



## Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022

- 1 **Call to Order** – DGK McCarry at 7:00 pm (early start). This Council 11564 Meeting was held only virtually thru a GoToMeeting link. There were **10 Attendees**. 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 DGK McCarry and recited by all Knights.
- 4 **Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting** – A **Motion** to accept the revised Minutes of the July 18, 2022 Council Meeting was 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 – not present
- 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 9/15/2022) 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** was unable to attend the Council meeting (and others had to be virtual due to covid exposure).
  - **At the 9/15/2022 OPM, GK Hillanbrand** read numerous letters of thanks to Council : Sister Barbara Jude thanked Council for the school bags for Summer Camp; a 6/29/22 letter from HOPE Ministry offered thanks for Council’s \$500 donation; Mothers’ Home of Darby thanked Council for our \$2,505 donation which serve 40 women and babies each year; and Chester County Women’s Services, now Chester County Connect Care, wrote a nice letter expressing how grateful they were for the Council \$13,450 donation (\$26,900 total including Supreme’s half) of the **Ultrasound Machine** which will help in changing and saving lives.
  
  - DGK McCarry** advised that **Italian Night** was sold out and Knights’ help would be needed; that **Hospitality Sunday** sponsored by Council was still planned; **400 Club sales** still continue; and help is needed for **Rose and Rosary Sunday Baptisms**.
  
  - Lastly, on behalf of GK Hillanbrand, **FS Joe Gothie** presented for adoption the **new FY 2022-2023 Budget**. In reviewing the Budget, Joe highlighted a few new, additional programs including Man Up Philly for 10 attendees, a Lenten / Poor Mans Supper, and ASAP / Aid and Support After Pregnancy. Given a **Motion** to Approve, all voted in favor so the new FY 2022-2023 Budget was accepted.
- 7 **Financial Report**
  - **Charlie DiValerio, Treasurer**, presented the July and August Treasurer’s Reports of the beginning of the new FY 2022-23. **Payments** included \$16,450 toward the purchase of the ultrasound machine, \$2,505 to Mothers Home, and \$4,000 to SSJ Parish for a new advanced computer tower capable of providing better live streaming.
  - . A suggestion was made to consider **purchasing a short term CD** now that rates have improved. Charlie will investigate and advise the rate if Council will invest \$15,000 in a 6-12 month CD thru our bank.
  - A **Motion** was presented and all accepted the **Treasurer’s Report of July-August 2022**.
  - Ending Bank Balance \$49,537 / Reserve Fund \$3,069 / Bingo Petty Cash \$300/ 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Fund \$202 / Fourth Degree Uniform Fund \$2,505 / Available Cash Funds \$46,566
- 8 **Membership Report** - On behalf of Jim Bushong, FS Joe Gothie presented two online candidates to join Council, Patrick Lymon and Tom McNasby. A **Motion** to accept both for membership in SSJ Council 11564 was passed.

## 9 FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS - OTHER REPORTS

**LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND** - Program Director **Jim McCarry** thanked all Council Knights for their help in providing funds to provide an **Ultrasound Machine** to Chester County Women's Service, now **Chester County Connect Care**. Their joy was reflected in their invitation for all SSJ Council to visit their facility !

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. **A Blood Drive is scheduled at SSJ Parish in The Meehan Center on Tuesday, Oct 18 from 1-6 pm.**

### 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 will be completed on October 1<sup>st</sup> following the 9 AM Mass. Tom has a booklet describing this Devotion of Our Blessed Mother's request and the specific requirements.
- Additional dates for **Rosary** are **September 25** with the Respect Life Group /Kathy Bond to lead with Tom Lopez and a Healing Rosary on Tuesday evening **September 27** at 6pm for "Healing, Remembrance, and Thanksgiving". For **October, possibly Oct 30**. And maybe a Patriotic Rosary for Veterans Day with the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights leading could be held on Friday, November 11 ?
- **Discovering Christ**, a 7 week experience begins **Thursday, October 6** to explore faith and a deeper purpose in life.
- **Forty Hours** will be held at SSJ Parish on **October 23, 24, 25** offered by Fr Leo Pantalinhug in connecting food, faith, and family.

### FAMILY

- For **Family of the Month** 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 circulated a list for Knights to provide names of SSJ Parishioners who might be recognized for their contributions.
- The Knights, especially Paul Bellino, are asking if Council might sponsor a **Hospitality Sunday**, possibly in November !? This would be coupled with a Pulpit Talk on the same Sunday to encourage new younger membership and charitable involvement.

### COMMUNITY

- **Joe Gothie, interim Community Director, hopes for a replacement Director for 2022-23.** Knight volunteers and help are requested!
- **Help is still needed for livestream at the 9:30 Mass on Sundays !** Instruction will be provided. **Jonathan Little**, our newest online transfer Knight, was actually instrumental in helping start livestreaming at Mass at SSJ !
- The **Catholic Essay Contest** will begin October 10 with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Mrs. Dreyfus leading. Knights as judges will be needed in Nov.
- The **Tower Computer** to be installed will provide improved Live Streaming capability.
- The Warm Coat Drive will begin the weekend following Thanksgiving, and the Free Throw Contest is expected in January 2023.

### 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. Knights as Rose and Rosary presenters are needed for Sunday 9/25 and for baptisms in October. Please volunteer !!

### COMMITTEES :

- **Retention Committee** - **Gordon Jefferes** - no report
- **Health Services Committee** - **Director Bill Aaronson** – Encouraged all Knights and Family to receive a flu shot asap.

**- Fundraising Committee - Paul Bellino**

- **BINGO held Friday, September 16** was another success despite many Knights who usually help away on vacation! GK Sam Hillanbrand called the numbers and a good time of social visiting and food tasting was had by all of the 133 paying players present including many new players who were also winners !

Announcements will be requested for the SSJ Sunday Bulletin and KK / Knights Korner for Bingo, 400 Club, and Italian Night sales.

**Council hopes that future Bingo events might be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night.**

Knights' help will be needed for set up, check-in, sales, seating, 50/50, 400 Club and Italian Night sales, and cleanup.

- **400 Club sales** are well underway and tickets will now be offered online using PayPal and 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!

- **Italian Night** will be held **October 8** in The Meehan Center, and per Mac McCracken all 200 tickets are almost sold out. Tickets were offered for sale at just \$35 each, for adults only. This catered event should be great fun and a beneficial fundraiser ! DD Frank Bruno has donated 3 cases of his own special home brewed wine ! Thank you, DD Bruno !

-**Crab Feast sales** will begin during the first two weekends of November.

**- Social Committee - John Ellis - no report.**

**FOURTH DEGREE - Gordon Jefferes – no report.**

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

**DISTRICT DEPUTY - Effective July 1, 2022 Frank Bruno became our new District 19 Deputy** as Gordon Jefferes moves on to the PA State level as Online Membership Director. DD Bruno emphasized the continuing importance of KOC retention and recruiting as Catholic participation at Mass and faith activities continues to wane. Evangelization is needed, and DD Bruno was glad for Council's participation in the Catholic Essay Contest. His KOC membership report by age emphasized the need for young members ! He suggested Council 11564 use the Rose & Rosary Program as a recruitment opportunity, handing the R&R to Mothers and a KOC prospect card to the Fathers. Council might also schedule a Family-interest program to get young families interested -to try new activities. Knights by their works and good example can create participation and lead thru the KOC Faith in Action Programs.

DD Bruno also advised that Council 11564 is "compliant" YTD in that we have enrolled 1 new member with 2 additional approved to enroll. CC Assembly is still awaiting word from West Chester Borough for participation in their **Veterans Day Parade**.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT - Dennis Kolesinskas, Bill Robinson, Ed Lack -** Trustee Dennis Kolesinskas reported that **the Semiannual Council Audit Report Form 1295 for SSJ Council 11564** for the 6 month period ended 6/30/2022 was completed as required. Thanks to Treasurer Charlie DiValerio and Financial Secretary Joe Gothie for their help in completing this required reporting.

**10 Unfinished Business**

- **Ultrasound Machine Committee** – As the letter of thanks from the Chester County Connect Care reported in the Grand Knight's Report, the Ultrasound Machine was delivered 8/26/2022 ! Rich Sasin (RIP!) who was instrumental along with Brothers Bill Robinson and Jim McCarry in pursuing this initiative was especially remembered by Rich's wife, Janet, in seeing Rich's dream come true. She said, "I know Rich is approving from 'on high' ". A picture of the Ultrasound Machine presentation was included in the Knights' Korner of the September 25, 2022 SSJ Parish Bulletin on page 8. Council and Supreme each supplied \$13,450 toward the cost of this new Ultrasound Machine.

-A Council or SSJ Parish Retreat Weekend at **Malvern Retreat**, possibly in March for the Holy Family, is still to be decided and organized.

- **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 SSJ in Fall 2022 which likely will take a different direction for early 2023. Further review is planned as there is certainly opportunity for mutual aid and benefit to each's program.

## 11 New Business

-Brothers Al Greto and Matt Canavin are having their **SSJ Relief Fund Golf Tournament on 9/26/2022 at Concord Country Club in West Chester, PA**. The SSJ Relief Fund helps SSJ and members of our community in need due to life changing events. Council Knights are invited to attend and play, help, or sponsor this event.

-**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.

-Jim McCarry plans to ask if there is a 90 minute time slot available for Council Knights to use the SSJ Gym for pickup basketball.

## 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, Sara Purcell, 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, Anna Paella, Gene Burpoe, Bernie Carrozza, GK Sam Hillanbrand, Ron Avellino, Louis Gentry..

## 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, October 13, 2022, 7:30 – 9PM.**

- **Next Council Meeting - Monday, October 17, 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 – 7:50 PM**



