

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. PHILIP NERI COUNCIL NO. 9539
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 19th, 2007 – 7:30 PM
ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH
AGENDA**

Executive meeting held at 6:30PM

1. Announcement and discussion
2. Executive appointments
3. Rick Murza's suggestions for council promotion

Main Meeting at 7:30PM

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer (together): Lord Jesus we ask for the peace of your Spirit now and through all of tonight for each of our members present and those who are not present. Amen
3. Warden's Report on Membership Card
4. Roll Call of Officers - Recorder
5. Adoption of agenda – any additions? Motion to accept req'd
6. Membership Director's Report – Marty Schneider
 - a. Welcome and Introduction of new members
7. Adoption of the minutes of October 07 meeting - Motion to accept req'd
8. Grand Knight's Report (see written information)
9. Chaplain's Report / Message (if present)
10. Treasurer's Report & Financial Secretary's Report Motion to accept
11. Surge with Service Activity Reports – Some attached to read at your perusal
 - a. **Church** – (Vacant)
 - b. **Community** – (Vacant)
 - c. **Fraternal** – Vacant
 - i. KC Challenge – Blood Drive
 - d. **Council** – (Vacant)
 - i. Our website
 - e. **Family** – (Vacant)
 - f. **Youth** – Rick Murza
 - a) See report following addendum
12. Old/Unfinished Business
 - a.
13. New Business
 - a. Announcement
 - b. Rick Murza's suggestions for council promotion
 - c. Volunteers for KC Indoor games
14. Calendar of Events - for General Membership
 - a. December 31 - See Flyer about KofC New Years Dance at St. Pats (8279)
 - b. December 31 – K of C New Years Dance at Holy Spirit (8905)
 - c. January 11th 2008 - Bernie Storzuk - Invitation to steak Night to celebrate Ukrainian New Years at Mulberrys \$15 gets steak, chicken fingers, and lots of fixings! Entertainment by the Mini Express. (Call Bernie @ 249-0826 for tix – only 90 available)
 - d. Week of January 22nd – Parish mission

- e. Feb 2, 2008 - The K of C In Support of Life Dinner, Dance and Auction is at St. George's Parish Hall, 1236 - 20th St. West. Cocktails 5:30 Supper 6:30 Dance and Auction to follow. \$25. ea See Rod Shivak for tickets
 - f. Feb 8/9, 2008 – Indoor Games
 - g. K of C State Curling - Yorkton
 - h. February 29th-March 2, 2008 – “Holiness through the Sacraments”. It will take place at St. Patrick's Church.
15. Good of the Order and closing prayer, (together):
- a. Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary and Fr. Michael J Giveney we ask that you bless and assist each of those mentioned and for our council. We thank and praise You for your blessing provided to us in our organization. Amen
16. Attendance draw
17. Lecturer's program and Christmas Social (I would like to see someone beat me at Kaiser!)
18. Next Business Meeting January 15th, 2007

Addendums:

Grand Knights report

1. Our Steak night was a grand success with approximately \$670 added to our treasury. About 88 tickets were sold. Five did not show up. The leftovers were distributed among some families.
2. The opening of KC Manor occurred Friday the 14th, I was unable to attend. Brother Marty Schneider and his wife Claire represented our council.
3. Chapter Indoor Games – Ed Gibney – Please make sure to fill out your volunteer sheets by January 24th. Make sure names and number are legible. He also has an electronic version and you can email him to get it. Date: February 8/9, 2008. Drivers must be flexible and available all the days. The Games are also running the old Martinsville Golf Lotto fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 and will be coming soon and the draw will be in April 2008. Please make sure you support it. Lorne Rosolinski (Chapter president and family and I attended the Remembrance Day service at CUC. He placed a wreath on behalf of Chapter, He was very happy to see the Fourth Degree color guard and thanked Brother Sir Knight Guy Lajeunesse who was the flag bearer. Brother Rick Murza made an exceptionally good presentation to Chapter on the operation of our youth ministry. I noted a few wide eyed individuals!
4. We purchased \$100 of tickets to the Carol festival. Tickets were given to John Paul II School for their disbursement. I included a note saying “Compliments of St. Philip Neri Knights of Columbus.”
5. I attended Council 12156 Beer Night @Great Western Brewery. It was a great experience, and another fundraiser to take on as a council. Lets start a collection of GW receipts. We need 160 cases. Recruit them from friends and family. Offer them a ½ price ticket??
6. Our lady of Charity prayer service was held on November 26th, with Council 5104. Though a small group it was very moving.
7. We were invited to the CWL Christmas social. Some were only able to attend for a portion as they participated as well in the 1st degree at Holy Family.

Columbian Year 2007-2008 (Report #4, Dec. 19, 2007)
Youth Activities Director - Rick Murza

I. Blackstrap Youth Camp

- last meeting was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2007
- continued support for the Blackstrap Youth Camp will be needed:
 - a) mail-out appeal (support coming in)
 - b) BINGO's (difficult to get workers; offer your help to DD Bill Beeler, if you can)
 - c) fund-raising tickets (golf raffle) through the Indoor Games organization will be available as a Blackstrap Youth fundraiser (through Councils) - our GK will get the information about these tickets
- other meeting highlights:
 1. camp will proceed in 2008
 2. 6 one week camps will be held (start July 6; last camp ends Aug. 15)
 3. Fee will be \$188 plus GST (a slight increase from last year)
 4. **Budget for 2008 was addressed; projected income - \$170,000; projected expenses - \$191,600; anticipated deficit - \$21,400**
 5. Financial statement will be provided at the AGM; Music Concert may have lost approx. \$20,000; with some 'surprise donations' and extra rentals in 2007 the budget for the past year should balance (in spite of the \$20,000 loss)
- **AGM will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at St. Patrick's Church starting at 7:30 pm; EVERYONE is invited; hopefully all Grand Knights will attend**
- Blackstrap Youth camp is in need of a **MAINTENANCE MAN** (general caretaker/handyman); If anyone knows of a potential candidate, please contact John Weninger, President of the Board (Council #9690) or pass the name on to Rick Murza @ 374-6323.
- next Blackstrap Youth Complex Board of Directors' Meeting: **Wednesday, January 23, 2008 @ 7:30 pm @ St. Pat's**

II. Chapter Meeting Presentation

- on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, Rick Murza made a presentation to the Chapter Assembly about youth activities at St. Philip Neri Council #9539
- presentation was well received with a few telephone calls from other councils about getting information; Chapter Pre. Lorne Roslinski thanked Rick for the presentation; DD #26 Bill Beeler, passed on a private "thank you" to Rick for the presentation; Rick left materials with Lorne and Bill Beeler
- DD #33 Andy Wilson has been in touch with Rick about making possible presentations at some future regional meetings; the intent is to share information to foster youth activities

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III. K of C Basketball Free Throw Competition

- the information is in the hands of the school's staff members; it was personally delivered to each of the schools (Holy Cross, St Philip, Pope John Paul II, Sion Catholic Middle School) and discussed with the principals (at Holy Cross with the Physical Education Department chairperson)
- following the respective schools' competitions, we will have a Council level competition (usually before the end of January 2008); at that time we will need about 10 volunteers to carry out the competition

IV. K of C Substance Abuse Poster Contest

- information is in the hands of Sion staff; it was personally delivered to Sion Catholic Middle school by Rick Murza

V. K of C Essay Contest

- the Essay Contest information is in the hands of the administration of St. Philip and Pope John Paul II schools; it was personally delivered by Rick Murza a few weeks ago

VI. Scholarship Award

- the scholarship of \$500 was presented by GK, Robin DeRoo to Emma Cey following Mass on Wednesday, November 12

- a "Congratulatory" message was placed in the church bulletin for the weekend of Dec. 8-9

- the picture of Emma and GK, Robin, taken on Nov. 12 was passed on to Bob Barkman in charge of the Columbian News; same picture was also forwarded to Emma and one will appear in our Council scrapbook

VII. A-V Materials

- Mr. Tom Hickey, the Christian Ethics Department chairperson of Holy Cross High School, has borrowed the four vocation DVD's (produced by the K of C organization) - priesthood, religious life for women, laity, marriage)

VIII. More potential "Youth plans"

- plans are to have a "Thank you" letters from the K of C organization to our youth such as: altar servers, youth choir, parents having their children baptized, children receiving sacraments

- could the knights "help out" with some youth activities / altar servers functions?

IX. K of C Indoor Games

- report may be given by our Council's representative, Brother Marty Cey

The following was received from Rick Murza and contains a number of suggestions for council promotion

Robin,

After the recent K of C in-service held at Holy Spirit I had a mini brain wave (I'm still glad that I have 'brain waves', as opposed to 'brain drains'). Robin, I introduced this concept in a 'general way' in my last (Dec. 19, 2007) Youth report which I e-mailed to you a few days ago..

It has to do with publicity for our organization. I guess it's a little of "blowing our own horn" which was suggested and recommended at the in service we attended. We can do much more to reach the members of our parish, and through the young people, we can possibly foster a brighter future for our Council, even if it is 10 years down the road.

Here are some suggestions (usually very cost-effective) and at times requiring only 'time':

1. When we hand out roses to parent(s) of newly baptized children, how about a CONGRATULATORY LETTER (in addition to the rose) signed by the GK - obviously done on K of S stationery. I can prepare such a letter / envelope, etc.
2. We could have a "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE" letter to the altar servers. Many letters for a very minimal cost - and what an opportunity to 'expose' our organization to many parents of these children. There is also an opportunity to help out with some social activities for the altar servers. Once again, this would be on K of C stationery.
3. I would like to write a THANK YOU letter (on K of C stationery) to the "Youth Choir" organized by Joanne Lysyshyn (that sings from time to time at the 11:30 Mass). It would basically say that just we, the Knights, provide service to our community, so we, as knights, appreciate the service they provide by leading the music at Masses. I

would like to have 2 minutes to say this publicly from the ambo (item which may / may not be possible. At Christmas time, it wouldn't break us financially to give each of them (there are about a dozen children) some little gift (mini box of Christmas candies, large candy cane, or something like that.)

4. I would like to have a CONGRATULATORY and a WELCOME TO THE PARISH COMMUNITY (on behalf of the knights) letter to members of the RCIA. The letter would be on K of C stationery. It could be the first step to inviting the new male members of the parish to join the K of C. It would be much easier to approach them a few weeks after their initiation, if they already received a K of C letter.

5. We could have a CONGRATULATORY letter to all children (and perhaps their family) receiving first communion, and especially those being confirmed. Once again, this would be from the Knights of Columbus on K of C stationery.

6. Holy Cross High School has a number of "Award" ceremonies. Getting a list of the winners should not be difficult, as it's public knowledge who wins drama, social athletic, academic, religious awards. It may be of great value to send CONGRATULATORY LETTERS to such students from our organization. By the way, politicians from different political parties do this regularly (MLA's, MP's).

7 I have had a change of view on KNIGHTS being involved (or helping out) with the youth group. Though Joel Willick is the Youth Coordinator for our parish, we as knights, could help with a social, a bowling party, etc. If I remember correctly, the parish was prepared to pick up the cost of such activities. This would be a good way to reach the young people, from another angle, and through them, make their parents aware of our organization.

8. Marty suggested this to me some time ago. Perhaps it's time to act, no matter what the measure of success may be. We need to forward pictures with small captions to Supreme sharing our activities.

9 I will continue to:

- a) promote K of C activities within the schools of our Council, promoting everything on K of C stationery
- b) invite ourselves to the schools to make presentations at school functions; if the timing is right we may even be able to do that as part of the schools Mass, to which family comes. We did that once with Monsignor Morand and (at that time) Deacon Phong).
- c) pass on information and pictures to the Columbian News (though our exposure here is mostly 'to the converted'
- d) encourage (and I've had much success in the past) the administrators of the schools to put the K of C activities / information / school winners, etc. in their regular Newsletter

I have a few more ideas, but we'll leave them alone for now. These ideas may well be a 'long range plan' , which may be more effective than we think. By the way, I am prepared to spearhead, coordinate, and do what's necessary in the areas I have suggested. As I have mentioned before, the time and effort is not arduous, the financial cost will be minimal, and involvement of Brother Knights, may be needed, on occasion. The benefits may be well worth the effort.

Gentlemen, what do you think?.