



Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2024

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:02pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by Tom Lopez
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve December meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach) – Not present
 - No report.
6. Grand Knight's Report
 - Council is in good standing at 102 members.
 - Dues notices went out and are due now.
 - Thank you to all who helped with the free-throw contest!
 - Thank you to all who helped with Bingo. Next Bingo: 2/16
 - Rose and Rosary Prayer Cards will be given out at the next meeting.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - \$29,639 cash in the bank
 - \$45,124.93 Total assets
 - Motion to approve Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - Vote to readmit Mike Donaghy, **PASSED** unanimously.
 - Vote to accept the transfer of Fr. Omeke in the council, **PASSED** unanimously.
 - Greg Ciminera is interested in becoming a 4th Degree. He is also interested in potentially joining our council.
 - Kevin Vanic will be attending the exemplification at 7pm on 1/21 at St. Joseph's in Downingtown. Brother knights are invited to attend to show support.
9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith (Tom Lopez)
 - 1/5 First Friday Rosary – Prayers, Rosary, Confession, and mass for the Devotion of the Two Hearts.
 - 1/6 First Saturday Fatima Rosary.
 - 1/7 Rosary after the 6pm mass with 8 people in person.
 - 1/26 Healing Mass – Healing Rosary recited at 6pm. Vince and Margaret Strate would like the Knights to lead a decade of the rosary. Mass at 7pm with a Healing Service after mass with Laying on of Hands and Anointing of the Sick.
 - 1/31 Veneration of the Relic of St. Jude.
 - 2/2 and 2/3 Devotion of the Two Hearts
 - 2/3 Fatima First Saturday Rosary.
 - 2/14 Ash Wednesday
 - 2/25 Youth Group will lead the rosary after the 6pm mass.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - No report.
 - Community (Joe Gothie)
 - Free-Throw Competition was held this past Saturday. 25 competitors and 8 winners. Winners will compete in the District Free-Throw Championship at SSJ.
 - We recently purchased some Lowes gift cards and a Roman Missal for St. Veronica's.
 - PGK Sam Hillanbrand's son Sam led an Eagle Scout Project to renovate the Prayer Garden and Cross in front of church. Motion to donate to Sam's project \$445.20 to cover the remaining cost, **PASSED** unanimously.
 - Council is sponsoring the first 10 gentlemen who want to attend Man Up Philly on 3/2 at Cardinal O'Hara High School.
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - Poor Man's Supper on 2/29. Sign-Ups coming soon. Several priests will be attending.
 - March For Life in Washington DC this Sunday. GK McCarry sent an email with bus information from various local parishes.
 - Chester County March for Life is this Saturday with speakers and a reception. Dave Owsik from the SSJ Pro-Life Ministry will be one of the speakers.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
 - No report.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - 10/19 Italian Night. Paul has been reaching out to Greg to plan this out.
 - Brainstorming Team will meet this Wednesday at 7pm virtually to discuss ideas for the future. Contact Paul if you are interested in joining the team.
 - Captain Chucky's Crabcake Sale will be happening 1/27, 1/28, 2/3, and 2/4 after all masses. Pickup will be 2/10 and 2/11. Crabcakes will be sold for \$23 for a box of 4 and Crab Critters will be sold for \$16. Soup will be sold for \$12. Sign Ups will be coming soon.
 - 400 Club winners will be published in an upcoming bulletin.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)

- Jay had discovered a new program that provides veteran benefits for veterans with special needs children. Please reach out to Jay if interested in more information.
 - Red Cross is willing to come in and train us on CPR. We could potentially do this before an upcoming Council Meeting or have a parish-wide event for everyone in the parish. Jay will research.
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - Thanks to all who helped with Bingo! It was a success!
 - John will work with Vince for the Poor Man's Supper.
 - Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - 2/5 next 4th Degree Conclave at Msgr. Schuyler.
 - Next Exemplification on 5/4.
 - Insurance Agent (Matt Doettger)
 - Matt plans on attending a future meeting.
 - District Deputy (Frank Bruno)
 - No report.
 - Trustees' Report
 - Trustees are conducting the audit due to Supreme on 2/15.
10. Unfinished Business
- Cub Scout Breakfast – Sam reached out to the Den Leader. He will get back to Sam by the end of this week. Last years breakfast was held on 2/19. Volunteers will be needed.
11. New Business
- Malvern Retreat House Retreat – Last year a few of us attended during the last weekend of Lent. If anyone is interested in attending a retreat this year, please reach out to GK McCarry.
 - Relic Veneration of St. Jude – This could potentially be a large event for the parish with many attendees. We would like to have a Ceremonial Guard for the relic. Veneration Time is from 1pm to 10pm with mass at 7pm. There are 3, 3-hour shifts for the guard. Many volunteers are needed so that some knights are not standing guard the entire day. GK McCarry, DGK Gordon, and DD Frank will discuss volunteers from the District.
12. Lecturer
- Tom read the Memorare to St. Joseph from the Vivat Jesu book.
13. Good of the Order
- Maria Guadalupe Carranza was added.
14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
- Led by Tom Lopez
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.