



## Meeting Minutes May 16, 2022

- 1 **Call to Order** - GK Hillanbrand at 7:30. This Council 11564 Meeting was held in person in The Meehan Center as well as virtually thru a GoToMeeting link. Since the Recorder was not in attendance and there was no sign-in sheet, the total number of **Attendees was 17**, approximately 15 in person and 2 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** – Given a few corrections to be completed, by a **Motion** the Minutes of the April 18, 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, arriving later in the meeting, thanked all Knights for the Honor Guard at his 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, May 15, 2022. He also recognized this honor as an inspiration to Seminarians and Deacons, and continues to express 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 5/12/2022) 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.**
  - GK Hillanbrand stated his pride in Council's performance especially in receiving three awards from Supreme and PA State for Faith in Action and Family. Special thanks were directed to a "core group" of Knights for their help in all programs !
  - Membership continues to be a challenge and struggle for all Councils, for younger members, but we must not relent in our efforts, perhaps considering a trip to the Reading Phillies, Younger Trivia Night, or local baseball game.
- 7 **Financial Report**
  - Following a short review by **Charlie DiValerio** of Receipts and Income for April 2022, a **Motion** was presented and all accepted the **Treasurer's Report of April 2022.**
  - There are now two CDs purchased which total \$16,280 funds toward the purchase of an ultrasound machine.
  - Ending Bank Balance \$22,547 / Reserve Fund \$3,069 / Bingo Petty Cash \$300/ 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Fund \$202 / Available Cash Funds \$19,276
- 8 **Membership Report** - **Jim Bushong** reported no responses back from any of the candidates who originally expressed interest.

### 9 FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS - OTHER REPORTS

**LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND** - **Program Director Jim McCarry** thanked all Program Directors for a continuing outstanding job – distribution of Roses on Mother's Day, Ultrasound Machine project (in Rich Sasin's memory), and Rosary participation.

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 9 am Mass; Respect Life Rosary every Monday night; Flame of Love, Thurs at 7pm.
- **A Rosary for Healing will be said on Tuesday, May 24th**, at 7 PM in the Chapel, led by the KOC Council.
- **The Five First Saturday Devotions to Our Blessed Mother** as a request at Fatima begin with the First Saturday, June 4 following the 9 AM Mass. Tom has a booklet describing this Devotion of Our Blessed Mother's request and the specific requirements.
- RCIA and Sister Mary Agnes will lead a **Rosary on Sunday, June 19 at 7 pm** in the Chapel which will celebrate Fathers' Day and the Feast of Corpus Christi.
- The special annual **Patriotic Rosary** is planned for **Monday, July 4, in Church following the 9 am Mass**.
- **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. Tom Lopez, Faith Director, plans to participate and provide additional information.

## FAMILY

- The **Family of the Month for April 2022** will be the **Foret Family** who will be recognized on Sunday, May 29 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 especially targeting younger families involved with SSJ School and Parish

## 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 requested!
- **Help is still needed for livestream at the 9:30 Mass on Sundays !** Instruction will be provided.
- The **Leave No Neighbor Behind contact campaign** continued thru May to contact Knights not attending or participating regularly in Council activities. This is one of the 5 LNNB / Leave No Neighbor Behind spokes. Council resources are available to help if needed, or if not Joe will recommend these resources be provided to the HOPE Ministry at SSJ Parish.
- SSJ is sponsoring a **Blood Donation Campaign on Monday, May 23**, from 2-7PM in The Meehan Center.
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SSJ CYO Golf Outing** will be held Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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**.
- Council will again provide 2 x \$50 gift cards for SSJ School Academic Awards.
- **Vacation Bible Camp 2022** will be June 20-24 at SSJ School and Knights' help will be needed.

## LIFE

- **Rose and Rosary – Baptisms** : May 22 (5) ?? is still open, and June baptism schedule is unknown. **All Baptisms are now again at the same 1PM time on Sunday**, and the Rose & Rosary are presented at that time.
- Baby Bottles distribution for Mothers Home is planned for October 2022.

## COMMITTEES :

- **Retention Committee - Gordon Jefferes** - no report
- **Health Services Committee - Director Bill Aaronson** – no report
- **Fundraising Committee - Paul Bellino**

- **BINGO** has been rescheduled for **Friday, May 20**, and Knights will attempt to present as fun and animated entertainment as was provided by our beloved Knight Tony DeMaioribus.

**Future BINGO dates include July 15 and August 19** (perhaps every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night might be scheduled ?)

Help from The Bingo Boys will still be needed for set up, sales, seating, 50/50, and cleanup.

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

- **Casino Trips have been cancelled** given little interest.

The hope is to substitute "Spiritual Trips", perhaps a bus trip to a local shrine or a religious theme play at the Sight and Sound Theater.

- **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 October thru December drawing dates. Ed Lack has offered to manage !

- **Social Committee - John Ellis** - 50/50 Ticket sales were conducted this evening.

**FOURTH DEGREE - Gordon Jefferes, District Deputy** - The 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Desmond Hotel.

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

**DISTRICT DEPUTY - Gordon Jefferes** – reported new membership is a challenge everywhere in his District.

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

On behalf of the Trustees, PGK Dennis Kolesinskas presented **Officer Nominations and Final Candidates for FY 2022-23** and led the election process. For the **Election of Officers at this May 16 Council Meeting**, a formal email of Officer Nominations was sent to all Knights in advance. A KOC Officer must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight. The Council website includes a list of Officers and Description of their Duties. The Council Chaplain is chosen by the Grand Knight.

The Financial Secretary is appointed by Supreme for a 3 year term which expires November 2022.

Following are the Nominations, and all were asked again if they would accept, and if there were any additional nominations.

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

**All nominees listed above were then elected as the Officers for SSJ Council 11564 for the FY 2022-23, effective 7/1/2022.**

Thanks and Congratulations to all !

An Induction Mass / Ceremony might possibly be held Sunday, August 14, if not the Vigil of the Assumption – or later.

## 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 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.

- **COAL / Chance of a Lifetime tickets** were sold by Gordon Jefferes at \$5.00 per ticket. The drawing date was Friday, May 13, 2022 during the PA State Convention. Gordon reported that 283 tickets were sold by Council which provided \$547 net revenue to our Council !

- Joe Labricciosa, a longtime Council Knight, spoke to the benefits of a Council Retreat at Malvern.
- Bill Robinson is now the contact to order KOC polo shirts or other Knights' dress items.

## 11 New Business

- **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood** honoring **Rev. Michael Gerlach and Rev. Philip Lowe** was **May 15**. Fourth Degree Members of the Council honored them with an Honor Guard at the 11:30 Mass. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Fr. Gerlach as Council Chaplain and a special KOC black windbreaker.

## 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, Sasin Family, DeMaioribus Family, Cellini Family, Ross Family, Brother Bill Robinson, Brother Steve Keefer, Brother Al Greto, Brother Jim Bushong, Brother Bill Aaronson, Robert Bellino, Ron Ellis, Anne Cane, Drew Turack, Rob McCarry, Suzann Wickersham, Sheryl Fanelli, Gregory Krajnik, Brother Charles McGuigan, Deacon Paul McBlain, Deacon Bill Shearer, Jenna Desmarais, Peter VanderHeide, Lee Gamma, Patti Glenn, Bob Magliano, John and Maureen Doran, Sara Purcell, Janet Sasin, Maureen DeMaioribus, Father of Todd Hagenbuch, Nort Seaman, Daniel Gallagher, Judy MacCracken, Evan Anderson, Brother Vince Strate, Tonianne Santangelo, Lauren Dior, Ray Glenn, Sandi Robinson, Paula Reilly, Thomas Duane, Kathy Cellini.

## 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, June 16**, 2022, 7:30 – 9PM.
- **Next Council Meeting - Monday, June 20, 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** – 9:55 PM



*Saints Simon And Jude*

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