



Meeting Minutes June 20, 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. There were **16 Attendees**, 13 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** – With corrections already completed, a **Motion** to accept the revised Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Council Meeting was unanimously accepted. Minutes are included on the Knights website at <https://ssiknights.org> under the Council Pages (with private Password login).
 - 5 **Chaplain's Message** – Father Gerlach, our Chaplain, by email continues to express heartfelt gratitude for the Knights' continuing participation in SSJ Parish activities.
- Father had also reached out to all SSJ Ministries to announce the **arrival of Deacon Anthony Albanese**.
 - 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 6/16/2022) 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**.
 - GK Hillanbrand offered congratulations to Mac McCracken and John Larkins in completing the 4th "Patriotic" Degree of the KOC.
 - Congratulations and thanks were also extended to Tom Lopez for enduring and completing the Biking for Babies ride on June 11.
 - Special thanks were directed to a "core group" of Knights for their help in all KOC programs.
 - 7 **Financial Report**
 - Following a short review by **Charlie DiValerio** of Receipts and Disbursements for May 2022, a **Motion was presented and all accepted the Treasurer's Report of May 2022**.
 - Both CDs have now matured representing total \$16,256 funds available toward the purchase of an ultrasound machine.
 - Ending Bank Balance \$43,170 / Reserve Fund \$3,069 / Bingo Petty Cash \$300/ 4th Degree Fund \$202 / Available Cash Funds \$39,899
 - 8 **Membership Report** - **Jim Bushong** reported prospects as **Matthew Lange**, a transfer in process, and Michael McFarland.
-Joe Gothie reported his contact with **Jonathan Little** currently of St Cornelius parish who resided with his family in Saints Simon and Jude parish during 2020 who would like to resume activity with our parish and join our Council as a Knight. Jonathan was an active volunteer in the parish who livestreamed masses during the COVID pandemic. Joe's **Motion** to accept Mr. Little's nomination for acceptance to SSJ Council 11564 was accepted by all Knights present.
- 9 **FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS - OTHER REPORTS**
LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND - **Program Director Jim McCarry** thanked all Program Directors for a continuing outstanding job.

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 9 am Mass; Respect Life Rosary every Monday night; Flame of Love, Thurs at 7pm.
- **The Five First Saturday Devotions to Our Blessed Mother** as a request at Fatima began with the First Saturday, June 4 following the 9 AM Mass with about 30 attendees. Tom has a booklet describing this Devotion of Our Blessed Mother's request and the specific requirements. The next Saturday Fatima Devotion will be July 2nd following the 9am Mass with Tom Lopez and Jim McCarry co-leading.
- RCIA and Sister Mary Agnes along with the Knights did lead a **Rosary on Sunday, June 19 at 7 pm** in the Chapel to celebrate Fathers' Day and the Feast of Corpus Christi.
- The annual **Patriotic Rosary** is planned for **Monday, July 4, in Church following the 9 am Mass** to be led by the Knights.
- **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. Tom Lopez participated in a **Local Ride on June 11** thru Sts Philip and James Parish completing a 25 mile ride. There were an estimated 100 riders who participated, many older folks. Various distances of 10 to 45 miles were planned which would provide opportunity for individual and family participation. Biking For Babies could be a current and future participation event for Council 11564 for volunteers and riders.

FAMILY

- The **Family of the Month for June 2022** will be the **DelVescovo Family** who will be interviewed by Paul Bellino and then a date chosen to present the recognition. All Knights are asked to continue to present additional candidates thru the Council website especially targeting younger families involved with SSJ School and Parish.
- Paul Bellino requested Council order 12 Holy Family Plaques as recognitions for special awards.

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** to contact Knights not attending or participating regularly in Council activities is winding down. Since none of the Council budgeted resources were needed, Joe presented a **Motion** to donate the \$500 to the SSJ HOPE Ministry, which was unanimously approved.
- **The 2nd Annual SSJ CYO Golf Outing** was held Monday, June 6th at Whitford Country Club, Exton, PA, which benefits SSJ CYO Sports and athletes. **Council provided a \$200 donation as a Sponsor / Friend of CYO.**
- Council again provided 2 x \$50 gift cards for **SSJ School Academic Awards.**
- **Vacation Bible Camp 2022** will be June 20-24 at SSJ School, and Council will provide payment for the cinch bags requested and ordered by Sister Barbara Jude.
- An **Honor Flight Philadelphia** honoring American Veterans from their day of honor in Washington DC will be held at SSJ on Saturday, June 25. There will be a reception and dinner in The Meehan Center. Although there was no official duty requested, Council offered to help.
- On July 7th the **camera** already installed **in the Chapel** by Tom Lopez will be officially connected for operation! Finally !

LIFE

- **Rose and Rosary – Baptisms** –All Baptisms are now again at the same **1PM time on Sunday**, and the Rose & Rosary are presented at that time. A July Baptism schedule will be requested. Paul Bellino and Mac McCracken of our Council 11564 shared this R&R baptism program with KOC at Sts Philip and James who had never heard of the program and were eager to use this further parish participation.

COMMITTEES :

- **Retention Committee - Gordon Jefferes** - no report

- **Health Services Committee - Director Bill Aaronson** – no report

- **Fundraising Committee - Paul Bellino**

- **BINGO** held Friday, May 20, was a success ! **Next Bingo is Friday, July 15**. Any available Knight help is needed as many are on vacation. Thereafter, the next Bingo is Friday, **August 19** (perhaps every 3rd Friday night might be scheduled?) Help will be needed for set up, check-in, sales, seating, 50/50, 400 Club and cleanup.

- **Italian Night** is still in the works for 2022, on **October 8**, per Mac McCracken. Ticket cost only \$35 – should be a great fun - fundraiser !

- **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** is next scheduled for **September 11** thru the SSI CYO with a theme for each hospitality event.

- **400 Club** sales have started and tickets will be offered at Bingo and in the Narthex beginning in September. Tickets are \$25 and drawings will be held October thru December. Thank you to Ed Lack who has offered to manage this important fundraiser!

- **Social Committee - John Ellis** - there were no 50/50 ticket sales this evening.

FOURTH DEGREE - Gordon Jefferes, District Deputy - The 124th Annual Exemplification of the Fourth Degree was held Saturday, June 4th, at The Desmond Hotel. Congratulations to Mac McCracken and John Larkins in completing the Patriotic 4th Degree !

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.

Effective July 1, 2022 Frank Bruno will be our new District Deputy as Gordon Jefferes moves on to the PA State level as Online Membership Director.

Both were congratulated and thanked for their service ! Our new DD also advised that it is the wish of the new PA State Deputy Elect that KOC Meetings be held monthly even thru the summer.

TRUSTEES’ REPORT - Dennis Kolesinskas, Bill Robinson, Ed Lack

-KOC Officer Nominations and final Elections for the FY 2022-23 were completed at the May 16, 2022 Council Meeting.

-**An Installation Mass** including Induction Ceremony of new officers is planned for **Sunday, August 14, at the 6pm Mass** (which is a regular Sunday Mass and also the Vigil of the Assumption). Our Council Chaplain, Father Gerlach, will preside (including advance rehearsal).

10 Unfinished Business

- **Ultrasound Machine Committee** – Per Jim McCarry the Chester County Women’s Service, including three locations, is excited to participate which may also include a teaching opportunity at local schools. A proposal has been presented to the Archdiocese to be followed with a quote to Supreme. Council and Supreme would each supply \$13,450 which is half the cost of a new Ultrasound Machine. Shipment requires 7-10 days although realistically we expect all of the approval process to extend 1-2 months. A majority of Knights favored the purchase of only one Ultrasound Machine at this time to measure the success of the program.

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

- Bill Robinson is now the contact to order **KOC polo shirts or other Knights’ dress items with the Council branding**. Orders for KOC items without Council branding can be placed through knightsgear.com.

11 New Business

-Brother Knight and **PGK Al Greto** has generously provided a check from **Life Legal Defense Foundation for \$5,010** for legal services provided by his law firm. Their request is these funds be used towards a Council Pro-Life initiative, such as the purchase of the Ultrasound Machine and to advise of its future use. Council discussed a proposal to **utilize these generous funds toward the purchase of an Ultrasound Machine.**

-**ASAP / Aid and Support After Pregnancy** is a new \$5M program announced by Supreme to help young mothers following delivery. Jim McCarry advised there is a \$100 giveback to Council for a \$500 donation - a worthy cause for our Council to consider.

-Per Joe Gothie, Financial Secretary, he will be submitting application for the **Columbian Award** for Council.

-Also, the **Service Program Personnel Report #365** is understood to be due by August 1st according to the latest Council statement from Supreme. Gordon Jefferes advised the Council that he is in receipt of guidance that the report due date is now June 30, 2022 and requested the Financial Secretary investigate this apparent discrepancy.

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 Bill Robinson, Brother Al Greto, Sasin Family, DeMaioribus Family, Cellini Family, Ross Family, 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, Patti Glenn, Bob Magliano, John and Maureen Doran, Sara Purcell, Janet Sasin, Maureen DeMaioribus, Father of Todd Hagenbuch, Daniel Gallagher, Judy MacCracken, Evan Anderson, Brother Vince Strate, Tonianne Santangelo, Lauren Dior, Ray Glenn, Sandi Robinson, Paula Reilly, Thomas Duane, Kathy Cellini, Bill Copestick, Doris Hansen, Noma Bellino, John Ellis.

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, July 14, 2022, 7:30 – 9PM.**
- **Next Council Meeting - Monday, July 18, 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** – 9:15 PM



