



Knights of Columbus Good Samaritan Council 13096 Grand Knight's Report November 9, 2010

Note to Council Members: If you would like a roster of Council members, please contact Bill Swing @ billjswing@frontiernet.net

1) Grand Knight's Report

- a) Supreme
 - i) Kennedy gravesite restoration work – The KC's are underwriting the cost of restoring legibility of the JFK inaugural address and sponsoring an essay contest on the inaugural address for high school students.
 - ii) "The Posada – An Advent & Christmas Celebration". A booklet has been made available for families who may wish to celebrate Advent in the "Posada" tradition – brought to the New World by 16th century missionaries.
- b) Reports Filed by Field Agent David Novack on behalf of Council 13096
 - i) No report.
- c) State Updates
 - i) Fall Bowling Classic – November 12-14 at Lakeville, Blaine and Brooklyn Park.
 - ii) The **MN KC Student Loan Fund, Inc.**, seeks donations from Brother Knights to meet increased demand for student loans. The fund is a Section 501©(3) non-profit corporation and **all donations are tax deductible.**
 - iii) **Light Up For Christ** Councils and Brother Knights are encouraged to participate in the annual "Light Up For Christ" on December 7 by lighting home nativity scenes.
 - iv) Mid year questionnaire due December 1.
- d) District 53 Update
 - i) District Deputy semiannual report on Council status due December 31
 - ii) District and region free throw contests will be managed by Wayzata – Shawn Leueer. The contests will be held at HNOJ on February 12, 2011 (District) and March 4, 2011 (Region).
 - iii) October Blitz – only Good Samaritan Council reported new members.
 - iv) Ultrasound machine fundraising update (see elsewhere in notes).
 - v) Next meeting – January 27 at HNOJ.

- e) Communications Received:
 - i) HNOJ School Marathon Committee – thank you for assistance on 9/25.
 - ii) Shawn Leuer – Schedule for Free Throw Contest at HNOJ.
 - iii) Sabrina Mauritz, Director of Parish Life – HNOJ Sleep Out (see elsewhere in notes).

- f) Exemplifications
 - i) John Rode, Greg Wacek and Randy Geerdes went through 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees on October 30 at St. Peter's in North St. Paul
 - ii) Steve Boisclair still awaiting an opportunity to attend.

- g) Item # 22: Unfinished business items for consideration
 - i) Special Olympics Fall Classic Support
 - (1) Update from Tom Silver
 - ii) Financial challenge to other Councils in District 53 for an ultrasound machine
 - \$7,500 for the District or \$1,500 per Council
 - (1) District Deputy Mark Foresman has identified the Minnetonka Life-Care Center in Hopkins as a potential site. The site needs \$2,000 to purchase materials to construct a private room in which to place an ultrasound machine. If a room can be constructed and a machine provided, they will retain a medical director and sonographer to operate the machine. **Note:** An unnamed organization is rumored to be seeking a guidance center for pregnant women in Hopkins. The center is rumored to be investigating the feasibility of providing abortions on site.
 - (2) **Motion requested: Council willing to provide \$400 for the purchase of materials for Minnetonka Life-Care Center to construct a room for the ultrasound machine.**
 - iii) Council fundraising ideas
 - (1) Alex Yang to report.
 - iv) Priesthood Sunday – November 7
 - (1) Tom Silver and Jim Grube to update
 - v) Divine Mercy Sunday
 - (1) Update from George Laurance
 - vi) Round Table discussion with Father Tim – Jim Grube/Dan Cincoski
 - (1) No report.
 - vii) Deb McGarry request for assistance for Bob Beidel family.
 - (1) No report.

- h) Item #23: New business items for consideration
 - i) Angel Auction assistance for Ladies Auxiliary – November 13.
 - ii) Pancake breakfast – November 21 – proceeds go to HNOJ kitchen fund
 - iii) Christmas Party
 - (1) Dan Cincoski to report.

iii) HNOJ Sleep Out – Sabrina Mauritz request

(1) The sleep out is scheduled for December 4. Sabrina invites the Knights to get pledges and sleep out with other parishioners.

(2) If Council does not wish to get involved in a sleep out, help is needed to provide dinner (about 75 people) and/or breakfast (about 50 people).

(3) **Action: Respond to request for KC assistance.**

Dates to Remember:

Fall Classic – November 12-14

Angel Auction – November 13

Pancake Breakfast – November 21

Social Time – November 30 @ Panera

Next Council Meeting – Christmas party