti: Boosters, a total of 41 names, of which 39 were paid for a total of \$195. So far, money has been collected from 38 with one outstanding. Dinner Reservations Chairmen SK Michael Vecchione and SK Neal Pizzano: 87 were in attendance for dinner, (89 the year before) for a total of \$3,350. \$100 still outstanding for a grand total of \$3,450.

Complaints came in that the Crab Cakes were cold. Most everyone said the Filet was good, however there was at least one person who said their Filet (and entire plate) was cold. Hors d'ouerves were excellent.

Newsletter Editor: No Report - Copies handed out.

Historian: Pictures of the Dinner Dance have been given to Jack and another disk given to Neal for the Web. I also have a set for the scrapbook.

Investment Committee: No Report

Membership: Went to Peace Council and received 6 applications. Paperwork has been mailed to all councils. The councils are beginning to ask for Form 4's.

Memorials & Bibles : I am up to date with only a few letters to get out for the recent deaths. Next month I will present a list of deceased since July. I have a memo to send out letters for 10 names for RSVPs. I have another memo for 2 donation to charities. I have a note about one written in Sept. for 2 memorials, but have lost track of them. I am not sure if checks were issued. Next meeting I will bring a report on all memorials for this year and the moneis paid up.

Note: SK Rick Megaro on the day after, will email Sk Joe Caromano with next of kin info.

Officers & Chairmen Dinner Meeting: 14 SK for dinner tonight, \$280 turned in.

List of Officers for 2012-2013 Fraternal Year: (elections in May)

Faithful Navigator -	SK Donald Masse
Faithful Captain -	SK Jamar Hill
Faithful Pilot -	SK Joseph Paoletti
Faithful Admiral -	SK Ben Linowski
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Parliamentarian: No Report.

PFN`s: Navigator weekend at the shore took place at the end of January. It was not successful; only 17 couples and they did not like hotel. Looking for someone to take over setting up the weekend including finding a new venue.

Patriotic Observance: We have the honor to recognize the oldest member of the Order of the Knights of Columbus Paul Gleason, who has been a member for 82 years.

Pro Life: No Report

Publicity: No Report

Retention & Membership: No Report.

Sick & Visitation: No Report.

To Be a Patriot: Mentioned HONORFLIGHT Philadelphia date is April 14. First and foremost looking for persons to be present to wave flags for the return of the veterans at 6 PM at Giuseppe's restaurant in Edgemont on Rt 3. I will be present in WWII Uniform. Also, still looking for Guardians. A note was submitted to the trustees to consider supporting 1 or 2 "Vet & Guardian" groupings. \$500 per grouping.

Website update: Asked Chairs to take charge of their program. Check out the web site. Photos are on the Web. AJ Herr – Pro-Life Chair, Joel Chanitz – Sick & Visitation Chair, and To Be A Patriot Pages are represented and have links. Called upon other Chairs to submit details on their Programs. Also asked Faithful Friar to place a message on the website as our Spiritual Leader.

Vocation & RSVP: No Report (Considering next RSVP in May).

Youth Program: Youth Program in association with Chorpus Christi Parish in Landsdale took place in September but I will be contacting them in order to see if we can work something out, maybe with a more local Parish.

Request for applications to be read: 1 transfer: Alvin J Welk from Council #4129
Motion Made to accept the transfer by SK Joe Paoletti, Seconded by SK Robert Burke.
Approved by members

12 applications were read; 4 for the second time and 8 for the first time.

1st time -Robert Ensenski #4518; Ronald Lebetore #4518; Richard Boyier #4518; Marty Flatler #4518; Timothy Cline #4518; Andy Grinaldi #4518; all proposed by Vincent Scully. Thomas Kissler #13710; Harry Stupchek #13710, both proposed by Gerry Dugan.

2nd time –Christopher Murray, Gregory Monday, Raymond Leonard Neweiner, and Wallace Burnell all from #8252 sponsored by SK Don Wells.

Motion made to accept the readings by SK Dan Eury and seconded by SK Charles Cunningham.

Motion made to accept by SK Joe Paoletti and Seconded by SK Joe Caromano.
Approved by members.

Membership Transfer to be read : See above

Web Site: See Comments under TO BE A PATRIOT.

Trustee Report: SK James Smith reported that since our members are dwindling, we do not have money for this event and would like to table this request. There is discussion that there may be another trip in June so we may be able to reassess our finances and decide if we can donate then. The discussion is tabled until our next meeting (April) after we get a report on our finances for this year.

Faithful Navigator Report: No Report.

Sword Ceremony: No Report

Unfinished Business: Nominations for the Bi-annual Meeting. Nominees were: Sam Brown, Dan Eury, Donald Masse, Jack Cruice, Joseph Paoletti, Jamar Hill, Michael Vecchione, Chuck Cunningham, James Smith, Joel Chanitz
Alternates: Gerry Dugan, Neal Pizzano, Donald Wells, Robert Burke, and Hassell Mitchell.

No Ballots were available.

Joseph Paoletti and Dan Eury backed out due to prior commitments.

James Smith switched to an Alternate, Chuck Cunningham switched to an Alternate, Fran O'Hara nominated to be an Alternate.

Everyone else were Delegates.

FINAL COUNT:

Delegates-

Sam Brown, Donald Masse, Jack Cruice, Jamar Hill, Michael Vecchione, Joel Chanitz, Gerry Dugan, Neal Pizzano, Donald Wells, Robert Burke, and Hassell Mitchell.

Alternates

Chuck Cunningham, James Smith, and Francis O'Hara

New Business:

1. April 15th is the new additional 4th Degree date in Grantville, PA. Cost is \$70. Doors open at 12 Noon, ceremony begins at 1 or 1:30 PM. Email Ben if you wish to go to 4th via Master Gordon, dinner is around 6pm.

Master's Report: No Report

Good of the Order: 14 sick and 15 deceased names read.

Closing Prayers were led by: SK Rev Dennis Weber

Meeting Adjourned at: 2122 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By: Faithful Scribe SK Neal Pizzano