



Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2025

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:00pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Recording began at the approval of the previous minutes.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Recording began at the approval of the previous minutes.
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve January meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - Not present.
6. Grand Knight's Report (Jim McCarry)
 - Bingo – Church does not have any dates for us until May 16th. The Meehan Center keeps consistently being double booked and we have been getting the short end of the stick. May potentially look into using the cafeteria/gym or rent a hall (Goshen Fire Hall, Schuyler, WCU Newman Center) to keep Bingo going. However, our insurance may not let us host the event off the premises. Gym seems like the most viable option. We may also have to host on a weeknight. The name Hump Day Bingo was proposed.
 - Greg Ciminera is no longer at SSJ.
 - Please attend the OPM Meetings so that we can further discuss topics that we are working on. That will avoid prolonged discussions at council meetings.
 - Update on Tom Lopez: Tom is doing well. He is going down to HUP this Thursday and had 9 more treatments (1 per month). Linda is looking for transportation to/from HUP.
 - Wendy Burpee from Genesis (who spoke to us in December) reached out asking for assistance for Aldi gift cards for 2 women in need of groceries. GK Jim proposed 2 \$250 Aldi gift cards. We as a council have dwindled income due to 3 fewer Bingos. However, we should be able to afford donations. Brother Paul mentioned that there is \$500 set aside in the budget for Family Miscellaneous that we could use.
 - Motion to approve the purchase of 2 \$250 Aldi Gift Cards for a total of \$500 from the Family budget for the two women from Genesis, **PASSED** unanimously.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$36,450
 - Available Cash: \$14,479
 - Total Assets: \$24,750
 - Motion to approve January Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - Jim has reached out to two potential members who both stated that they will be registering.

- Supreme is allowing potential members to attend council meetings to see if it is for them. We have two options: guests can become an online member but would not be able to vote or with advanced warning, we can vote on allowing guests to attend.
- It was also confirmed that Orthodox Catholics can become Knights as well.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith/COR (Dr. Joe LaBricciosa)
 - Next COR is scheduled for 2/22 in the cafeteria, as we were bumped from the Meehan Center.
 - St. Norbert’s Men’s Spirituality Group is hosting a presentation Thursday morning called “That Man is You.” It is a 12-week program that they have been running for 8 years. Brother Joe is attending to learn more and see what he can bring to COR at SSJ. Hoping that there is room availability on Saturday mornings.
 - Brother Joe has created an invitation for the Men of Malvern Retreat on March 14th. The invitation has a brochure, registration form, and other information about the retreat. Joe hopes to create more invitations for the Men of Chester County retreat in August.
 - Thank you to Dr. Joe and all others for helping with the Our Lady of Fatima Statue at SSJ. It was a powerful experience for all in the Parish!
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - No report.
 - Community (Bill Watts)
 - District Free Throw Championship was this past Saturday 2/15. SSJ student Nick Vu won the 14-year age group and was invited to Regionals at Gwynedd Mercy University.
 - We will be sponsoring 8 men (non-Knights) to attend Man Up Philly on 3/8 at Cardinal O’Hara High School. Brian Dawkins is speaking this year and Archbishop Perez will celebrate the Sunday Vigil Mass.
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - We are looking for a Life Director. Please reach out if interested.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
 - FS Joe Gothie has submitted the names of brothers in the council who have outstanding dues. 38 members are currently outstanding.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - As an update from last month, the small change that we were discussing that we are sent in the mail, there was a proposal to purchase small change purses to teach financial responsibility to the children in the parish and to give to the poor. Several knights expressed interest in funding the purchase of the small change pouches.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - Blood Drive at SSJ: 3/25 from 11-4
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - No report.

- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Next Conclave 3/3 at 7:30 at Msgr. Schuyler.
 - 2/22/25 is the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. Brothers Johann and Carlos will receive their 4th Degree that day.
 - 3/8 is the next PA exemplification in Doylestown
- Insurance Agent (Matt Doettger)
 - No report.
- District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - No report.
- Trustees' Report
 - Semi Annual Audit has been completed and all assets, receipts, etc. have been properly reported.
 - Nominations for New Officers will be held at the April Council Meeting. Voting will be held in May.

10. Unfinished Business

- Trivia Night – June 6th in the Meehan Center. This date has been confirmed by the church.

11. New Business

- Archbishop Perez will be visiting SSJ on 3/6 to discuss how we can bring people back into the Church. This is in response to his recent letter.
- Hospitality Sundays are on a permanent hold as there is no one who currently runs them. We discussed how Knights and our wives can volunteer to run Hospitality Sundays on a monthly or quarterly basis.

12. Good of the Order

- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Jean Ellis
 - Maryann McCracken
 - John Larkins
 - Bill Robinson
 - Paula Riley
 - Hal Zuber
- Please edit the Good of the Order list that was sent to the council by GK Jim.

13. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)

- No report.

14. Grand Knight Reflection (Jim McCarry)

15. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)

- Led by GK McCarry

16. Meeting adjourned.