



Knights of Columbus

Northern California Chapter

SERVING THE DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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**CHAPTER NEWSLETTER & MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2008 MEETING
HOSTED BY THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE COUNCIL 10611
AT SAINT THERESA'S PARISH, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE**

MINUTES:

CALL TO ORDER:

The September 20th Chapter main business meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in South Lake Tahoe at Saint Theresa's parish hall by Chapter president Elbert Holmes. There were two meetings prior to the business meeting held simultaneously in the same room where the business meeting and lunch took place. These meetings starting at 11:00 a.m. Meeting one was for the District Deputies and Grand Knights, and meeting two was for the Chapter Officers and committeemen. Brother Francis Donagher district deputy for District 11 led the discussion of topics for the DD/GK meeting.

The following topics were discussed at the officer's meeting:

No members of Krolack Insurance Agency were expected to attend meeting today, as they were attending a training session in Sacramento, Chapter gift to Ed Huestis for 10 yrs of services discussed, Budget discussed which included insurance, hospitality and postage costs. Proposition 4 and 8 discussed. Bishop Wiegand's retirement mass and dinner discussed and donation to defray some of the costs of reception after mass was requested of Chapter by P.S.D. Richard L Cutting. Two speakers spoke to Chapter lunch attendees at lunch, one on Youth rally being held in Oct., hosted by St John the Baptist church in Folsom, and two; voting with a catholic conscience as a catholic citizen in the next election and how Chapter attendees and Councils can get involved in the fight to get Prop. 8 passed. It was noted that the opposition had collected to date in excess of 30 million dollars to prevent passage of the proposition. A letter from the Supreme Knight sent Joseph Biden in regards to the Knights stand on this was also noted. Divine Mercy Mass on October 5th was discussed as well

BUSINESS MEETING DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE:

Past State Deputies Richard L. Cutting and Young Stewart. Former Masters Manuel Lima and James Letcher. All Chapter officers were present except Chapter Chaplain and Secretary who were excused. 17 Grand Knights made reports out of 34 reporting councils. 2 District Deputies were absent, from districts 4 and 6. All others were present.

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING:

Chapter president spoke about the state and chapter's involvement in the Proposition 8 initiative. He noted his disappointment that only 69 members of the order, in California, took part in the recent prop. 8 conference call, sponsored the Ca. K. of C. State Council. He noted our chapter's involvement in the passage of this proposition was far behind others in the state. He further instructed that a big push for passage was now underway by our State Council and other religious groups in our state all coordinated through the www.protectmarriage.com website.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

July Meeting Minutes were not read, but one correction was noted to the distributed minutes of the last meeting. ***It was noted that P.S.D. Dick Cutting was present at the last meeting, he was not.*** Correction was noted and minutes were approved as amended with this correction.

READING OF BILLS:

The Chapter treasurer read the following bills, \$17.64 for postage to mail out chapter dues bill to Financial secretaries of each council, bill for Hospitality Conference room: \$332.00, (Condit Parsons), bill for Hospitality Bar supplies for the year: \$501.44, (Condit Parsons), bill for travel expenses to state convention: \$150.00 (Condit Parsons), bill for Chapter Badges for committeemen: \$95.50 (E. Holmes), and finally a bill for \$15.05 for printing of Chapter info. (E. Holmes). Bills were transferred to Chapter Financial advisors for their decision on validity of payment by Chapter.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Chapter president passed out Chapter committeemen their name badges as first order of business. Chapter president then discussed the Chapter budget which had been published with copies handed out at this meeting with the following changes made: Chapter insurance would be removed from budget, hospitality and State Convention would be combined into one category with a budget of \$2,100.00. Budget was passed with these changes. Chapter President noted up coming membership blitz on October 11th and 12th and asked for complete chapter participation. Chapter President noted recently deactivated council in Davis part of district 11. He asked that the Chapter retention chair look into the reasons that the deactivation of this council had occurred. Chapter president noted upcoming 2nd and 3rd degrees that had tentatively been calendared awaiting final approval; Auburn on October 11th, the same weekend as the membership blitz, Placerville on November 15th, Carmichael of February 21st. Participation in all of these was requested. The Chapter president noted that he had requested through District Deputy Francis Donagher to question all the district deutes and Grand Knights at the earlier DD/GK meeting what they would like to see the Chapter do for them as far as help and what they would like to see the chapter accomplish. Brother Donagher noted better communication distribution to the Councils was requested.

ROLL CALL OF DISTRICTS AND COUNCILS:

The Chapter President read aloud to the attendees the addressing report litany of dignitaries to begin the report of the 34 councils providing reports to the chapter from its 13 districts. It was noted that James Miranda had replaced Al Colonico as District Deputy of District 3. It was noted that a Spanish 2nd and 3rd degree was scheduled for March 29th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Sacramento. Finally, it was noted that a new council formation in Saint Catherine's Parish in Vallejo was in the works, as well as a reinstatement of Squire Circle 3707 in Benicia. G. K. reports concluded from the 17 G.K.'s and 34 councils who had reported.

TREASURERS REPORT:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 20TH 2008

Book balance as of July (07/19/2008) Chapter Meeting.....\$5,824.62 (**adjusted for account to balance**)
Bank Balance as of July 9th, 2008 (per J. Willoughby)\$5,929.62

Receipts/Checks

50-50 Raffle:.....\$134.00
Norcal Hospitality (Krolack).....\$200.00
NorCal Chapter raffle.....\$10.00
WheelChair Donation(F Wells).....\$75.00
Chapter Dues:.....\$2,790.00
Subtotal:.....\$3,209.00

Disbursements/Checks:

Copies of Protocol (#1089).....\$5.88
Condit Parsons Conv Hosp (#1090).....\$690.79
Chap Newsletter J Norwood (#1091).....\$45.39
12 Col Journal J. Willoug. (#1092).....\$8.35
Conv Expenses(G Murdoch) (#1093).....\$77.87
Comp Dinners Testimonial (#1094).....\$222.00
08/09 Chapter Badges E Holmes (#1095).\$107.49
Bank Charges.....\$2.50
Subtotal..... **-(1,160.27)**

BOOK BALANCE AS OF 9/20/2008.....\$7,873.35

Outstanding Checks from 7/19/2008:

1074, 1076 and 1078 all at 25.00.

Check #1076 cleared 7/18/08

Subtotal.....**(+\$50.00)**

It was noted by the Treasurer that the book balance that was approved at the last meeting was in error by \$30.00 and this report and chapter account book would adjusted accordingly to balance with the checking account statement provided by the bank. This adjustment was approved by the Chapter President and the financial advisors.

BANK BALANCE SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2008.....\$7,923.05

MEETING RECESS CALLED:

Chapter president called for a short recess till 3:15 pm.

50-50 RAFFLE RESULTS:

The Chapter Marshall collected \$214.00 in proceeds to be disbursed to the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Brother Robert Miller won \$107.00 at this meeting's raffle. \$107.00 was collected for the Chapter account by the Chapter treasurer.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

It was noted that two field agents were now in attendance at this meeting who had entered late and that the balance of the Krolack staff were not there because of attendance at a training seminar in Sacramento with the Supreme Vice President of insurance and General Agent Donald Krolack. The agents noted that new insurance products would be introduced shortly and the protective value of these new products would be impressive to all.

CAMP ReCREATION:

No report.

CHAPTER HISTORIAN/ ARCHIVIST:

Historian noted the need to maintain historical records and scrapbooks or information of history of councils would be lost forever with the turnover of new officers each year. He noted the chapter had many historical photos that could be used to foster this purpose at councils in the chapter.

CEREMONIALS:

No report.

PHOTOGRAPHER:

No report.

CHAPTER CHARITIES:

Past state deputy noted Bishop Weigand retirement events to be held in November by the Diocese. Retirement dinner to be held at the Radisson Hotel on November 24th is open to all dinner being \$50.00 per person and group tables of 10 being available as well. Chapter attendance at this dinner was requested and he asked the Chapter to

notify the council membership to attend. 4th degree Color for this event would be provided. The retirement mass and reception to be held Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament would be held on November 30th. 4th Degree color would be present for this event as well. Brother Cutting noted the need for help in financing the reception to be held after the mass in the Cathedral basement. He had intended to make a formal request to the Chapter for financial help as noted in the earlier officer's meeting but forgot to make this request which would have let the Chapter know what amount would be appropriate to help this cause. \$25.00, if possible, was asked to be donated to defray the costs of the reception by each member of the Chapter. Handouts on the event were made available. Checks for cost defrayment should be made out to the "Diocese of Sacramento". It was noted that the formal passage of control of the diocese would be handed over to Bishop Soto at these events. Brother Cutting noted the need for all to get out and vote for the upcoming Propositions. This he said was most important.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE:

Rep. noted report of one district almost attaining complete membership in the Father McGivney Guild, he said this was great but he expected to see all districts reporting this before State Convention.

COLUMBIAN RETIREMENT HOME:

Brother Joe Daily noted that past Chapter President had attained number one Chapter in participation of the Home's fund raising programs. It was noted that more football fund raising tickets for this year were available at the meeting. It was noted that each council's financial secretary was sent 20 football frenzy tickets for Council participation in this program. He asked that each council appoint a fund raising chair for the home. He asked that the Councils submit the names of these chairs to the Chapter coordinator. Email names of chairs to Brother Daily if possible. josephpd2@comcast.net. Brother Danny Thompson is the regional coordinator for the Home fund raising projects. Referrals to the home, due to vacancies, were requested. Information on the vacancies is available on the Chapter website.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Brother Richard Schultz noted allot of support talks earlier in the meeting for Proposition 8 but hardly any for Proposition 4. He noted our vote for **Both** was mandatory. He also noted upcoming fund raiser Duck Race in Sacramento on the river for Special Olympics. He also noted that the minutes of the last meeting listed Auburn for the Chapter meeting but the Chapter president had made arrangements & agreed to allow Arden-Carmichael Council 4970 in Carmichael to host the March meeting for 2009. The chapter president noted there was some conflict now with his agreement. A decision from him on the location for March would be forthcoming

CHAPTER SQUIRES:

Brother Larry Joerger reported about the Auburn Circle "on the water day" seminar. Water safety was the topic of the seminar. Recent barbecue was held by same circle. Currently they are working the evening of this meeting on their parish festival. New Circle in South Sac. is evolving. Squires now have a statewide website now up for viewing information. October 26th is Statewide Squires meeting in Rohnert Park, Ca.

HOSPITALITY:

Brother Condit Parson noted location and hours of operation of Chapter hospitality room for this meeting at Big Pines Hotel. (Across the street from Harrah's Casino) All interested attendees were invited to come and partake. After meeting till 10:00 p.m.

WEB ADMINISTRATION:

Brother Calvin Schell noted he had paper copies of the current Chapter directory for any member at the meeting without an email address. He asked that he be notified a.s.a.p. of any email or address changes from Chapter members who are Council officers in the directory. He asked he be notified of any correction(s) needed to his chapter communications and the chapter web site. He noted the next thing everyone would see added to the Chapter website was the official printable Chapter calendar. He strongly urged all those left without email to contemplate acquiring that means of communication. He also noted members trying to access email attachments sent from the Chapter using Outlook Express as their email client, that cannot release the attachment for viewing, have not changed their default security, for attachments, in that application. The default security in this application will allow some attachment to be viewed but not all. Instructions on how to decrease this security setting can be found in the Outlook Express help menu under the topic "attachments" or by calling Calvin.

ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST:

Brother Edward Clark reported on the conflict with the state and supreme versions of the essay contest were noted. Participation in both programs by all councils in the chapter was requested.

CHAPTER FREE THROW: Feb 28th at 12 Bridges Middle School in Lincoln, CA.

CULTURE OF LIFE:

Brother Tim DeWitt spoke on Proposition 8 and thanked all the Council who had reported at this meeting on their participation. He noted that at the recently held Diocese sponsored workshop on Prop. 8 that if proposition 8 does not pass there is great possibility that religious organizations that do not support gay marriages will be seen as racist groups, and will identified as publically discriminating organizations. In turn they may lose their tax exempt status if gay married couples are not allowed to interact with the organization in all aspects. The forty days of Life program was discussed and involvement was requested. Transportation for the Walk for Life was discussed.

FUND RAISING:

No report.

SHINNING ARMOR AWARDS:

Brother Ed Huestis was presented a gift of \$100.00 to be used for dinner with his wife for his greatly appreciated 10 years of service as the counselor to the Chapter President. He received a standing ovation from all the members of the meeting that were present.

He noted he had flyers at the meeting with information on the latest revision to the shinning armor program and how to participate in it. He asked for support of the program and noted that field agents, primarily Jim Jordan, were outstanding in their support of the program.

HISPANIC OUTREACH: No report.

ICON: No report.

ID DRIVE:

Brother Dave Abbott spoke on participation in the ID drive, gave instructions on what should have been completed to date and noted that donations could be made to any approved entity by the Foundation for Children with Mental Retardation, which includes the main historical recipient being the Diocese sponsored Camp ReCreation, or the newly added State Council supported non-catholic based Special Olympics program. Donation checks from each council's drive should be mailed to the Foundation no more than 30 days after the completion of their drives. He noted that even if a council does not hold a drive they can participate in the program by making a monetary donation from Council funds.

MEMBERSHIP/ NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT:

Brother Gerry Fong and James Currilin reported on membership topics which included the October blitz, degrees and reporting new members, our chapter status last year as number one in the state in membership recruitment, prospects and form 100's from blitzes need to be reported to Brother Fong and finally on parishes that could form new councils. Brother Currilin asked that these parishes be reported to the District Deputies and that Jim would come to any council or parish personally to help with new Council Development.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

Brother Dick Norris spoke on support of the Special Olympics program and that the State Council and the Foundation are now supporting this program as and I.D. drive approved donation recipient. A fund raising program idea Special Olympics from the Dixon council was put forth to the Chapter members. A February 15th seminar with a speaker talking on Catholic topics with 50% of the ticket proceeds going to S.O. to any council that promotes sales of the tickets in their parish. Brother Norris can be contacted by phone about participation in this fund raiser. \$24,000.00 is the Chapter fund raising goal.

WHEELCHAIR: Brother John Norwood noted wheelchair donation to vets that took place last year, and the thanks he received from the recipients. He asked if anyone who knows of vet that needs a chair, to notifies him, and he asked for council support of the program this Columbian year.

SOCCER CHALLENGE: The Chapter competition would be held in October.

VOCATIONS: Vocations be discussed at the January 10th meeting and list of diocesan candidates for R.S.V.P. purposes is now posted on the Chapter website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of the financial advisors was that all the bills were in order and they recommended a motion that they be paid. The chapter voted payment of the bills. Under new business it was noted that the chapter would have to replace their stolen banner that occurred at the State Convention. Because the cost is over \$200.00 a resolution process will be started by the Chapter to replace the banner. The resolution for purchase of the Banner by the Chapter Secretary will be published in the Chapter newsletter. A formal motion and vote to approve the gift donation to Brother Ed Huestis was passed.

CLOSE OF MEETING:

Members on the sick and deceased list were read by the Chapter Vice president, prayers for those were said, & meeting was closed by the Worthy Chapter president at 4:28 p.m.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted

by the Chapter Treasurer: **LAWRENCE ROSITANI**

for the vacationing Chapter Secretary, Jackson Willoughby.

CHAPTER MEETING DATES 2008-2010

July 18th, 2008 -----Marysville, C/M 1869

Sept 20th, 2008-----South Lake Tahoe, C/M 10611

Nov 22nd, 2008-----St Clare, Roseville, C/M 12887

Jan 10th, 2009-----St Basil, Vallejo, C/M 13271

March 21st, 2009-----Auburn, C/M, 6149

May 2nd, 2009-----Marysville, C/M 1869 Testimonial

**July 18th, 2009 -----St Rose, Roseville, C/M 4540
In the works meeting and installation of officers.**

**Sept 19th, 2009 -----Amador County C/M 1849,
Friday Golf/Dinner, Sat / Sun, Lady of the Pines**

**Nov 21st, 2009-----Benicia
Meeting arrangements in the works.**

**Jan 16th, 2010-----Red Bluff
Meeting arrangements in the works.**

**March 20th, 2010 ----- St. Clare, Roseville C/M 12887
Meeting arrangements in the works.**

**May 1st, 2010-----St. Rose, Roseville C/M 4540
Testimonial meeting arrangements in the works.**

AN OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

WWW.KOFC.ORG

September 19, 2008

Dear Senator Biden:

I write to you today as a fellow Catholic layman, on a subject that has become a major topic of concern in this year's presidential campaign.

The bishops who have taken public issue with your remarks on the Church's historical position on abortion are far from alone. Senator Obama stressed your Catholic identity repeatedly when he introduced you as his running mate, and so your statements carry considerable weight, whether they are correct or not. You now have a unique responsibility when you make public statements about Catholic teaching.

On NBC's *Meet the Press*, you appealed to the 13th Century writings of St. Thomas Aquinas to cast doubt on the consistent teaching of the Catholic Church on abortion.

There are several problems with this.

First, Aquinas obviously had only a medieval understanding of biology, and thus could only speculate about how an unborn child develops in the womb. I doubt that there is any other area of public policy where you would appeal to a 13th Century knowledge of biology as the basis for modern law.

Second, Aquinas' *theological* view is in any case entirely consistent with the long history of Catholic Church teaching in this area, holding that abortion is a grave sin to be avoided at any time during pregnancy.

This teaching dates all the way back to the Didache, written in the second century. It is found in the writings of Tertullian, Jerome, Augustine and Aquinas, and was reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council, which described abortion as "an unspeakable crime" and held that the right to life must be protected from the "moment of conception." This consistent teaching was restated most recently last month in the response of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to remarks by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Statements that suggest that our Church has anything less than a consistent teaching on abortion are not merely incorrect; they may lead Catholic women facing crisis pregnancies to misunderstand the moral gravity of an abortion decision.

Neither should a discussion about a medieval understanding of the first few days or weeks of life be allowed to draw attention away from the remaining portion of an unborn child's life. In those months, even ancient and medieval doctors agreed that a child is developing in the womb.

And as you are well aware, *Roe v. Wade* allows for abortion at *any* point during a pregnancy. While you voted for the ban on partial birth abortions, your unconditional support for *Roe* is a *de facto* endorsement of permitting all other late term abortions, and thus calls into question your appeal to Aquinas.

I recognize that you struggle with your conscience on the issue, and have said that you accept the Church's teaching that life begins at conception – as a matter of *faith*. But modern medical science leaves no doubt about the fact that each person's life begins at conception. It is not a matter of personal religious belief, but of *science*.

Finally, your unwillingness to bring your Catholic moral views into the public policy arena *on this issue alone* is troubling.

There were several remarkable ironies in your first appearance as Senator Obama's running mate on the steps of the old state capitol in Springfield, Illinois.

His selection as the first black American to be the nominee of a major party for president of the United States owes an incalculable debt to two movements that were led by people whose religious convictions motivated them to confront the moral evils of their day – the abolitionist movement of the 19th Century, and the civil rights movement of the 20th Century.

Your rally in Springfield took place just a mile or so from the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, who in April 1859 wrote these words in a letter to Henry Pierce:

"This is a world of compensations; and he who would *be* no slave, must consent to *have* no slave. Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, cannot long retain it."

Lincoln fought slavery in the name of "a just God" without embarrassment or apology. He confronted an America in which black Americans were not considered "persons" under the law, and were thus not entitled to fundamental Constitutional rights. Today, children of all races who are fully viable and only minutes from being born are also denied recognition as "persons" because of the *Roe v. Wade* regime that you so strongly support. Lincoln's reasoning regarding slavery applies with equal force to children who are minutes, hours or days away from birth.

The American founders began our great national quest for liberty by declaring that we are all “created equal.” It took nearly a century to transform that bold statement into the letter of the law, and another century still to make it a reality. The founders believed that we are “endowed by [our] Creator with certain unalienable rights,” and that first among these is “life.”

You have a choice: you can listen to your conscience and work to secure the rights of the unborn to share in the fruits of our hard-won liberty, or you can choose to turn your back on them.

On behalf of the 1.28 million members of the Knights of Columbus and their families in the United States, I appeal to you, as a Catholic who acknowledges that life begins at conception, to resolve to protect this unalienable right. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues personally with you in greater detail during the weeks between now and November 4.

Respectfully,

Carl A. Anderson

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Supreme Knight