



*Cardinal Dougherty Assembly #913
Knights of Columbus*

*Officers & Conclave Meeting
June 6, 2012*

Faithful Navigator called the meeting to order at: 20:16 Hrs

Prayer was led by: SK Charles H. Cunningham, PFN

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: SK Neal Pizzano

Officers & Trustees

Faithful Friar -	SK Rev. Dennis Weber	Excused
Faithful Friar Emeritus-		
Faithful Assoc Friar -	SK Rev. Pierre Benson	Excused
Faithful Navigator -	SK Benjamin Linowski Jr.	Present
Faithful Captain -	SK Donald Masse	Present
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	Excused
Faithful Scribe -	SK Neal L. Pizzano	Present
Faithful Inner Sentinel -	SK Joseph S. Paoletti	Present
Faithful Outer Sentinel -	SK Michael L. Vecchione	Excused
Faithful Trustee 1yr -	SK James E. Smith, PFN	Present
Faithful Trustee 2yr -	SK Thomas F. Valent, PFN	Present
Faithful Trustee 3yr -	SK George N. Closs, PFN	Present

Chairmen

Admin Assistant:	SK George Closs III, PFN	P
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	P
Catholic Activities:	OPEN	
Chalice Guard:	SK A. J Herr	E
	SK Michael Vecchione	E
	SK Buzz Kelly	E
	SK Rick Megaro	E
Corps Commander:	SK Thomas F, Valent, PFN	P
Dinner Dance:	SK Donald Masse	P
Editor:	SK Thomas F. Valent	P
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	P
	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	P
Youth Program :	SK Charles Cunningham, PFN	P
Web Page:	SK Neal Pizzano	P

Faithful Friar Report: NR

Meeting Minutes

Motion to waive reading of minutes from previous meeting was made by SK George Closs, III and Seconded by SK Joe Paoletti. Approved by the Assembly via voice vote.

Bill & Communications: 4 Communications.

- Thank You from the Veterans Administration for the 2 books donated to their hospital.
- Letter from the Supreme Secretary noting that beginning July 1, all membership records will be electronic and no hard copies will be printed and mailed out.
- Thank you from Mothers Home in Darby for receipt of 8 to 10 gallons of juices from the hospitality suite at the exemplification.
- Thank You from St Jude Research Hospital for the donation of \$100 for the memorial in the name of SK William McGrath

No Bills

Faithful Comptroller / Membership:

Income for month of May :

Dues \$431.00

Newsletter Booster donation \$50.00

RSVP \$5.00

Dinner meeting \$40.00

50/50 was \$19.00

Membership: TTL 1069 members of which: 50 are Honorary, 321 are Honorary Life,(15 added in the month of May), 9 are Disabled. 49 new members are to be added. Numbers reflect 1 transfer out and 5 transfers in.

Motion to accept Comptrollers Report made by SK Charles Cunningham, second by SK Joe Paoletti. Approved by the Assembly via voice vote.

Faithful Purser:

Checks written since last report

Springfield Inn \$300.00

Fr. Donovan Exemplification \$50.00

Ads for Exemplification Booklet \$130.00

Hospitality Suite \$250.00

Navigator's Banquet Expenses \$130.00

Faithful Purser's report continued:

College Award to St. Joseph University \$100.00

For total expenses \$960.00

Checks written for June:

SK Dan Eury	Printing Budget	\$12.41
SK Don Wells	Carpool reimbursement	\$42.00
SK Jack Cruice	Carpool reimbursement	\$42.00
SK Ben Linowski	Carpool reimbursement	\$42.00
SK Neal Pizzano	Scribe Expenses	\$50.00
SK Michael Twigg	Purser Expenses	\$125.00
SK Tom Valent	Editor Expenses	\$75.00
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Balance 8969.32

For total expenses \$960.00

For account balance please see Pursers Report

Motion to accept Pursers report made by SK Joseph Paoletti and second by SK Jim Smith, PFN. Approved by the Assembly via voice vote.

Committee Reports

Admin Assistant: No Report

Arrangements and Chair Companion: There were 29 Sir Knights in attendance.

Awards: St Joseph's University recipient said thank you for his award.

Budget: Budget information to be brought up under New Business.

By-Laws Chairman: NR

Boosters/Newsletter: All Okay

Catholic Activities: NR

Chalice Guard: No Report (None present due to attending daughter's graduations. FN Ben Linowski thanked them for a job well done throughout the year).

A special thanks for stepping up with Chester Assembly to honor SK Dr John Felice, Father-in-law of Faithful Scribe, Neal Pizzano.

Corps Commander: May was a busy month. On May 20 Color Corps attended St Philomena's 1st Mass for newly ordained Timothy McGuire. SK Mike Keller led attendance with 6 or 7 other members. On the same day, May 20 A contingent attended Holy Savior for 1st Mass for newly ordained Anthony . Sk Gerry Dugan took care of that event. I also attended the Holy Savior May council meeting and signed up three (3) new members. Need to order capes and chapeaus for them and still need two others still waiting for theirs. A number of Color Corps member have not attended any events and I will contact them get capes and chapeaus back if their intentions for the coming year are not going to help out. On May 25th, back at St. Philomena's for a HIGH LATIN MASS. About 10 members present. On May 27th, 4th degree exemplification with a number of our members.

Upcoming events: June 10 St. Madeline's in Ridley Park 11:30 Mass and then for the Corpus Christi procession.

June 30. St. Philomea's HIGH LATIN MASS.

Still recruiting members, just send SK Tom Valent an email and he will visit the council with details.

SK Tom Valent has been serving as Color Corps Commander for the last 10 years. Health problems have taken a toll on him for the last year and a half. He is resigning at the end of June. SK Don Masse will name the new Color Corps Commander. SK Tom Valent will remain a member of the Color Corps.

Note: Last week, St Annastasia held its 100 year celebration and had three (3) Bishops in attendance including Bishop Michael Burbidge from the Raleigh, NC Diocese. Approximately 12 Color Corps in attendance.

Dinner Dance: Exemplification- new members enjoyed the Exemplification ceremony and the hospitality room was great, despite the crowdedness of 49 new candidates. Everything went great.

Editor: NR

Historian: NR. Met a number of Knights on a cruise to Alaska.

SK George Closs suggested since we are spending so much money on pictures and with all of the pictures being taken, a book of them should be made available to the Navigator.

SK Tom Valent suggested that since the camera is digital, pictures should be uploaded directly to Web site, newsletter editor or Web chair and not printed. It is a needless expense.

Investment Committee: NR

Membership: Wish to thank all of the Councils that sent members to the exemplification.

Recognition of new members at the meeting was called for by the FN Ben Linowski.

Memorials/Bibles: Memorial situation on track. I will close out the fraternal year's program and will send a list of RSVP donations. I gave Comptroller SK Jack Cruice 5 RSVP donations tonight. All letters have been written to the families and those who do not reply will automatically become RSVP donations for next year. Thank you for letting me serve you this past year.

SK Jack Cruice – The members of the Chalice Guard are getting next-of-kin info from the family at the time of the viewing and getting it to SK Joe Camorano much faster, which is helping, and making things timelier.

Officers Dinner Meeting: We had 16 SK's for dinner tonight. Still looking into places for next year. Will email everyone when a place has been decided.

Parliamentarian: No Report

PFN's: No Report

Patriotic Observance: No Report

Pro Life: NR

Publicity: NR

Retention/Membership: see Comptroller's report

Sick/Visitation: NR

To Be A Patriot: Dressed in WWII Uniform to honor those who fell 68 years ago in France. 68 years ago yesterday, Rome was liberated by Allied forces. 68 years ago a letter went out to all troops in England who were about to embark on the invasion of Normandy, written by Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower (letter read). Later that evening, President Roosevelt, over the radio, asked the country to join him in prayer (prayer read). A note: on May 18, Senator Ron Portman (R-OH) introduced a bill to have the FDR Prayer added to the WWII Memorial. In a May 10 statement he said the prayer brought strength to our nation. The Obama administration has banned adding any portion of this prayer to the memorial. In further remembrance of our fallen, mentioned Calvin Petty, my father's foxhole mate during the war was a major contributor to the book I wrote. My dad turned 87 years old in December. Calvin turned 87 on May 18, this year. Calvin died on May 19. My father-in-law passed away this past weekend. A poem was read to honor them (this was first written and published by me in 2007).

I also listened to television reports today. Nothing was mentioned about D-Day; and nothing was mentioned on what happened on the shores of Normandy, France today. A statue went up on the shores of Normandy dedicated to those who led troops ashore on D-Day. It is in the likeness of a Pennsylvanian, Maj. Dick Winters.

Events taking place later this year, sent to me by Rick Megaro in connection with HONOR FLIGHT. Our Faithful Navigator was moved by the event and would like greater participation by the Knights. This now rests with the incoming Faithful Navigator.

On Friday, June 22, WWII & Korean War vets returning from their trip to DC will arrive approx. 6:30 PM at Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland, PA. On Sunday, Sept. 9 Honor Flight Philadelphia will welcome back vets. Details to be announced. On Sept 22, Honor Flight will hold an inaugural beef & beer from 7-11pm at VFW Post 667 in Havertown. Cost is \$25 per person/\$40 per couple. See Rick Megaro for tickets. On Saturday, November 3, Honor Flight Philadelphia will welcome back vets. Details to be announced.

Event in New Oxford, 35-40 Allied vehicles convoy from Ike's Farm to New Oxford and a liberation follows. The event is in September. Flyers available for details.

To be a patriot means more than dedicating ourselves to our war veterans. We also need to defend our constitution. A lot has been going on in recent weeks about the HHR Mandate. The mandate denies our religious freedoms. Lawsuits have been filed against the Obama Administration by our Bishops. The Council of Bishops has asked everyone to look into the Fortnight for Freedom prior to July 4. A prayer from them was handed out and executed by all.

Another prayer was read in reference to a "Celebration of Freedom" which takes place on June 24. The Archdiocese of Baltimore and Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Lori and Cardinal Wuerhl from the Archdiocese of Washington together in the Lawsuit against the Obama Administration, has asked that we all say the prayer found on the Preserve Religious Freedom Web site every day at 3 PM.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to be your Faithful Scribe for this year.

Vocation/RSVP: NR

Youth Program: No update, but will continue to work on it over the summer.

Newsletter: Late getting newsletters out. Color copies handed-out, black and whites have been mailed. Color copies worked well this year but want to expand color copies on Web site. Too expensive to make color copies for everyone. Please make sure chairs get information to editor by the 15th of the previous month.

Web Page: NR

Christmas Dinner: NR

Trustee Report: No Report

Sword Ceremony: NR

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Have a few copies of the budget are available. Budget proposed for next year were based on April's funds. A motion was made to accept the budget as is.

SK Tom Valent raised a question about Color Corps information in the budget. \$750 was given to Color Corps., but this is not enough to support uniforms for new members.

Response was that we cannot afford capes and chapeaus for every new member and that they should consider buying it themselves. Otherwise you will need to get together with the incoming budget chair and incoming FN to figure out where money can be cut from other locations to support more money in the budget for Color Corps.

Motion was seconded earlier by SK Jim Smith and approved by voice vote by the Assembly.

The Traveling Viet Nam Wall will be in Marcus Hook beginning June 21 for 4 days. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 12 noon.

SK Ben Linowski thanked all who served and chaired this year.

SK Ben Linowski Awarded the CARDINAL DOUGHERTY AWARD to SK Gerry Paradis, active 4th Degree Knight for 50 years.

Turnover meeting at SK Ben Linowski's house, Sunday, July 8 at 2 PM. All chairs, new and old plus wives.

Master's Report: None

Good of the Order: 18 Sick, 16 Deceased
50/50 - \$28 collected - \$14 to SK Gerry Szper

Closing Prayer was led by: SK Don Masse

Meeting Adjourned at: 2137

Respectfully Submitted By: Faithful Scribe, SK Neal Pizzano