



Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:00pm](#) by DGK Gordon Jefferes
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by DGK Gordon Jefferes
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by DGK Gordon Jefferes
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve October meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - No report
6. Grand Knight's Report (Jim McCarry)
 - Thank you to those who have helped with the rose and rosary program.
 - Pickup for the Crab Cake sales is this weekend after all masses.
 - GK Jim presented the check for the ultrasound machine to the Genesis Women's clinic.
 - Bingo this past Friday was a success with many walk ins! One winner won 3 different times!
 - Thank you to everyone who assisted Dave Owsik and the Options for Her Van this past weekend for Respect Life Sunday.
 - Webinar on recruiting strategies occurring 11/19. Please register.
 - Cub Scout Pie Fundraiser is ongoing. More info can be found in the bulletin.
 - Family National Night of Prayer on 12/8. Our hour is from 10-11.
 - 12/10 Prep Gift Night from 5:30-7:30
 - 12/13 Christmas Dinner at Charlotte's in Newtown Square
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$47,401
 - Available Cash: \$37,430
 - Total Assets: \$47,401
 - Motion to approve October Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - New member Vince Cecconi was welcomed at the council meeting. Welcome Vince!
9. Other Reports
 - Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith (Tom Lopez)
 - 12/8 National Night of Prayer from 10-11
 - 12/7 First Saturday Fatima Rosary after the 9am mass

- The Cor Program will begin the third Saturday of January in the IHM Room following the 9am mass. We will have the program the 3rd and 4th Saturday of the month.
 - St. Joseph's Parish in Downingtown recently celebrated the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Brother Joe will be discussing this with Fr. Gerlach to possibly bring this to SSJ.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Paul and Jay met with Sr. Regina and Sr. Barbara Jude about the poster contest on 12/13. 5th grade Prep students will be included.
 - Family of the Month/Spirit of the Parish Award - Looking for candidates
 - Name tags and shirts are available for new members.
 - Family National Night of Prayer 12/8
 - Community (Bill Watts)
 - All 8th grade essays from SSJ Students have been received. Please reach out to Bill if you are interested in helping judge the essays.
 - We are awaiting word on when we can pick up the boxes of coats from Peace Council
 - Bill will reach out to Mother Incarnations to schedule a date and time to drop off the coats.
 - Warm Coat drive the weekend of 11/30 and 12/1. We will be collecting gently used coats in the welcome center. Please assist when you attend mass that weekend.
 - 1/19 from 1-3pm in the gym will be the SSJ Free-Throw Competition
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - No report.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
 - No report.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Thank you to Paul and Mac for all your hard work with Italian Night! It was a huge success!
 - We are looking to plan a Spring event at the parish. More info to come. Please see Mac if you are interested in helping plan the event.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - Flu, COVID, RNA, Shingles, and Pneumonia shots are all easily available at local pharmacies!
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - Thank you to those that helped John in the kitchen during Bingo.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Next Conclave 12/2 at 7:00 at Msgr. Schuyler followed by the Christmas Party.
 - 2/22/25 is the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC.
 - Dues notices for 2025 will be going out in December.
- Insurance Agent (Matt Doettger)
 - No report.
- District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - COAL Tickets are available. We will be making a donation of \$500 per the budget.

- First weekend of December is the District Mid-Year Report.
- Trustees' Report
 - No report.
- 10. Unfinished Business
 - No report
- 11. New Business
 - We may possibly be hosting a Donut Sunday after Mass for Holy Family Sunday. This is a great opportunity for recruitment. We will discuss with the Hospitality Ministry.
 - St. Lukes Productions - Many videos are available to stream on Amazon Prime and Tubi.
 - Council Dues will be mailed out in December.
 - Men of Malvern Weekends
 - 3rd Weekend of March
 - 2nd Weekend of August - Men of Chester County Group
 - 3/8 Man Up Philly at Cardinal O'Hara High School
- 12. Good of the Order
 - Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Ellen Afflerback
 - Susan McDonald
 - Mary McDonald
 - Lorraine LaMagna
 - Valerie Ackerman
- 13. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)
 - Delivered by our seminary Brandon.
 - i. Seminary Appeal Weekend just occurred across the archdiocese. Please continue to pray for our seminarian and continue to remain steadfast in your faith. We all have a vocation, and it is up to us to respond to the Holy Spirit to live out that vocation. We have a universal call to holiness.
- 14. Grand Knight Reflection (Jim McCarry)
- 15. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
 - Led by FS Joe Gothie
- 16. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.