



**Knights of Columbus, Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan Association
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Minutes of the Diocesan Association Meeting held on; Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 7PM,
At Saint-Félix-de-Valois, 620 Glengarry Boulevard, Cornwall, Ontario K6H 6E7

Host: Grand Knight - Bro. Michel Lalonde

Attendees: There were 39 meeting attendees. Please see Appendix A for a complete list of the attendees.

1. **Call to Order:** Diocesan Association Director, SK Earle DePass, District Deputy 32 opened the meeting promptly at 7PM and welcomed all. He thanked our host, Grand Knight – Bro. Michel Lalonde for hosting the meeting. SK Earle welcomed all with a special thanks for making the effort to attend the meeting given the inclement weather and poor driving conditions. We had a record number of attendees.
2. **Roll Call:** SK Earle indicated that he had distributed a copy of the most current (January 2012) “Purpose, Structure and Rules for Diocesan Associations and Selection of Delegates to the Supreme Convention”. He called attention to the Standard Agenda on Page 10 which calls for a roll call. As such he asked DW 32 Keith LaFave to perform the roll call.
3. **Prayer:** Fr. Louis Groetelaars led all in an Opening Prayer. “O Canada” was sung by all.
4. **Introductions:** SK Earle extended a special welcome to both priests in attendance; Diocesan Association Chaplain, Fr. Louis Groetelaars and Fr. Denis Vaillancourt. SK Earle also welcomed our Webmaster, Bro. Raymond Lacroix and General Agent, Bro. Marc Madore. SK Earle indicated that the following special guests had also been invited but could not attend;
 1. Ontario State Treasurer - SK Alain Cayer
 2. Reports Information Director - Bro. William Country
 3. Diocesan Association Director from Kingston – Bro. Ian Martin
 4. Diocesan Association Director from Pembroke – Bro. Robert Coyne
 5. Archdiocesan Association Director from Ottawa – Bro. Mario Duguay
 6. Journey To The Father (JTTF) Representative - Bro. Ken Lalonde
 7. Field Agent – Bro. Jean-Pierre Ricard
 8. Field Agent – Bro. Sylvain Hotte
 9. Past State Deputy – Bro. Armand Martin

SK Earle also pointed out that;

1. The format and timing for invitations to this, and future Association meetings have been improved
 2. The invitation to other associations has improved the lines of communications between our neighboring associations.
5. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. SK Earle pointed out that we have a very tightly-timed agenda. He introduced all to timing and light system intended to keep presentations tight and on time...much to the amusement of many.
6. **Review of the Minutes of the Last Diocesan Association meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting held on September 26, 2011 at Ste.-Therese de Lisieux were read by Diocesan Secretary, Bro. Kevin Rayburn, and District Deputy 62. After two minor corrections: 1) Our Seminarian is Deacon Henri Abena (not Abbani), and 2) the name of the Mason at the Summerheights Golf Club is Ken MacLennan (not his father, Rory, who is deceased) the minutes of the Last Diocesan Association meeting were then approved.
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** SK Denis Brunet reported:
 - General Account; \$1,165.19 (after income for the period from Sep. 2011 – Jan. 2012 of \$1,146.25 and expenses of \$713.64 for the same period)
 - Supreme Convention delegate account: \$1,020.00
 - 5 Councils and 1 Assembly still owe 2012 dues, for a total of outstanding dues of \$588.00.

A question arose from the floor concerning the expenditure of advertising (re: the Bishop's departure) in the Journal de/of Cornwall for \$612.00 for this item as it seemed to be a rather large expense. SK Earle explained that State reimbursed the Association for a third of this expense. This decision to advertise came together quickly as Bishop Paul-André's departure was rather sudden.

SK Denis Brunet moved that report be adopted as read, seconded by Bro. Gerard St-Amour. All were in favour, motion carried.

8. **Webmaster's Report:** Bro. Raymond Lacroix;
 - i. Suggested keeping our website updated with frequent updates
 - ii. Recommended putting the Association's Constitution on the site
 - iii. Indicated that he has put a counter on the website which can show the number of hits and where they come from.
9. **Chaplain's Report: Fr. Louis Groetelaars;**
 - i. Reported that earlier this year the KofC Chaplains held a convention at the Doubletree Hotel in Toronto.
 - ii. Indicated that Bishop Noël Simard was then State Chaplain. Bishop Simard has since been moved to Bishop of Valleyfield, QC. The conference discussed what is expected of KofC Chaplains
 - iii. Indicated that 30% of the Priests who attended had never seen the Chaplains Handbook
 - iv. Suggested that Financial Secretaries should give the Chaplains Handbook to their Chaplains when it arrives as part of "The Surge with Service" kit.
 - v. Expressed concern expressed that Council meetings can last too long. This could hinder new members joining the Knights. He used all to keep meetings short and punctual.
 - vi. Recommended that Council meetings should be kept short, to the point and with a good social opportunity afterwards.
10. **Director's Report:** SK Earle DePass, District Deputy32 reported that;
 - i. He had extended invitations to neighboring Diocesan Association Directors; none attended; but at least an invitation was extended;
 - ii. He plans to attend Diocesan Association meetings over the next year at the neighbouring Diocesan Association's.
 - iii. We had a Bishop's farewell party on Jan. 9, 2012. I was a 1st Class event! 78 people came to St. Francis de Sales. The Bishop was presented with a Tassimo coffee maker on behalf of all Councils and Assemblies within the Diocese.
 - iv. There have been improved communications within the Association
 - v. The Association's executive had met at least one week prior to each of our semi-annual Diocesan Association General Meetings to ensure that the executive is on the same page.
11. **Vocations/RSVP Report: SK Robert Boulay reported that:**
 - i. The only Seminarian currently in training is: Deacon Henri Abena. He is at the *Grand Séminaire de Montréal*, 2065, rue Sherbrooke O, Montreal, QC H3H 1G6, (514) 925-0005.
 - ii. All donations should be sent directly to the Seminarian with a copy of the cancelled cheque (front and back). It then should be submitted, along with a thank you note from the Seminarian. Supreme reimburses \$100 on any \$500 donation.
12. **Council Reports:** One representative from each of the attending Councils and Assemblies provided a short (max. 3 minute) update. Of special note were that;
 1. Glen Robertson Council had an impressive fundraiser raising \$12,000 on a raffle.
 2. After a quick calculation by SK Keith LaFave DW32 it was realized that funds raised in the reports given tonight of all reporting councils was in excess of \$30,000!!
13. **Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation (CCH) Report:** Bro. Gerard St-Amour provided a written report showing that as of Jan. 1, 2012 we are still \$23,428 short of our goal of \$100,000.
14. **Journey to the Father Update (JTTF):** In the absence of Bro. Ken Lalonde who was unable to attend, SK Earle reported that the JTTF this year takes place on the July 15/16, 2012 weekend. Volunteers are asked to contact Ken at; (613) 347 7300 or; ken.lalonde@sympatico.ca
15. **Youth Leadership Camp:** In the absence of Ontario State Treasurer, SK Alain Cayer, SK Earle indicated that the event will be held this year from Aug. 21 - 25, 2012 at Port Colborne. The cost is a nominal \$25.00 per attendee. All were asked to promote this upcoming event in their councils as sometimes camper's spots go unfilled.

16. **Basketball Free Throw:** Bro. Robert Boulay, Regional Free Throw Chairman provided a written report. There are 16 councils and 23 schools participating in this year's events which take place on; District competition; February 11, 2012. The Regional competition will take place on February 18, 2012. Both competitions take place at La Citadelle High School. The Diocesan Association has taken out liability insurance. All councils were asked to bring their council reports in today. Bro. Robert indicated this would be his last year as Regional Free Throw Chairman and recommended that Bro. Dan Landry take his place. Bro. Dan and the Association member present agreed.
17. **General Agent Report:** Bro. Marc Madore reported that:
1. Field Agents are on the road tonight meeting clients and therefore will not attend tonight's Association meeting
 2. KofC is still a top rated insurance company in Canada.
 3. We remain financially secure
 4. He was a Guest Speaker at last year's youth leadership camp and spoke about Ethics in Business
 5. 2011 was a record 11th consecutive year of growth
 6. The Order provides \$8billion of coverage Order wide
 7. Ontario is #2 in outstanding life insurance in force Order wide
 8. The new disability insurance program (replacement of income) is important for self-employed members
 9. Life insurance is now available to Knights and their families to age 80
 10. The charities we support include: The Madore Agency Charity Fund which supports: The Agapè Centre and the Wheelchair program
 11. They helped a Council in South Mountain. This Council has had lost everything in a fire.
18. **Substance Abuse Chair:** Bro. Joe Krol reported that:
- i. He requests that all posters are sent to him by Feb. 10, 2012
 - ii. He will be bringing samples to the next Diocesan Association meeting.
19. **Webinar training:** SK Earle DePass reported that SK Grant Ertel from the Ontario State - College of Knowledge has put on a training session earlier this month on "How to perform Council audits". This and other training sessions are available on the Ontario State's website at; http://ontariokofc.ca/Programme_Materials.html.
20. **Grand Knight's Gala - Appreciation Night;** SK Earle reported that the last event was held in June 2011 and was a tremendous success. The organizers were given a resounding round of applause. A sheet soliciting volunteers to help with the 2012 event was circulated. The following responded; Keith LaFave, Eugene Legault, Daniel Landry, Paul-Emile Lacroix, Stephen Maloney, Mark Cooper and Earle DePass.
21. **Agapè Centre:** Bro. Jean Paul Fortin:
- a. Reported that he and Bro. Ray Forget have prepared a commemorative calendar. These calendars have been distributed to members of councils who helped.
 - b. Thanked all those who have helped serve meals at the Centre
 - c. Reported that he is stepping down as Chair of this Committee after 12 years. He agreed to be replaced by; SK Denis Brunet and Bro. Denis Legros.
- SK Earle acknowledged the great work of Jean Paul who was given a standing ovation as an acknowledgement of his work.
22. **Upcoming Degrees:**
- i. Feb. 08, 2012 – 1st Degree at Ontario (Council 755), in English
 - ii. Feb. 26, 2012 – 2nd Degree at Ontario (Council 755), in English
 - iii. Mar. 12, 2012 - 1^{ere} Degree at Ste-Thérèse de Lisieux (Council 8459), en français
 - iv. Mar. 14, 2012 - 3rd Degree at Ontario (Council 755), in English.
23. **Elections:** Past Director SK Doug Carroll ran the elections for 2012-2013. The results were;
- i. Director: SK Earle DePass.
 - ii. Treasurer: SK Denis Brunet.
 - iii. Secretary: SK Paul-Emile Lacroix.
- SK Earle thanked SK Doug for running the elections and Bro. Kevin Rayburn for his work as the Association Secretary this past year.

These minutes were recorded by: Kevin Rayburn, DD 62 / Diocesan Association Secretary
The meeting adjourned at 10:10PM. Fr. Denis Vaillancourt said the closing prayer in French.

Date, Time and Place of Next meeting:

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 07:00PM at St. Joseph's (Council 8715), Lancaster, Ontario

Appendix A – Attendees (in alphabetical order) to the Diocesan Meeting of January 31, 2012

	First Name	Last Name	Position	Council / Assembly #	District #	Council / Assembly Name
1.	François	Aubin	Grand Knight & Faithful Navigator	Council 1919 Assembly 858	81	Bishop MacDonnell Assembly Glengarry-Sacre-Coeur
2.	Robert	Bedard	District Warden 81	8715	81	St. Joseph (8715) Bishop Broedeur Assembly 0877
3.	Robert	Boulay	District Deputy 75	7229	75	Ste-Croix
4.	Daniel	Brabant	Financial Secretary	5068	32	St. Lawrence
5.	Denis	Brunet	Diocesan Association Secretary Faithful Navigator (FN)	2224		Marcel Renaud Assembly
6.	Raymond	Brunet	Past District Deputy81 Financial Secretary	12865	81	Glen Robertson
7.	Ronald	Carriere	District Deputy 81	12865	81	Glen Robertson
8.	Doug	Carroll	Grand Knight	9780	62	St. Anthony & St. Michael
9.	Richard	Carter	Secetaire Finnancier	8715	81	Lancaster
10.	Mark	Cooper	District Warden 32-2	10416	32	St. Andrews
11.	Yvon	Delorme	Trustee	1919	81	Glengarry-Sacre-Coeur
12.	Earle	DePass	District Deputy32 Association Director	Council 10416 Assembly 2903	32	St. Andrews
13.	Lucien	Desrosiers	Grand Knight	9695		Nativité de la B.V.M.
14.	Alex	Duperon	Secetaire Finnancier	1919	81	Glengarry-Sacre-Coeur
15.	Jean Paul	Fortin		5068	32	St. Lawrence
16.	Daniel	Gauthier	Grand Knight	7229	75	Ste-Croix
17.	Jean-Guy	Gauthier	Faithful Navigator	0877		Bishop Broedeur Assembly
18.	Rev. Louis	Groetelaars	Diocesan Association Chaplain	9780	62	Apple Hill
19.	Joe	Krol	Substance Abuse Chairman	11123	62	St. Bernard's
20.	Raymond	Lacroix	Webmaster			
21.	Paul-Emile	Lacroix	Faithful Scribe	Council 755 Assembly 0877	32	Ontario Bishop Broedeur Assembly
22.	Robert	Lacroix	Secetaire Finnancier	8459	75	Ste-Thérèse de Lisieux
23.	Keith	LaFave	District Warden 32-1	10416	32	St. Andrews
24.	Denis	Lafebrve	Grand Knight	9435	75	Green Valley
25.	Richard	LaFortune	Grand Knight	10320	32	Our Lady of Grace - St. Pius X
26.	Ronald	Lajoie	Grand Knight	9435	81	Ste-Marie
27.	Michel	Lalonde	Grand Chevalier	9929	81	St-Félix de Valois
28.	Daniel	Landry	Grand Knight	5068	32	St. Lawrence
29.	André	Larocque	Grand Knight	12865	81	Glen Robertson
30.	Roger	Moquin	Treasurer	5068	32	St. Lawrence
31.	Ronald	Paquette	Financial Secretary	11531	32	St. Francis de Sales
32.	Garry	Peters	Grand Knight	10416	32	St. Andrews
33.	Paul	Poirier	Grand Chevalier	8715	81	Lancaster
34.	Kevin	Rayburn	Diocesan Association Secretary District Deputy 62	9780	62	Apple Hill
35.	Archie	Roussin	Treasurer	1919	81	Glengarry-Sacre-Coeur
36.	Timothy	Spence	Deputy Grand Knight	9780	62	Apple Hill
37.	Alex	Spooner	Treasurer	1919	81	Glengarry-Sacre-Coeur
38.	Gérard	St-Amour	Secrétaire / Trésorier CCH Committee	7229	75	St-Félix de Valois, Cornwall Community Hospital
39.	Rev. Denis	Vaillancourt	Rev.	1919	81	Glengarry-Sacre-Coeur