



Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2025

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:00pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by Chancellor Tyler Costello
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jim McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve December meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - No report
6. Grand Knight's Report (Jim McCarry)
 - John W. Schneberger was recognized for years of dedicated service and dedication to the Rose and Rosary Program.
 - 104 members. Vince Cecconi will try and attend the degree ceremony on February 16th in Downingtown as the January ceremony was cancelled. We need additional members in order to achieve Star Council for this Fraternal Year.
 - We are in need of a new Faith, Life, and Family Director. Vince Strate will be leaving for Murraysville, PA on February 12th. More info to come on Poor Man's Supper.
 - We have a lot of sick Knights: Dom Golato, Tom Lopez, and John Larkins. Please continue to pray for them!
 - Free Throw Competition moved to Sunday 1/26 at 2:15 due to inclement weather this past weekend.
 - District Deputy Meeting is this Wednesday 1/22 at 7:30 (virtual)
 - Denim and Diamonds Fundraiser on 2/1
 - PREP Pizza and Play: 10 Knights are needed from 5:30-7:30 to hand out pizza and clean up.
 - Thank You Card was passed around from Fr. Gerlach and Fr. Omeke thanking us for the Christmas Dinner.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$31,972
 - Available Cash: \$29,001
 - Total Assets: \$32,272
 - Motion to approve December Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - We are still needing 4 new members in order to hit our quota.
 - Joe Gothie ordered new Form 100s and has still not received them yet.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith/COR (Dr. Joe Labriccioso)
 - COR will have their first meeting this Saturday after the 9am Mass in the Meehan Center. Donuts/Coffee will be provided. Video on Catholic masculinity from Into the Breach will be shared. Deacon Jim Owens will also share on what it means to be a courageous Catholic man. The meeting will last about an hour.
 - Two Hearts Devotional for the first Saturday will be held overnight from 1/31-2/1.
 - Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit SSJ from January 31st through February 2nd.
 - First Friday at Malvern Retreat House will be on February 7th at 7:30am.
 - Upcoming Retreats at Malvern Retreat House: 3rd weekend in March and the 2nd weekend in August
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Spirit of the Parish Award: Will reach out to Greg or Bob to schedule a mass for the presentation in February.
 - Paul shared with Parish Council his ideas for the Spirit of the Parish Award. Paul also created nomination ballots explaining the Family of the Month program
 - Community (Bill Watts)
 - Free Throw Competition moved to Sunday 1/26 at 2:15 due to inclement weather this past weekend.
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - March for Life in Washington DC is this Friday 1/24.
 - Chester County March for Life is this Sunday 1/26.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
 - No report.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Next Bingo is 2/21
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - Next Blood Drive at SSJ: 1/21
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - No report.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Next Conclave 2/3 at 7:30 at Msgr. Schuyler.
 - 2/22/25 is the 125th Anniversary of the 4th Degree at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. Johann and Carlos will receive their 4th Degree that day.
 - First and Second dues notices for 2025 have been sent out.
- Insurance Agent (Matt Doettger)
 - 1/28 Fraternal Event Night at 7:30. GK Jim will forward the email to the council.
- District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - Not present.
- Trustees' Report
 - Semi-Annual Audit Report due 2/15.

10. Unfinished Business

- Trivia Night will be on Friday, June 6th. We will sell tickets starting in March.
 - Mac proposed purchasing a 65in TV as a prize for Bingo 50/50 or Trivia Night. This would allow more funds to disburse.

11. New Business

- Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) Tickets - \$5/ticket for chances to win 1 of 15 prizes from \$1,000 to \$15,000.
- Parish Council plans to host Hospitality Sunday every 3 months, instead of being permanently ran by the Knights. More to come as we discussed that it should be held monthly.
- 2nd Dues notices will be send out this week.

12. Good of the Order

- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Dom Golato
 - Tom Lopez
 - John Larkins
 - Mark Osisek
 - Mark Cellini (3rd Anniversary of his passing)
 - Julie & Dan Mankowski

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 Dennis Kolesinskas.

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.