



KNIGHTLIFE

St Raphael's Council 9880, Knights of Columbus

May 1998

In Memory of Charles Pekich

On Tuesday, May 26 founding member and past Financial Secretary Charles Pekich died. Funeral services are planned for Friday, May 29, 11:00 AM at St Raphael. Chuck will be missed by all of us. He will be best remembered for his tireless work in the council as Financial Secretary. He never missed an opportunity to participate as illustrated by this 1993 photo of the painting crew renovating Seton Hall (Chuck is second from right). *Rest in peace Chuck.*

Grand Knight

The 1997/98 fraternal year has been the greatest on record. I want to thank all of my brother knights who contributed to make it such a success.

Some of the high points:

- Increased membership 15% with more youthful brothers to take us into the next millenium
- 3 Celebration dinners to benefit the St Raphael's parish
- Successful fund raiser for Catholic school scholarships
- Greater family participation

- More social activities with wives
- Successful Operation Lamb, raised over \$10,000 for retarded children
- Marble mass sign installed
- Successful fundraising for food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Support of Spanish community outreach program

None of this could have been accomplished without the participation and leadership of so many brothers. I want to thank you all.

Regards,

Terry Miner
Grand Knight, Council 9880

Slate of Officers

The slate of officers (nominations) for the 1998/99 fraternal year is assembled and recommended by the current Trustees: Tom Smith PGK, Mike Clunie PKG, and Conrad Collins PKG. The council will vote on the slate at the June 9th business meeting. If you or someone you know would like to be in the running, anyone can be nominated from the floor on the night of elections.

THE SLATE

Grand Knight – Gene Knight
 Deputy Grand Knight – Ed Cody
 Chaplain – Fr. Kelly
 Treasurer – Jonh Gunther
 Financial Secretary – Sean Flanagan
 Recorder – Jerry Anashevich
 Chancellor – George Fisher
 Advocate – Bill Hast
 Warden - Andy Demchak
 Inside Guard – Jim Pappalardo
 Outside Guard – John Harrad
 One Year Trustee - Mike Clunie
 Two Year Trustee – Conrad Collins
 Three Year Trustee – Terry Miner

**Council Officer
 Elections
 Business Meeting, June 9**

Financial Secretary

Dear Worthy Brothers,

It is that time again; billing for our 1998-1999 dues. Annual dues are \$20 and are payable \$5 per quarter. As always, a one-time payment to cover your annual dues would be appreciated. This year a \$.50 special assessment will be added, in accordance with Resolution No. 160, adopted at the 115th Supreme Council Meeting held in Montreal, Quebec, August 5-7, 1997. This resolution established the Bishop Thomas V. Daily Vocations Scholarship Fund; \$1.5 million to be used to increase vocations, and was paid by our council this past January.

In an attempt to update our council records, I will be including a question about your current degree status on the billing statements. Please complete and return with your dues payment.

Thank your for your help and cooperation.

Fraternally yours,

Sean G. Flanagan
 Financial Secretary

Meeting Minutes**Minutes of Meeting, May 12, 1998**

Prior to the official start of this meeting, the Council welcomed **Jim Goeke** and **Pete Craig**, representatives of St Raphael's Stewardship Committee who spent twenty minutes addressing the financial needs of the Parish. Included was a quick review and explanation of various line items in St Raphael's 1997-1998 budget.

Grand Knight Terry Miner convened the official meeting at 7:40 PM. What followed were the opening prayer, the pledge of allegiance and the opening ode as very capably led by **Brother John Harrod** in spite of having been caught unawares in the men's room.

Brother Terry then read a letter written by **Brother Don Lawrence** relative to the cavalier manner in which our Council seems to handle the details associated with the Mass offered once a month for the intention of Knights celebrating birthdays. In a letter responding to **Brother Lawrence's** complaint, **Brother Terry** apologized for the obvious complacency and pledged that corrective action would be taken immediately, to wit:

- Brothers with birthdays will be positively recognized each month
- An attempt would be made to provide reserved seating at the prescribed Mass
- The celebrant would be asked to recognize the event

The **Grand Knight**, who presented the honoree with a statuette of the Holy Family then recognized **Brother Dennis Noblet** and his wife, **Helen**, as the **Family of the Month**.

Two transfer requests were then read and unanimously accepted::

- **Brother Al Roucchio** from Father Price Council #2546
- **Brother Tim Heckel** from Father Price Council #2546

The meeting was suspended at 8:03 PM in favor of a 1st Degree Exemplification lead by **Brother John Gouldie** of Council #2546, supported by #9880 **Brothers John Gunther, Mike Clunie, Mark Parrish, Bill Kiernan, John Harrod, Joe Goodrow and Ed Cody**. **District Deputy John Nussbaum** handled the baton. A citation was read by **GK Miner** dedicating this Exemplification to loyal and dedicated long-time Knight and immediate Past Financial Secretary **Brother Mike Mulreany**. Exemplified into the 1st Degree in our Council were :

- **Brother Michael McBriarty**
- **Brother Jay Cadorette**

The Meeting reconvened at 9:02 with the roll call of officers, which is attached hereto.

Because of the lateness of the hour and because the Minutes of the April meeting were published in *Knightlife*, **Brother Fred List** moved that their reading be waived which passed without objection.

Treasurer Brother John Gunther reported that the funds received in excess of our needs to fill several hundred Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets had been given to **Deacon Brother Bob Madey** to be used in his "Share Sunday" programs. **Brother John** also reported that the check reflecting the proceeds from the Celebration Dinners had been readied for delivery to Father Curry. In addition, a check for \$200.00 has been delivered to the St Raphael Youth Group, in recognition for all their efforts in conjunction with the Celebration Dinners.

Financial Secretary Brother Sean Flanagan had no report.

Chancellor Brother Mark Parrish reported that as continuing support of

the **RSVP Program**, \$1000.00 would be given to **Sister Dolly Glick**, of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart and **Sister Patricia Cornell** of the Sisters of the Holy Cross for furtherance of their orders' vocational efforts.

Trustee Brother Mike Clunie again pitched the need for volunteers at the Special Olympic Games that will be taking place locally on May 29, 30, and 31 at Walnut Creek. This will be but the warm-up because the 1999 World Special Olympics will be held in Raleigh and there will then be a need for over 20,000 volunteers.

Brother Ed Cody reminded all that the raffle of the 1998 Ford Explorer was but a few weeks away and that ticket sale, to date, had been disappointing. We have a need to sell 200 more tickets by May 29th. **Brother Ed** urged everyone to get behind a final push but admonished that it might be necessary to postpone or cancel this very important fundraiser! **Brother Don Lawrence** then advised that his firm was holding an Open House on May 20th and gave permission to set up a sales booth on site. He was taken up on his offer. This may be the raffle's salvation! Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Call **Brother Ed Cody**.

Brother Mike Mulreany, returning from a spell of serious sickness, thanked the Council for everything including our prayers for his recovery. Looking fit as a fiddle, he proudly announced that he was celebrating his 70th birthday, which drew loud applause.

Brother Terry announced the following Exemplification dates:

- 2nd Degree at St Raphael's on 5/21
- 3rd Degree at Fr Price on 5/30

Brother John Gunther invited everyone to participate Father Price Council's Golf Outing for the benefit of Wake County Special Olympics to be held at Pine Hollow on June 5th. The contact is **Brother Allen Bizub** at 954-9319. Fee is \$50.00

Brother Mike BiMonte advised that the Council of his youth, Council #338

in Olean, New York, was celebrating its 100th Anniversary. He read a congratulatory letter he had written to its current Grand Knight and suggested that in addition, a greeting card be sent by 9880. **Brother Mike** had even procured the Hallmark, which was signed by all present for posting.

Brother Ed Cody read a letter from Angela Tierney, Director of Administration, in response to our request for storage space on the campus now that we had received an eviction notice from Raphael Hall. She advised that no office space is currently available in Seton Hall and that the CPO shed was still being utilized. Ms Tierney reflected that space behind Seton Hall was considered but needs to be cleaned up from the hurricane.

District Deputy Brother John Nussbaum reported that membership is up five percent and that we're almost at quota. He urged our Council to press on!

Brother Terry announced that the Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 1998-99 would be listed in *Knightlife*. Our election will take place at the June meeting...

For the Good of the Order:

Brother Ed Cody reported delivering a basket of fruit to **Brother Gus Kasopsky** and his wife, **Terry**. He was pleased to report that **Brother Gus** appears to be recovering nicely from his second heart by-pass operation. His first was sixteen years ago but this one was quintuple.

Brother Ed then advised that our long time Financial Secretary, **Brother Chuck Pekich** was not faring well. **Brother Chuck** has just been transferred from Integrated Health Services to the Litchford Road Convalescent Home and is in serious need of our prayers.

Brother Andy Demchak solicited prayers for the souls of his late supervisor at work who recently took his own life and that of his wife.

Brother Dennis Noblet requested prayers for his father who is hospitalized in Rhode Island.

Brother John Harrod asked continuing prayers for his pregnant sister, his father, and his friend, Victor Hall.

Brother Mike Mulreany, appropriately, won the 50/50 **Brother Bill Shafers** won the "Wearin' o' the Badge" Award **Brother Joe Coffman**, because of his absence, lost the Free Dues For a Year Award

Following the closing prayer by **Chaplain Father Bill Kelley**, the closing ode rang throughout Seton Hall as led by **Brother John Harrod**, this time prepared, and, as usual, on key.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM followed by refreshments.

Attendance: 29

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Cody Recorder

Calendar

5/29	Annual Automobile Raffle, 1998 Ford Explorer XLT, 390 tickets @ \$100/ea. (John Gunther)
5/29-31	Special Olympic Games at Walnut Creek.
5/29	Funeral mass for Charles Pekich at St. Raphael, 11:00 am
5/30	3 rd Degree at Fr Price
6/5	Father Price Council's Golf Outing for the benefit of Wake County Special Olympics to be held at Pine Hollow
6/9	Business Meeting, 7:30, Seton Hall – Elections
6/23	Social Meeting

Current Officers/Directors

Officers

Grand Knight	Terry Miner	848-9777
Chaplain	Father William Kelley, SJ	876-1667
Dep. Gr. Knight	Gene Knight	266-6612
Treasurer	John Gunther	848-1759
Financial Sec	Sean Flanagan	870-8251
Recorder	Ed Cody	782-1215
Chancellor	Mark Parrish	848-1708
Advocate	Bill Hast	847-7247
Warden	Andy Demchak	954-0477
Inside Guard	John Harrod	787-8719
Outside Guard	Jim Bauer	876-7493
One Yr. Trust	Tom Smith	847-4317
Two Yr. Trust	Mike Clunie	547-3154
Three Yr. Trust	Conrad Collins	790-8185
Insurance	John Kilpatrick	443-3474

Committee Chairman

Church	Jim Pappalardo	250-0408
Community	Dave Sovich	872-7081
Family	Tom Smith	847-4317
Youth	Jim Wetmore	878-0636

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