

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9039

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2011

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:00 PM

BY: GK Ed Manz

INTRODUCTIONS:

- GK Ed Manz introduced PGK Norm Melanson as our new District Deputy. After receiving a round of applause, PGK Norm Melanson presented the "Traveling Gavel" to GK Ed Manz and gave the following summary of its significance:

"Worthy Grand Knight and brothers of Our Lady of the Rosary Council: We bring with us, the Traveling Gavel from the State Council of North Carolina in the name of our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. This gavel is symbolic of our devotion to God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Holy Catholic Church, and the service to our fellow man, through the many hours devoted to those less fortunate than us. It is a reminder that not one Council, yet collectively, all Councils continue to assist those in distress, the disabled, and the handicapped.

As this gavel travels from Council to Council, may it bring our brotherhood closer together. I now present the Traveling Gavel of the North Carolina State Knights of Columbus Council on behalf of our Worthy State Deputy – Greg Kent."

GK Ed Manz will use this gavel at tonight's meeting and then he will pass it to the Grand Knight of Council # 1074 in Wilmington, NC at his earliest convenience.

- GK Ed Manz introduced two visiting knights:
 - (1) Past State Deputy SK Ray Wycoff from the Sacred Heart Council in Southport, NC;
 - (2) Knight Bob Mackey of Maryland Council # 2577.

PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY: Chaplain Fr. Bruno Swiatocha

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Warden SK Paul Murnane

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MEMBERS OF U.S. ARMED FORCES LED BY: GK Ed Manz

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All Council Officers were present or excused.

OPENING ODE LED BY: GK Ed Manz

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion: DGK John Yencik made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2011 business meeting as written and posted; motion was seconded by SK Bob Hack; a vote of the members present unanimously approved the motion.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP (includes Form 100s): None.

RESULTS OF BALLOTING WERE (includes Form 100s): None.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (GK Ed Manz, 910.579.1233, lionel@atmc.net):

- State Organizational Meeting: GK Ed Manz reported that he, DGK John Yencik, DD Norm Melanson, and RDD Bob Hack had just returned from the State Organizational Meeting in Burlington, NC where they picked up some important information that they will share later in this meeting.
- Thanks To Outgoing District Deputy: GK Ed Manz called for a round of applause for our outgoing District Deputy Jack Dambaugh for the superb job he did as our District Deputy.
- New Officers: GK Ed Manz announced that Paul Murnane is our new Warden and that Barnacle Bill Anstock is our new Advocate. Both received a round of applause. He also thanked Brother Knights Rich Korn, our past Warden, and Dick Jania, our past Advocate, for their excellent service.

- Program Director Changes: GK **Ed Manz** also announced a few Program Director changes:
 - (1) LAMB Director: Knight **Joe Magri** is stepping down as our LAMB Director and returning to his old job as Church Director. GK **Ed Manz** thanked **Joe Magri** for the yeoman's job he did as our LAMB Director. **Joe Magri** has agreed to work LAMB a while longer until he can train his replacement. This is a very important job for our Council and we must fill this position asap. Please let GK **Ed Manz** know if you are interested.
 - (2) Publicity Director: GK **Ed Manz** announced that SK **Ray Gromadski** will be our new Publicity Director. He complimented **Ed Shea** for the fine job he did as our Publicity Director over the last few years.
 - (3) Community Director: Knight **Jerry Scharoun** is staying on as Community Director.
 - (4) Family Director: Knight **Tom Davin** is staying on as Family Director.
 - (5) Youth Director: SK **Wade Fulmer** is staying on as Youth Director.
 - (6) Right-To-Life Director: Knight **Mike McLean** is stepping down as Right-To-Life Director. GK **Ed Manz** thanked **Mike McLean** for his excellent service as our Right-To-Life Director.
 - (7) Membership Director: GK **Ed Manz** emphasized that the Membership Director position has been open for some time and that our dedicated Regional District Deputy **Bob Hack** has been carrying the extra load of Interim Membership Director during this period. **Bob Hack** needs relief as his regional duties are very time consuming and require his focus. GK **Ed Manz** emphasized that Membership Director is a critical position for our Council that must be filled asap. Please contact GK **Ed Manz** asap if you are interested. GK **Ed Manz** and RDD **Bob Hack** offered their on-going assistance to the new Membership Director.
 - (8) Unfilled Positions: GK **Ed Manz** appealed to the membership to fill the following positions:
 - Membership Director
 - LAMB Director
 - Council Director
 - Right-To-Life Director
- Annual K of C Council 9039 Golf Tournament: GK **Ed Manz** reported that our "*Annual K of C Council 9039 Golf Tournament*" was held at Sea Trail this past weekend and thanked Brother Knight **Dick Donaldson** for his fine and excellent leadership. GK **Ed Manz** emphasized the Council's appreciation of all the hard work contributed by **Dick Donaldson** over the last several years to organize and run our successful annual golf tournaments. Brother Knight **Dick Donaldson** estimated the profit from this year's golf tournament to be approximately \$6,500 which is down a little from last year. He reported that all went fine this year and thanked everyone who helped. He received a round of applause from the members present.
- Monday Night Football Chance Books: GK **Ed Manz** reported that at the last Officers Planning Meeting, it was decided to proceed with ordering 400 Monday Night NFL Football Chance Books, which are non-refundable, in spite of the current NFL Lockout. The Council's officers calculated our risk as low and believe the impasse between the owners and players will be resolved in time to begin the 2011 season on schedule. GK **Ed Manz** reported that Brother Knight **J. C. Peloquin** has been doing a superb job with this program which has become one of our principal sources of revenue. He asked the membership to provide Brother Knight **J. C. Peloquin** with our continued help and support with this program again this year to make this year another success. Brother Knight **J. C. Peloquin** reported that he has already distributed 170 books and collected over \$400. He said he will be selling them just outside our meeting room after the meeting.
- Monthly K of C Dinner Program: GK **Ed Manz** reported that St. Brendan's Kitchen and Hall has already been reserved for all the Saturdays of the coming year that we are planning dinners. The monthly dinners are another main source of revenue for our Council. The first dinner is scheduled for September 17th following the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass. Brother Knight and Master Chef **Jerry Siegmund** is planning some savory mouth watering menu selections. For example, in October he is planning an Oktoberfest menu including his delicious sauerbraten. The dinner schedule for the year will soon be published. So mark your calendars when you get it. We will need at least two teams to assist him in the kitchen this year. Please contact **Jerry Siegmund** if you can help.

- Council 9039 Annual Budget: GK **Ed Manz** reported that he had sent the membership via e-mail a copy of the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year for review and had copies available if anyone needed one at the meeting. GK **Ed Manz** presented the proposed budget, opened the floor for questions and comments, and answered a number of questions about the budget. In accordance with the Council's bylaws, the proposed budget was formally reviewed at this meeting and will be voted on at the next Council 9039 Business Meeting which is scheduled for August.

CHAPLAIN REPORT BY: (SK Fr. Bruno Swiatocha)

- SK **Father Bruno** said he had an old pastor that gave him some wise advice. He told him: "If you are asked to do something questionable, (1) Don't do it! (2) However, if you do it, do it with dignity!" That covers just about all options!!
- GK **Ed Manz** shared the following humorous anecdote: "Just as Mass was about to begin, a new curate, who was intent on impressing his Bishop, discovered that he had misplaced the key given to him by the Bishop to open the church's tabernacle for communion. He was terrified of the Bishop and was afraid to call the Bishop. Therefore, he called the Bishop's secretary instead and explained that he had misplaced the key the Bishop had given him and could she help him. The secretary reminded the young curate that he had inserted the key in his breviary. But the priest excitedly explained that he had left the breviary in the night stand in his room. The secretary said: "Not to worry, the Bishop has two copies!"

TREASURER REPORT (Dick Connolly for SK Paul Lombardi, 910.754.3825, lombardi94@atmc.net):

Account	Date	(\$ Amount)
Beginning Balance:	5/31/11	\$27,338.70
Ending Balance:	6/30/11	\$21,863.35
Balance Change (+/-):	6/30/11	(\$5,475.35)
Checking (5261):	6/30/11	\$9,022.80
Business Money Rate Savings (0483):	6/30/11	\$7,460.63
Business CD (5777):	6/30/11	\$5,379.92

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Dick Connolly, 910.575.6806, dconnolly@atmc.net):

Account	Item	(\$ Amount)
Receipts:	Dues:	None
	Donations:	None
	Other: Golf Tournament	\$4,019.00
Total:		\$4,019.00

Account	Item	(\$ Amount)
Bills:	Supreme	\$434.40
	Convention Expenses	\$208.86
Total:		\$643.26

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **SUPREME:** None.
- **NC STATE:** None.
- **OTHER:** None.

AUDITORS & TRUSTEES:

- Second Degree Team Certificates: Our special guest, Past State Deputy SK **Ray Wycoff**, of the Sacred Heart Council in Southport, complimented and thanked the Brother Knights of our council who have performed brilliantly on the Second Degree Team. He asked for a volunteer from our Council to be Captain of the Second Degree Team as a special favor. He then presented Second Degree Certificates to the following team members:
 1. SK **Jack Dambaugh** (Warden on Second Degree Team)

2. BK **Joe Troiano** (not present)

SK **Ray Wycoff** also confirmed that a Third Degree Team is being formed in our Council and will be trained for our first Third Degree Exemplification this fall.

- First Degree Team Certificate: As his last official act as District Deputy, SK **Jack Dambaugh** presented First Degree medallions, cards, and certificates to the following knights:
 1. SK **Paul Murnane**
 2. BK **Joe Troiano** (not present)

REPORT ON VOCATIONS: No report.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS (DGK John Yencik, 910.575.8175, squammis@atmc.net):

CHURCH: (Joe Magri, Director, 910.575.5476, jmagri@atmc.net):

- No report.

COMMUNITY (Jerry Scharoun, Director, 910.846.2985, fscharoun@yahoo.com):

- No report.

COUNCIL (TBA):

- No report.

FAMILY (Tom Davin, Director, 910.579.9678, davin1@atmc.net):

- Brother Knight **Tom Davin** reported that 52 knights and guests attended and had a wonderful time at the Pelicans baseball game at BB&T Field in Myrtle Beach, SC on June 30th; however, the Pelicans lost the game 1-0 and one of our guests was slightly injured by a foul ball. He is planning additional events in the near future.

YOUTH (Wade Fulmer, Director, 910.579.1379, wwfulmer@yahoo.com):

- No report.

PUBLICITY (SK Ray Gromadski, Director, 732.762.3037, rgromadski@atmc.net):

- No report.

MEMBERSHIP (SK Bob Hack, Interim Director, 910.754.2647, hackbob42@atmc.net):

- No report.

RIGHT TO LIFE (TBA):

- No report.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

4th DEGREE FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: (Jack Pegoni, Director, 910.579.4650, bevjack@atmc.net):

- SK **Jack Pegoni** reported that there will be no Fourth Degree meeting this month; however, there will be a “*Blessing of Regalia*” at Sacred Heart in Southport on July 23rd and reservations are requested. There will be a Fourth Degree Honor Guard meeting and rehearsal for the 9/11 Memorial Mass on August 28th. The 9/11 Memorial Mass will be held at 8:00 AM on September 11th and members of the fire department will be masters of ceremony.

COLUMBIETTE AUXILIARY 9039: (Jack Pegoni, Director, 910.579.4650, bevjack@atmc.net):

- SK **Jack Pegoni** reported that the Columbiettes have recessed for the summer. Their next event is a “*Card Party*” scheduled in September.

OPERATION LAMB FOUNDATION: (TBA):

- Brother Knight **Joe Magri** reported that we will be collecting for LAMB at Wal-Mart in Shallotte on Sunday July 17 and Sunday July 24. There are still many slots open and we need more help. Please go to our website: K of C – shallotte.org to log-in a slot or two.

9039 GOLF TOURNAMENT: (Dick Donaldson, Coordinator, 910.579.3067, liveoaks@atmc.net):

- See the Grand Knight’s report above.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: (Tom Gilmartin, Coordinator, 910.287.3333, nortom@atmc.net)

- GK **Ed Manz** reported that Brother Knight **Tom Gilmartin** informed him that only two brother knights volunteered to start a new “*Meals-On-Wheels*” route; and since a number of brother knights have already been driving routes, he recommends that we defer taking on a new route.

However, “*Meals-On-Wheels*” always need drivers and if anyone would still like to drive a route, please contact **Tom Gilmartin**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **K of C Organizational Meeting – Burlington, NC:** The K of C Organizational Meeting was held the weekend of July 9 & 10 in Burlington, NC. Representing Council 9039 were: (1) GK **Ed Manz**, (2) DGK **John Yencik**, (3) DD **Norm Melanson**, and (4) RDD **Bob Hack**.
 1. **100th Anniversary of the K of C in North Carolina:** We are currently celebrating our 100th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina. The original councils were formed in Charlotte, Greensboro, and Wilmington. Now there are 128 councils in the state of North Carolina with 15,000 members. With this many members, we certainly have clout!
 2. **Awards:** Our council received two awards:
 - a. Family Category: 5th Place - Congratulations to our Family Director, **Tom Davin**.
 - b. Squires Circle: Sponsor Plaque – Congratulations to our Youth Director and Squires President, **Wade Fulmer**.
 3. **Reports:** GK **Ed Manz** reported that merit awards are determined from the various program and charitable event reports sent to State. Other councils have received awards for accomplishments no better or even less than ours. GK **Ed Manz** said that he, DGK **John Yencik**, and the Program Directors will make a greater effort in the future to write detailed reports accentuating our accomplishments in order to attract more attention to our Council, hopefully resulting in more meritorious awards for our Council.
- **Room At The Inn:** GK **Ed Manz** reported that since January is “*Right-To-Life*” month, the net proceeds from our January Monthly Dinner will be for the benefit of “*Room-At-The-Inn*.” DGK **John Yencik** reported that ground was broken in June 2011 for the new “*Room-At-The-Inn*” which is expected to be completed in April or May 2012. He urged everyone to complete the payment on their pledges made some time ago. He said the new home could be named the “*Father Michael J. McGivney Home*” if the Knights of Columbus is successful in securing enough pledges. He said we already have one dinner planned and we will also “*pass the hat*” for cash donations in the near future. SK **Bob Hack** reminded everyone that we have a long way to go with pledges. The Knights of Columbus have pledged \$1 million dollars and have only collected \$460,000 so far.
- **Right-To-Life Program:** GK **Ed Manz** reported that the main program that our Council needs to improve is our “*Right-To-Life*” program. This year we will be making a greater effort to promote and support the “*Right-To-Life March*” in Raleigh on January 14, 2012. Our old comrade, **Owen Walsh**, did a great job on the march several years ago, and we will match his achievement for the upcoming march.
- **NC Women’s Right To Know Bill:** GK **Ed Manz** reported that he has copies of the letters sent to our State representatives requesting that they vote to override our NC Governor’s veto of the “*Women’s Right To Know*” bill. Here’s a summary of the bill and it’s veto:

Override Governor Perdue’s Veto of Woman’s Right To Know Act
<p>The “<i>Woman’s Right to Know Act</i>” requires that women considering abortion be informed about risks and facts associated with abortion. It passed the NC House 71-48 and the NC Senate 29-20, just one person shy in each NC House of a veto-proof majority. Unfortunately, Governor Perdue vetoed this significant legislation that could save the lives of the unborn. We need you to ask NC legislators to overturn this veto and to reduce the number of abortions in North Carolina.</p> <p>This Act would require full disclosure of the physical and mental health and risks associated with abortion to the woman considering this option. She still can have the abortion if she chooses, but full awareness of the reality of the abortion experience will no doubt discourage some women from choosing this option.</p>

Many women, who abort, later regret their decision. Many say in retrospect that if they had seen the ultrasound they would have chosen birth rather than abortion. Women considering abortion need to have all the facts so that they can make an informed decision.

This Act would require a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion could be performed. During that time a woman who is considering an abortion would be provided with the following information to make an informed decision:

- The name of the physician who will perform the abortion.
- Medical risks associated with the abortion, including psychological risks.
- The probable gestational age of the unborn child.
- The medical risks associated with continuing the pregnancy to term.
- Information about the opportunity to view an ultrasound and hear the heartbeat of her child.
- Whether the abortionist has malpractice liability insurance.
- Notarized consent for minors abortions.
- The location of the hospital that offers obstetrical or gynecological care within 30 miles where the abortionist has clinical privileges, should hospitalization be necessary.

This Act would have the potential to save thousands of unborn lives. It would provide pregnant women with information to make **AN INFORMED DECISION (CHOICE) ABOUT HAVING AN ABORTION OR CARRYING THE BABY TO TERM.**

The vote to override the Governor's veto is scheduled for July 13th. Please call our Freshman Representative, Dewey Hill, at his Legislative telephone number (919) 733-5830 and Home telephone number (910) 642-6044 no later than July 12th to register your support of the veto override vote. Please ask him if he is going to vote "yes" to override the Governor's veto of the bill. Also, if he says "no," ask him "why?" since he voted "yes" on the bill when it came to a vote in his chamber. Please send an e-mail to GK **Ed Manz** with his responses. Remember that this bill was overwhelmingly passed by both chambers of the NC Government, but vetoed by our pro-abortion Governor. The legislators were only one vote short in both chambers to avoid the Governor's veto.

- Respect Life Committee: GK **Ed Manz** reported that he and **Kathy Doyle** are the representatives from St. Brendan's Church on the "*Respect Life Committee*" and will be attending a meeting of the committee with the Bishop in Raleigh on August 6th.

DISTRICT DEPUTY: (SK Norm Melanson, 910.575.8131, bnm35@atmc.net):

- Introduction: SK **Norm Melanson** reported that he is pleased to be our new District Deputy and hopes to be worthy of the assignment; he asked for our prayers in support. His primary focus will be "*membership*" which should be a priority for all of us 24/7. He will push for the "*membership card*" as an informational item to educate prospective new members.
- NC State Golf Tournament: SK **Norm Melanson** reminded everyone that the NC State Golf Tournament is scheduled in September at Jacksonville, NC. The entry fee is \$135 and it is a well run tournament and a fun event if you can attend. SK **Norm Melanson** said due to a previous conflict (a cruise) he will not be able to attend this year but wouldn't miss it if he were here. If you are interested, please contact him for entry forms. It's a great tournament.

INSURANCE AGENT: (Marty J. Yakimovich, 910.617.2805, kcfamjy@aol.com):

- No report.

SICK: (see Mariner)

DECEASED: (see Mariner)

GOOD OF THE ORDER: (Bob Houser, Lecturer):

- Intentionally not recorded. (BK **Bob Houser** not present.)

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:

- June 2011: Brother Knight **Dick Donaldson** for his dedication and hard work in preparing for our annual golf tournament and for dealing with the stress and anxiety to insure its continued success. Well done!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

- June 2011: SK **Tom Gilmartin** and wife, **Noreen Gilmartin**: SK **Tom Gilmartin** has contributed significantly to our Fourth Degree programs and events, has successfully coordinated the annual NC State raffle, is both a hard working coordinator and driver for the “*Meals-On-Wheels*” program, and is active at the church as an Altar Server and other roles. His wife, **Noreen Gilmartin**, is also very active with the church as a Eucharistic Minister and actively supports our Council’s many functions.

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:

- Brother Knight **J. C. Peloquin** for his exceptional fundraising efforts including sales of Monday Night Football Chance Books for our council and sales of raffle tickets (Harley Davidson Motorcycle) for “*Room At The Inn,*” and his “*above and beyond*” service to the council such as stepping in as “Recorder” when needed. While receiving this prestigious award, the outstanding BK **J. C. Peloquin** received a standing ovation from the members present. Showing his humble character, he credited and thanked all those who had helped him.

CHAPLAIN’S SUMMATION: Chaplain **Fr. Bruno Swiatocha** summed up as follows:

- Thank You!: Chaplain **Fr. Bruno Swiatocha** gave heartfelt thanks to the brother knights who worked so hard on his property. He said he just isn’t able to do the house and yard maintenance any more. He has a deep appreciation for what the Knights of Columbus give to others.
- Closing Anecdote: Chaplain **Fr. Bruno Swiatocha** shared the following story: “*There were some young Seminarians who walked around the grounds of the seminary with an old priest. One day they asked the senior priest if he had any temptations. He said: Am I not human like you? Of course I do. Then the Seminarians asked: What should we do when faced with these temptations? The old priest said: I quote the scriptures: **Get behind me Satan and push!***”

CLOSING PRAYER LED BY: A decade of the Rosary was led by Chaplain **Fr. Bruno Swiatocha**.

CLOSING ODE LED BY: Not done.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:50 PM **BY:** GK Ed Manz

MEETING MINUTES TAKEN & SUBMITTED BY:

- Bill Potter, Recorder, 910.755.6472, lizbillpotter@aol.com

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Websites of interest:

KofC Supreme: <http://www.kofc.org/un/index.cfm>

KofC North Carolina: <http://kofcnc.org/>

KofC Our Lady of the Rosary Council 9039: <http://www.kofc-shallotte.org/>

KofC Father McGivney: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/index.do>

KofC Information Catholics Need To Know: <http://www.headlinebistro.com/en/index.html>

KofC Fathers For Good: <http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/index.html>

Supreme Council Columbiettes: <http://www.columbiettes.com/>

St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church: <http://www.saintbrendan-shallotte.org/>

Catholic Voice NC: <http://www.CatholicVoiceNC.org>