

***Diocesan Associations***  
***Minutes of the***  
***Hamilton South Zone Sept. 23, 2017 Meeting***

1. **Registration** – as per the attached sheet – Exhibit A
2. **Call to Order:** Chair called the meeting to order at 9:43 am after mass was held at 9 am
3. **Opening Prayer** lead by Father Bob
4. **National Anthem** was sung
5. **Roll Call (Zone Executive, District Deputies, Councils, Assemblies)**
  - Each present introduced themselves and gave a brief history of their involvement with the Knights.
6. **Chaplains Message**
  - Father Bob spoke about the book “The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus”. In October, the priests will be dealing with forming Intentional Disciples. Also he pointed out that parishioners are relied upon for their skills, a carpenter for wood work etc. There is also a need to involve the family in the church. A Q&A session followed. See Exhibit B
7. **Visiting Guest Speakers** - None
8. **Reading and Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - Brother Dave Stokes read the minutes of the March meeting, moved acceptance, seconded by Jim Hannan. Carried
9. **Reading of Communications** - none
10. **Upcoming Degrees** – as posted on Skystoppers. Don’t assume all are posted but rather advise Brother Steve to ensure all are posted.
11. **Chairman’s Report** – as per attached Exhibit C

**12. Treasurer's Report and Reading of Bills**

- Bank balance \$3009.80. Outstanding invoice are \$282.75 for food for the Officer Training session in May and \$48.50 for today's refreshments. Still about \$400 outstanding dues. \$840 in invoices were to be distributed to those present and the ones not claimed, will be mailed.

**13. Committee Reports - none**

**14. Unfinished Business - none**

**15. New Business - none**

**16. State Officer Reports**

- James Raats spoke about upcoming membership drive and the help that is available.

**17. Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

- Brother Bob Chawlick spoke about the upcoming exemplification on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will be held in Guelph. The new uniform is only needed if joining the colour guard and suits are acceptable in October.

**18. Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report**

- Neil Bouvier spoke about 2 items
  1. Insurance – the need for this
  2. Coats for kids. In 2015, 2 council participated with 84 coats. In 2016 22 councils participated with 840 coats. In 2017, expanding the area and involving other insurance agencies. The coats will be delivered on November 11 at 2 pm for pick-up. The cost of the coats will now be \$245 US up from \$245 CDN. State has agreed to cap the cost at \$295 CDN this year, about \$23 being paid by State. Cut-off date is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**19. Council, Assembly and District Reports (All reports must be approved by the chair beforehand. Reports should be limited to upcoming activities or activities of a profound nature.)**

(Idea sharing session) The following ideas were put forward.

- Gary Eckert spoke about the Officer's Training Seminar that was held in May 2017 and how useful this was. He stated that this met Supreme's directive. He also provided a report on the meeting See Exhibit D attached. Next training session will be May 2018
- Waterdown indicated that they had a problem and had a budget meeting were it was decided to hold a school BBQ. They made enough money to solve their problems.
- Council 7969 have 2 signs that need changing for events held in the hall. As the same people must change the sign, they need an electronic sign
- Council 6679 are combining with another council to do a service program
- Jim Hannan indicated 4 councils are joining together for a hockey game for fraternal purposes.
- James Raats indicated his council is helping the church clean-up the yards
- 15920 (Vic L) indicated his council is collecting Cobbs Bread once a week and delivering to Salvation Army. They have also got Assembly 3176 to do the same for another charity. Because of the amount of food donated, both the Council and Assembly received \$500 each from Supreme and this has been donated to Burlington Food Bank. He also indicated that they have a Knight of the Year and Family of the Year and awards are presented to the recipients after the 5pm mass.
- Neil Bouvier indicated that all councils should include Coats for Kids in their recruitment speeches from the pulpit.

**20. Good of the Order** -\$33 for 50/50 draw won by Steve Germann

**21. Announcements**

- Marion Day is October 14<sup>th</sup> and is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fatima in Portugal
- Next Meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> in the same venue

**22. Closing Prayer** – lead by Father Bob

**23. Meeting Adjourned** – 11:45 am with next meeting to take place on April 7 or 14 at same venue.



Exhibit B

— FORMING —  
INTENTIONAL  
DISCIPLES



The Path to Knowing  
and Following Jesus

Sherry A. Weddell

## Exhibit C

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for September focus on parishes. He challenges us prayerfully with the following words; "That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen". These are two of the building blocks of the Knights of Columbus; Catholic gentlemen united in faith and committed to charity. Pope Francis addresses the third basic virtue in his work, *Evangelii Gaudium*; where he says, and I quote; "I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion. Let everyone admire how you care for one another, and how you encourage and accompany one another" (99).

The pope's words are a good way for us to measure how our councils are living up to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. We should ask ourselves just how our councils and assemblies offer "a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion" and how we care for each other as brother Knights and for our families. Many of our councils and assemblies offer such a witness, but for others there may be room for improvement. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson challenges every Knight to take these words of Pope Francis to heart as each of us approaches the work of our local council and assembly.

We must make a greater effort to demonstrate within our parishes here in the Diocese of Hamilton how the Knights of Columbus offer a genuine example of fraternal communion. We can offer our communities a visible, inspiring example of fraternity through what we do and how we do it. We can show each other, we can show ourselves how all of us can do a better job of caring for one another and how we can encourage and accompany one another in our parishes as Christians, as Catholic gentlemen. That also becomes a visible expression of the virtue of unity.

## Exhibit D

South Zone Meeting.

September 23, 2017

The Hamilton Diocesan Association, South Zone hosted an Officer Training Seminar at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Centre Waterdown, on May 27, 2017.

There was a Mass for Vocations prior to the start of the training.

Officer Training Seminar.

The proper way of conducting a council meeting was highlighted followed by "break out" sessions for the individual officers.

Lunch at 12:30.

50/50 Draw.

Final Prayer.

Attending were 35 knights from over 15 councils which included: knights from the North Zone, 4 District Deputies, 1 former District Master, 1 serving District Master, and 2 Field Agents.

Seminar Cost: \$282.75 (almost break even)

The seminar relays useful information to the newly elected officers, current officers and for those who are thinking of becoming an officer, and an opportunity for fellowship with your bro. knight.

Next OTS : May To be announced