



Meeting Minutes April 18, 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 **15 Attendees**, 12 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 March 28, 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, continues to email all Knights to express heartfelt gratitude for the Knights' continuing participation in SSJ Parish activities.
- 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 4/13/2022) 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, 4th 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, including viewing "**Into The Breach**" episodes.
 - GK Hillanbrand proposed **naming future Bingo events, "Tony D's Bingo Night"**, to honor him. **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. Council hopes for further info recovery from Tony D's lap top.
 - A Thank You letter from PGK Bill Robinson was read thanking Council for the Family of Month Award for February (just presented April 3rd), and recognizing that moving into SSJ Parish decades ago was their best Family decision of all !
- 7 **Financial Report**
 - Following a short review by **Charlie DiValerio** of Receipts and Income for March 2022, a **Motion was presented and all accepted the Treasurer's Report of March 2022.**
 - There are now two CDs purchased which total \$16,280 funds toward the purchase of an ultrasound machine.
 - Ending Bank Balance \$24,413 / Reserve Fund \$3,069 / Bingo Petty Cash \$300/ 4th Degree Fund \$202 / Available Cash Funds \$21,142
- 8 **Membership Report**
 - Jim Bushong is expecting two possible candidates. Steve Keefer also has a potential candidate for Council to interview.

9 FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS - OTHER REPORTS

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND - Program Director **Jim McCarry**, just back from vacation, advised that 9 of 11 of their group tested positive for Covid, attesting to how contagious this virus is and purpose for Council's **LNNB contact program**.

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 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.
- **A Rosary is will be said on Sunday, May 1st**, at 7 PM on the feast of St. Joseph The Worker led by the KOC Council.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** which concludes the Octave of Easter is Sunday, **April 24** with a prayer service at 3PM.
- **Tom Lopez, Faith Director**, reminded all Knights of the **Five First Saturday Devotions to Our Blessed Mother** as a request at Fatima which will begin with the First Saturday in June following the 9 AM Mass. Tom has a booklet describing this Devotion of Our Blessed Mother's request and the specific requirements.
- **Biking For Babies** is a national Pro-Life organization developing bike ride programs to create pro-life awareness and to raise funds thru local charity rides to support pregnancy resource centers for expecting mothers. Per Chris Massaro, Director, who visited Council at the 4/13/2022 OPM, there is a **Local Ride planned for June 11** thru Sts Philip and James Parish. Various distances of 10 to 45 miles are planned which could be a current and future participation event for Council 11564 for volunteers and riders. More information will follow later.

FAMILY

- The **Family of the Month for March 2022** will be the **Andronowitz Family of Joe and Jeanne with two children** who will be recognized on Sunday, May 1st by Paul Bellino at the 9:30 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. There is no Family nominated for the month of April.
- **A KOC Member Picnic will be held Saturday May 22, 2022** for socialization and enjoyment.

COMMUNITY

- **Joe Gothie, interim Community Director, hopes for a replacement Director for 2022-23.** Ideally this role is best filled by a father of an SSJ School student. Knight volunteers and help are needed !
- **Help is still needed for livestream at the 9:30 Mass on Sundays !** Instruction will be provided. Easter services were live streamed, and Confirmation Masses on April 30 will also be livestreamed.
- The **Leave No Neighbor Behind contact campaign** begins now in April to contact Knights not attending or participating regularly in Council activities, and will include promotion of the KOC Picnic. This is one of the 5 LNNB / Leave No Neighbor Behind spokes. Council resources are available to help if needed, or if not it is recommended these resources be provided to the HOPE Ministry at SSJ Parish.
- The **Free Throw Championship** for boys and girls ages 9 thru 14 ended although there was no District 19 winner. SSJ Council winners will be awarded KOC-branded soccer balls on Friday, April 22 (instead of late-arriving, non-KOC branded basketballs).
- **The 2nd Annual SSJ CYO Golf Outing** will be held Monday, June 6th at Whitford Country Club, Exton, PA, which benefits SSJ CYO Sports and athletes. A **Motion was approved for Council to provide a \$200 donation as a Sponsor / Friend of CYO.**

LIFE

- **Rose and Rosary – Baptisms.** The following Knights volunteered : April 24 (3) GK Sam Hillanbrand offered to do. For May Baptisms : May 1 (3) John Ellis; May 8 (2) Mac MacCracken; May 15 at 1:30 (2) ?? : May 22 (5) ??
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.
- **Roses for Mothers' Day, May 8** – Brian Popma to determine if Knights are to help Pro-Life Council with Rose distribution.
- Baby Bottles distribution for Mothers Home is planned for October 2022.

COMMITTEES :

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

- **Health Services Committee** - Director Bill Aaronson reminded that Omicron ba-2 is more contagious although less severe if one is fully protected. Bill's major concern is for the health care of Ukrainian refugees during forced migration, and he offered to present a review at the next Council Meeting. Brother Bill did recite the Our Father in Ukrainian at the 9:30 Mass on Easter Sunday.

- **Fundraising Committee - Paul Bellino**

- **BINGO** scheduled for April 1st unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the passing of beloved Sir Knight Tony DeMaioribus. A future date for Bingo to restart will be May 20.

- **Italian Night** is still in the works for 2022, although on-hold until a date in October is decided, per Mac McCracken.

- **Casino Trip to Caesars in Atlantic City, April 28**, is still on although at reduced capacity for a hoped-for break-even. The next Casino Trip will be June 30 to the Tropicana, Atlantic City for a musical tribute show. Thank you, Ed Lack, for managing.

- **Hospitality Sunday and Pulpit Talks are scheduled for June 26**. There will be a theme for each future Hospitality event.

- **400 Club** planning and sales should begin soon to provide for September thru December drawing dates. A Manager is needed.

- **Social Committee - John Ellis**

- 50/50 Ticket sales tonight totaled \$50, and Mac McCracken was the night's winner of \$25.

- Snacks for the next Bingo on May 20 may have to be refreshed and replaced if out-of-date.

- A Social followed the business meeting this evening as Knights discussed future events and Officers' activities and roles.

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 – not in attendance

TRUSTEES' REPORT - Dennis Kolesinskas, Rich Sasin, Ed Lack

On behalf of the Trustees, PGK Dennis Kolesinskas presented **Officer Nominations for FY 2022-23**. There will be **Election of Officers at the May 16 Council Meeting**. A formal email of Officer Nominations will be sent to all Knights in advance. A KOC Officer must be a 3rd Degree Knight. The Council website includes a list of Officers and Description of their Duties. Following are the Nominations, and all were asked if they would accept, and if there were any additional nominations.

Grand Knight	Samuel B. Hillanbrand
Deputy Grand Knight	James M. McCarry
Chancellor	Gordon A. Jefferes
Recorder	Stephen J. Keefer
Treasurer	Charles F. DiValerio
Advocate	OPEN
Warden	Brian J. Popma
Inside Guard	Thomas R. Lopez
Inside Guard	James J. Bushong
Trustees	Anthony D. Kolesinskas (3 rd Year)
	Richard S. Sasin (2 nd Year)
	Edward T. Lack (1 st Year)

10 Unfinished Business

- **Ultrasound Machine Committee** – Sam H, Bill R, Rich S did meet to discuss program requirements. The Chester County Women's Service is excited to participate. A proposal has been presented to the Archdiocese although delayed for a price quotation.

- **CYO Outreach** – GK Hillanbrand did meet with Bob DeIvescovo 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.

- **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.

- **Spring Picnic** – The KOC “Spring Picnic” proposed by Paul Bellino is a “go” for **May 22nd** 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.

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 and white gloves) for this happy occasion. Lunch is included.

- **40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, May 15, 2022, honoring Rev. Michael Gerlach and Rev. Philip Lowe.** Council will 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.

- **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, DeMaioribus Family, Maureen DeMaioribus, Cellini Family, Kathy Cellini, Robert Bellino, Tonianne Santangelo, Ron Ellis, Anne Cane, Drew Turack, Rob McCarry, Suzann Wickersham, Sheryl Fanelli, Deacon Paul McBlain, Lauren Dior, Jenna Desmarais, Peter VanderHeide, Lee Gamma, Patti Glenn, Bob Magliano, John and Maureen Doran, Sara Purcell, Brother Jim Bushong, Brother Bill Aaronson, Father-in-law of Todd Hagenbuch, Nort Seaman, Daniel Gallagher, Judy MacCracken, Evan Anderson.

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 with 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 Thursday, May 12, 2022, 7:30 – 9PM** in The Meehan Center.

- **Next Council Meeting - Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:30 PM** in The Meehan Center.

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

15 **Adjournment** – 9:05 PM



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