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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Unfailing Faith

A firm, unfailing faith is shown and increased by performing in God's honor, works of kindness and mercy to those we encounter.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

Thanks to all who supported the Annual Superbowl Dance, be it by your ticket purchase, your attendance, or your help at the dance. We sold about 130 tickets and made a fair amount despite higher costs and the scheduling conflict with the Singles and Singles again folks. A quick poll of those in attendance favored booking the hall and Jake next year. The Grand Knight committed the Council for next year. Hopefully we can get the Singles on board next year and boost our attendance and ticket sales further. Some ideas to reduce costs will be discussed at the upcoming council meeting.

The annual audit was conducted and completed in record time thanks to the exemplary job done by the Treasurer, Ron Dowhower. The audit indicated we had a financial 'break even' year, the first in a long time. The emphasis for next year will be more fellowship with fund raisers, with the goals of increasing fraternal activities, recruiting new members, raising funds, and providing more support for Catholic activities.

I am reminded of the sermon from a week ago, when Father Luis said: "Lent is a time of prayer, alms giving, and penance". Pray the rosary often, be generous to those less fortunate, and do the things you should be doing, such as a kind word instead of a criticism. Be about our business of charity, unity, and fraternity.

As always, bring a practical Catholic gentleman to our meetings. Introduce him around. Encourage recruitment.

Vivat Jesus
David Ryan, GK

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING (2/4/10)

The meeting was opened at 8:05 pm by Dave Ryan (GK) with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening ode was sung and the roll was called. All officers were present. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved after an addendum by Jeff Elliot (PGK) about details of the 4th degree exemplification to be held Feb. 27th at St. Rita in Harahan.

Treasurer's report: \$750 in tickets for the Superbowl Dance were pre-sold.

Opening balance: \$9264.22

Closing balance: \$9195.41

Grand Knight's report:

- St. Jerome's Hall will be opened at 6 pm for decorating and set-up for the dance. There was discussion about how much or how little decorating should be done. Brother Louis Theriot reported on the refreshments.

- G.K. Dave mentioned that the audit was due Feb. 15th. Frank Achary (PGK) said it would be held at his house on Thursday Feb. 11th at 7pm.
- Chancellor Kevin Phillips has contacted our seminarian, Mark Thomas, to set-up presentation of check.
- Church director, Bob Kraemer, has set up a quarterly communion mass on March 21st at 8am with breakfast to follow at Angelina's.
- Financial Secretary's report: Louis Frey reported that dues of \$650 were collected plus \$20 for the football fundraiser.
- Unfinished business: PGK Bob Sevens spoke about sending thank you cards to Susan from Tyger Gifts for the donated LSU watch and Tina from Walmart for the \$50 gift certificate.
- Karl Marrero spoke about the budget projection shortfalls. Dues are not yet in because of delayed billing. Dance and football fund raisers are below projection. We are no longer volunteering at the Lion's Club bingo. Cost of meals has been higher than projected due to lack of volunteers.
- New business: Louis Theriot asked for volunteers to help clean up after the dance.
- Dave mentioned that any K of C business with Fr. Luis must go through the G.K. or D.G.K.
- PGK Mike Dwyer spoke about the Boy Scout shed with KC robes. He will try to get a key to check them out and see if they are salvageable.
- District Deputy report: PGK Hank Sobon reported on Grand Knight's day held in Lafayette. Karl, Kevin and Hank attended.
- CYLA has been submitted prior to deadline.
- Chad Vanenza is our new insurance field agent.
- Louis Frey mentioned that our council is still chartered in New Orleans according to Supreme records. Paperwork was not processed when the council moved to Metairie in 1978. PGK Jeff introduced a motion that we send a letter to Supreme to correct the situation.
- Louis T. thanked Jeff for providing the meal of hotdogs and potato salad with help from his wife, Dee Vern.
- The closing prayer was said and the closing ode was sung. Meeting ended at 9:15pm.

Vivat Jesus
John Capretto, Recorder, PGK

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Jake & the Nifty Fifties performed magnificently at the Super Bowl dance which was held at the St. Jerome Hall in Kenner. The Hall was packed and everyone had a good time. The commemorative LSU watch was raffled off and the lucky winner was Ms. Virginia Thomas. The Council raised \$_____ at the Dance. This was a great event and perhaps we should consider having the dance at the same hall next year. Thanks to all our worthy brothers who helped make the dance a great success and especially for cleaning up after the event.

- The fourth degree exemplification was scheduled at St. Rita's Church Hall on February 27.
- The annual audit of the Council's books was scheduled in late February at Brother Frank Achary's home. Our thanks to brother Frank (PGK) for hosting the audit.
- Please note that all future business with St Clement of Rome Parish shall be channeled through the Grand Knight or Deputy Grand Knight.
- It has come to light that our Council is domiciled in the Parish of New Orleans, not Jefferson. Accordingly, Council passed resolution requesting that a correction in domicile be made in the records of Supreme Council. Brother Jeff Elliot, PGK, has kindly volunteered to draft a letter stating correct domicile. Letter to be reviewed by David Ryan, GK, before submission to Supreme.
- Note... there is a 6 month advance reservation requirement for Vosbein Hall.
- Our thanks to Brother Jeff Elliot for the February business meeting meal.
- Funds collected for the Haiti Earthquake victims will be reported at the March business meeting.
- Note...the April regular business meeting has been rescheduled to April 8, 2010 at Vosbein Hall.
- Don't forget to bring a practical Catholic to the next meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
March - April 2010

March 4	Thursday	Reg Bus Meeting, SCR Vosbein Hall, 7 pm
Mar 17	Tuesday	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 18	Thursday	O&D meeting, Parish Center, 7:30 pm
March 28	Sunday	Palm Sunday
Apr 2	Friday	Good Friday
Apr 4	Sunday	Easter
Apr 8	Thursday	Regular Bus Meeting, Vosbein Hall, 7 pm
Apr 17	Thursday	O&D meeting, Parish Center, 8 pm

GET WELL

In our Thoughts and Prayers

*Monsgr Ralph Carroll
Bobby Stevens, PGK
Warren Michel, PGK
Deacon Eric Gamble*

*Leon Perret
Jacob Hornung
Wife of Mike Dwyer
Mother of K. Marrero
Wife & dghtr of V. Nordmann*

*Jesse Lane, PGK
Al Faucheux
Joyce Perret
Bryan Gassen
Dave Brown
John Parra
Don Greene
Father of Ron Dowhower
Dee Vern Elliot*

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you

Respectfully submitted,
David Ryan, GK
Clarence Mascarenhas, Editor

OPENING ODE

*Sing ye his praises loud and long,
And let the unenlightened know,
In every echo of your song,
The great deeds done, tho' long ago.
By Columbus of the valiant soul,
Who first old Neptune has controlled,
Despite of envy, intrigue, gold,
In the dim past of long ago.*

*With vessels three o'er stormy sea,
He thrilled the world of long ago,
While wisdom linked with destiny,
In justice scales its weight did throw.
We are his heirs; we wear his name;
We boast his deeds; we spread his fame.
Our Order is the shining flame,
That lights the gloom of long ago.*

CLOSING ODE

Air: "America"

*Now our evening's work is done,
Then let us ev'ry one,
Join in a song.
Long may our Order stand
Foremost in this free land,
Ready with heart and hand
To right each wrong.*

*We have a mission great,
True to our Church and State
Onward we move.
We dry the mourner's tear,
The tired heart we cheer,
Faith in our works appear,
Upheld by Love.*