



## Meeting Minutes March 28, 2022

- 1 **Call to Order** - GK Hillanbrand at 7:35. This Council 11564 Meeting was held in person in The Meehan Center as well as virtually thru a GoToMeeting link. There were **22 Attendees**, 19 in person and 3 virtual. This meeting also followed the New Format for Council Meetings per "The Guidelines for Council Meetings" from KOC Supreme.
- 2 **Opening Prayer** – Tom Lopez, Faith Director, led us in The Our Father.
- 3 **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by GK Sam Hillanbrand and recited by all Knights.
- 4 **Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting** – By a **Motion** the revised Minutes of the February 21, 2022 Council Meeting were unanimously accepted. Minutes are included on the Knights website at <https://ssjknights.org> under the Council Pages (with private Password login).
- 5 **Chaplain's Message** – Father Gerlach, our Chaplain, expressed gratitude for the Knights' heartfelt presence at Tony DeMaioribus' passing and funeral. He also presented a special notice that on Easter Sunday at the 9:30 Mass the Our Father will be recited in Ukrainian.
- 6 **Grand Knight's Report**
  - Council now follows the new format directed by Supreme per "The Guidelines for Council Meetings" to include two meetings per month: an **Officers' Planning Meeting** (held 3/16/2022) and a regular **Council Meeting**. This is designed to streamline the flow of the regular monthly Council Meeting. All Knights are invited to attend both meetings.
  - Council is in good standing with **98 members** following the passing of two loyal, long time, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights.
  - Going forward every effort will be made to limit Council Meeting Business discussion to 45 minutes to provide time for Spiritual and Fraternal Formation. **Two episodes of "Into The Breach" followed the shortened business meeting tonight.**
  - **Tony DeMaioribus' passing** is a significant loss, and to Council, especially considering all of the promotional, electronic, and entertainment activities which he managed, including Bingo, our major fundraising activity.
  - A Thank You letter with prayers was received from the IHM Sisters for the crab cakes and critters which the Knights provided.
- 7 **Financial Report**
  - Following a short review by **Charlie DiValerio** of Receipts and Income for January 2022, a **Motion was presented and all accepted the Treasurer's Report of February 2022.**
  - There are now two CDs purchased which total \$16,280 funds toward the purchase of an ultrasound machine.
  - Ending Bank Balance \$25,454 / Reserve Fund \$3,069 / Bingo Petty Cash \$300/ 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Fund \$202 / Available Cash Funds \$22,183
- 8 **Membership Report**
  - Jim Bushong advised there has been no recent activity
- 9 **FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS - OTHER REPORTS**
  - LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND - Program Director Jim McCarry** advised that Man Up Philly 2022 was well attended; an Honor Guard request will be considered; Usher help is needed by Ken Kelly; special thanks to Frank Bruno for help with the Funeral Honor Guard.

Council activity continues in the **Leave No Neighbor Behind** program including livestreaming the 9:30 Mass, Rosary Recital on selected Sunday evenings, PREP sessions, donation to Community and SSJ Parish activities, and promoting Blood Donation at

SSJ Parish and via appointment thru the Red Cross website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for the Red Cross Donation Center (Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat) on Gay Street, West Chester.

## FAITH

- **Adoration Night for SSJ Knights** is every Thursday 5-6 PM. Regular SSJ Parish Eucharistic Adoration in the Sacred Heart Chapel is 7:30 am until 8pm, Monday thru Friday.
- **Rosary Recital times** are daily before the 9am Mass; Respect Life Rosary every Monday night; Flame of Love, Thurs at 7pm.
- **Rosary Recitals** - On **March 19** following the 5PM Mass a **Rosary was led by the SSJ Student Council** thanks to help from GK Hillanbrand and daughter, Lauren. This concluded the 30 day spiritual reflection and consecration to St. Joseph on the actual Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph.
- **A future Rosary is planned for Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, following the 6PM Mass on the feast of St. Joseph The Worker. This Rosary will be led by the KOC Council.
- **Tom Lopez, Faith Director**, reminded all Knights of First Friday 7:30 Mass at Malvern Retreat which includes a scriptural discussion and continental breakfast. He also expressed the hope for a future Retreat for our Council Knights. Date ?
- **Man Up Philly 2022, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Spirituality Conference** was held March 19 at Immaculata University. Tom reported that more than 1,000 men attended, filling the auditorium. While there he met a Pro-Life Group, Biking For Babies, which will be participating in a ride on June 11 in the Philadelphia area.
- **The RSVP Program at St. Charles Seminary** is intended to help support Seminarians, including **Seminarian Ky Bui** who provides assistance every Thursday at SSJ School. Council has \$500 funding budgeted to provide support which will be sent, which will earn back \$100 from Supreme.

## FAMILY

- The **Family of the Month for February 2022** will be **PGK Bill Robinson and wife, Dot** who will be recognized this coming Sunday, April 3 by Paul Bellino at the 11:30 Mass. Pictures will be taken after Mass. Any Knights present should participate. All Knights are asked to continue to present additional candidates thru the Council website.
- Paul Bellino still hopes **Council will recognize non-Knight/ Guest attendees at future Council Meetings**, who might be SSJ Parishioners, to be celebrated for their special support, parish activity, or religious service participation. Council may recognize them in person at the beginning of future Council meetings by an award for their contributions.
- A planning meeting for a **KOC Family Picnic, Saturday May 22, 2022** will be held in one week following a visit to the facility.
- **Pulpit Talks** should resume to encourage Council membership participation and growth, perhaps along with a Hospitality ?

## COMMUNITY

- **Joe Gothie, interim Community Director, hopes for a replacement Director for 2022.** Ideally this role is best filled by a father of an SSJ School student. Is there a Knight who would volunteer? Help is needed!
- The **Camera for the Chapel** has been received and is scheduled for installation by SSJ Parish for the **livestream of daily Mass** in late Spring/Summer. **Help is still needed for livestream at the 9:30 Mass on Sundays !** Instruction will be provided. Livestream is planned for Holy Thursday evening and the Good Friday Celebration of The Lord's Passion.
- The **Leave No Neighbor Behind contact campaign** will renew in April to contact Knights not attending or participating, and will include promotion of the KOC Picnic. This is one of the 5 LNNB / Leave No Neighbor Behind spokes. This contact campaign will be coordinated with the Retention Committee. There is a script available if needed, and additional Knight volunteers may be needed as contact callers.
- The **Free Throw Championship** for boys and girls ages 9 thru 14 has ended although there was no District 19 winner. Thanks to our Council Knights who assisted DD Gordon Jefferes as help and judges for the Council and District rounds.

## LIFE

- **Rose and Rosary – Baptisms.** The following Knights volunteered : April 3 (3) John McKeon volunteered; April 24 (3) GK Sam Hillanbrand offered to do. **All Baptisms are now again at the same 1PM time on Sunday**, and the Rose & Rosary are presented at that time. GK Hillanbrand asked that all Knights volunteer for Rose and Rosary so that assignments are not necessary.

## COMMITTEES :

- **Retention Committee** - 2022 Dues collection continues.

- **Health Services Committee** - Director Bill Aaronson explained that the Pandemic has been a bumpy ride which continues in delaying preventive medical care. Bill's big cause is for the health care of Ukrainian refugees and those still in Ukraine as he himself spent five years living in Kyiv, Ukraine and in Russia. His wife is Medical Director at St. John Fisher which can also accept donations for Ukraine.

- **Fundraising Committee - Paul Bellino**

- **BINGO** scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the passing of beloved Sir Knight Tony DeMaioribus. A future date for Bingo to resume may be May 20.

- **Italian Night** is still in the works for 2022, although on-hold until a date is decided. Per Mac McCracken, who met with Sabatino's, the plan would provide an evening of fun for 70 couples at \$60 per couple / \$30 per person, and opportunity to realize \$975 profit (cost increased). This would be an adults-only evening, and live entertainment would cost \$400 /\$200 per hour. Date depends on Hall availability, Omicron safety . . . Mac and Paul will choose a few Fall dates to consider.

- **Crab Feast** sales profit was only \$488 given product cost increases. Many thanks to GK Hillanbrand for again managing !

- **Social Committee - John Ellis**

- Thanks to all Knights who help, play, or clean up at Bingo !! Some Knights do ALL of these to support our fundraising.

- 50/50 Ticket sales tonight totaled \$72, and John Ellis was the night's winner of \$36.

- A Social followed the business meeting as Knights enjoyed viewing 2 episodes of the "Into The Breach" series of Catholic manly formation developed by Supreme.

**FOURTH DEGREE - Gordon Jefferes, District Deputy** - no report

**INSURANCE AGENT - Jim Siermine** -not in attendance. Monthly emails continue from Jim on KOC insurance and financial benefits.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY - Gordon Jefferes**

- Offered greetings to all Knights and a plea for recruiting. This is the home stretch of the FY thru June 2022 and Council has recruited only one of six new members needed. New younger members are needed, a continuing challenge and frustration !

- **COAL / Chance Of A Lifetime tickets** are available for purchase and were mailed out to all Council Knights.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT - Dennis Kolesinskas, Rich Sasin, Ed Lack** – A slate of Officers for FY 2022-23 is needed for the April Meeting.

## 10 Unfinished Business

- Election of Officers - The **Advocate** officer role will be left open for now as there is no requirement to fill this position. Volunteers are needed for **unfilled Program Personnel Appointments**. Any Knight who might help, please contact GK Hillanbrand.

- **CYO Outreach** – GK Hillanbrand did meet with Bob DeVescovo and discussed the idea of a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for 6-7-8 graders and PREP students of SSJ, perhaps in May or postponed until Fall 2022. Further review is planned as there is certainly opportunity for mutual aid and benefit to each's program.

- **Ultrasound Machine Committee** – Sam H, Bill R, Rich S did meet to discuss program requirements. Rich Sasin reported the Chester County Women's Service is excited to participate, so the program is rolling again; now to contact the Archdiocese.

- **COAL / Chance of a Lifetime tickets** are now available from Gordon Jefferes. For the cost of a \$5.00 ticket winners can share in 16 great cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to total \$65,000 in prize money !! COAL is a PA State Council Fundraiser that enables PA college scholarships and other charitable programs. The **drawing date is Friday, May 13, 2022** during the PA State Convention. It is hoped each Knight will purchase 2 tickets at \$5.00 cost each, which were mailed to each Knight. Each \$5.00 ticket provides a \$3.25 benefit to Council. Father Gerlach has graciously offered to permit Council to sell COAL tickets in the Welcome Center which we will do the two weekends following Easter.

- **Poor Man's Supper** – PGK Bill Robinson suggested Council restart this event which basically included soup and/or stew, bread, and drink at nominal cost. This would be a Parish / Community event and not intended for profit. Bill has a contact who might help restart, although all of the food would have to be made outside and brought into (catered) The Meehan Center due to Covid restrictions. Our Guest Speaker might be Fr. O'Donnell, St. Patrick's, Malvern, depending on his availability for the end of April or later, perhaps at 6:30 following Saturday evening Mass? For 2023 maybe a Fish Fry on Lenten Fridays ?

- **Spring Picnic** – The KOC "Spring Picnic" proposed by Paul Bellino is a "go" for **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** with Council providing hot dogs and burgers at the local KOC Meeting Hall location on Old Phoenixville Pike. This picnic is for current member Knights and wives/partners. The "Picnic Committee" including Paul B, John E, Tom S, Ed L and Steve K will meet to plan this Spring Picnic.

- A **KOC Women's Auxiliary (or "Columbiettes"** as designated by Supreme) has been proposed by Paul Bellino with the purpose of supporting the Knights' activities by adding a Ladies' touch. This might also be a social activity for Knights' wives/partners and a further help in recruiting younger Knights. Perhaps Council starts its own Chapter ?

## 11 New Business

- **Confirmation is April 30 at 10AM and 2PM in SSJ Church** presided by Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald. Sr Barbara Jude asked if the Knights might help (in social baldrics) for this happy occasion. Lunch is included.

- **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, May 15, 2022, honoring Rev. Michael Gerlach and Rev. Philip Lowe.** Council might honor them at the 11:30 Mass with an opening and closing procession or lining the center aisle. A Certificate of Recognition would be presented to Fr. Gerlach as Council Chaplain (and possibly a KOC windbreaker as an award and thanks). Light refreshments are planned afterwards by SSJ Parish in The Meehan Center.

- **20 copies of the Vivant Jesus Prayer Booklet** were available this evening for any Knight's taking which had been approved for purchase at last Council Meeting. Thank you, Joe Gothie !

- **KOC shirts or other dress items** are available thru PGK Bill Robinson who has the Knights Gear catalog.

- **The KOC Website and KK / Knights Korner**, previously maintained by Tony D, requires another Knight to maintain and update.

## 12 Good of the Order

- **The following were presented for special prayers by SSJ KOC 11564 Knights :** Brother Deacon Joe Ruggiero, Brother Deacon Jim Owens, Brother Rich Sasin, Brother Bill Robinson, Brother Al Greto, Deacon Bill Shearer, DeMaiores Family, Maureen DeMaiores, Cellini Family, Kathy Cellini, Robert Bellino, Tonianne Santangelo, Ron Ellis, Anne Cane, Drew Turack, Rob McCarry, Suzann Wickersham, Sheryl Fanelli, Deacon Paul McBlain, Christine DeFelice, Lauren Dior, Jenna Desmarais, Peter VanderHeide, Lee Gamma, PGK Jim Barnes, Patti Glenn, Bob Magliano, John and Maureen Doran, Sara Purcell, Brother Jim Bushong, Brother Bill Aaronson, Father of Todd Hagenbuch.

## 13 Grand Knight's Summary.

- With so many **Knight activities** GK Hillanbrand continues writing and emailing a **weekly summary to all Knights**, a great reminder for all of our busy calendars ! Thank you GK Hillanbrand !

- **Officers' Planning Meetings** are held the week before our Council Meeting and any Knight may attend, not just Officers. **Next OPM will be Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7:30 – 9PM** in The Meehan Center.

- **Next Council Meeting - Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:30 PM in The Meehan Center.**

**14 Closing Prayer** – Father Gerlach read the “Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney”.

**15 Adjournment** – 8:30 PM

