



## Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2024

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:00pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary led by GK McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
  - Motion to approve September meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
  - No report
6. Grand Knight's Report (Jim McCarry – Not Present)
  - Wayne Saunders has transferred into the council from Mater Dei Council
    - Motion to approve membership, **PASSED** unanimously.
  - Update on Tom Lopez and his battle with brain cancer - His first treatment was on 10/11. His next treatment is 10/25. More to follow after the results of his next treatment. There will be a prayer service Tuesday night at 6:30 for Tom and other knights in need or prayers. It will be live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
  - Italian Night was a huge success! Fr. Gerlach and Fr. Francis both sent emails thanking us for the wonderful event!
  - Chester County Assembly 300 Club fundraiser is going on now. First drawing is the first week of November.
  - We received thank you cards from 7th grade students for their new Bibles.
  - GK McCarry emailed the Council about a webinar from Supreme. Please attend if you can.
  - Please attend the Planning Meeting the Thursday before the Council Meeting at 7pm if you can.
  - The archdiocese has approved our ultrasound machine.
  - 10/3 Many parishioners attended 40 Days for Life outside Planned Parenthood.
  - 10/29 40 Hours Closing Mass - 4 Knights are needed to carry the canopy for the Eucharistic Procession.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
  - Ending Bank Balance: \$57,891
  - Available Cash: \$47,620
  - Total Assets: \$57,891
  - Motion to approve September Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
  - No report.

## 9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
  - Faith (Tom Lopez)
    - If interested in helping out with the duties of Faith Director, please reach out to GK McCarry.
    - The choir gifted the council a new flag as a thank you for the new choir books that the council purchased.
    - The Knights have a slot during adoration every Thursday from 5:30-6:30.
    - Healing Prayer Service is Tuesday Night 10/22 at 6:30.
    - Cor Program - Emphasis on boldly living and sharing your faith. Prayer, faith formation, and fraternity. We want to bring this program to Simon and Jude. This program is open to the whole parish, not just knights. Proposed meeting time is on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays after the 9am mass. Anyone interested, please reach out to Joe LaBrucciosa.
  - Family (Paul Bellino)
    - Please reach out to Paul if you are interested in assisting the with any other the Family Programs.
    - Food for Families - Program that gathers \$500 worth of food donations. A program manager is needed. Gordon will work with Sr. Barbara Jude to make sure this program does not run concurrently with another drive.
  - Community (Bill Watts)
    - Forms for the essay contest were dropped off to the 8th grade teacher.
    - Coats for Kids - The check has been mailed to the state. We will pick them up at Peace Council when they arrive. Mother Incarnation asked specifically for adult coats. We could donate some of our coats from the used coat drive to St. Veronica's.
    - 11/1-11/3 Special Olympics Fall Festival at Villanova. If interested in volunteering, please reach out to GK McCarry and he can help you register. The Knights of Columbus are one of the major sponsors of the Special Olympics.
    - Free Throw Shooting Contest needs to be scheduled. Usually a Saturday morning in January.
  - Life (Vince Strate)
    - Spiritual Adoption program has started. Say a prayer once a day for Pro-Life issues. Also hosts a baby shower to collect baby items for those in need.
    - Poor Man's Supper and Living Last Supper are both in the planning stages for Lent.
- Committees:
  - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
    - No report.
  - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
    - Crab Cake sale will be announced in the bulletin this upcoming weekend 10/26 and 10/27. Knights are encouraged to volunteer to take crab cake orders on 11/9, 11/10, 11/16, and 11/17 after all masses. Knights will also be needed for distribution the weekend of 11/23 and 11/24 after all masses. New product this year is lobster raviolis. They will be on sale as well as the usual boxes of crab cakes and the frozen crab critters.

- The date of the January Bingo is up in the air due to First Penance the following morning. More to come.
      - All tickets for the 400 Club have been sold. Thank you!
    - Health Services (Jay Harter)
      - No report.
    - Social (John Ellis)
      - No report.
  - Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
    - Next Conclave 11/4 at 7:30 at Msgr. Schuyler.
    - ATTN 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE KNIGHTS: 2/22/25 is the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree. There will be a large exemplification at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. Supreme hopes for 500 new members. More information to come.
  - Insurance Agent (Matt Doettger)
    - No report.
  - District Deputy (Al Fonash)
    - No report.
  - Trustees' Report
    - No report.
10. Unfinished Business
- No report
11. New Business
- Donation Requests:
    - SSJ School Legacy Brick Campaign - \$200 donation. Motion to approve, **PASSED** unanimously.
    - \$500 for 2 new picnic tables for outside. \$1000 is currently earmarked in the budget for Parish Capital Expenditures. We will send all \$1000 to the parish and earmark \$500 for the picnic tables.
  - Important Dates in 2025:
    - 1/18: First Penance
    - 4/26: Confirmation with Bishop Cooke
    - 5/3: First Holy Communion
12. Good of the Order
- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
    - Tom Lopez
    - Steve Keefer
    - Jay Harter
    - Karen Gress
    - Robert Lane
    - Donna Sullivan
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 DGK Gordon Jefferes
16. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.