



Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Life Prayer used by the Spiritual Adoption Program read by GK McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve September meeting minutes with no revisions was unanimous.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - Faith, Family, Fun Day was this past Sunday. Kids preparing for First Confession, First Communion, and Confirmation participated.
 - 10/17 at 3pm on EWTN is an international prayer service for Jews in Israel.
6. Grand Knight's Report
 - Thank you all for your participation in the Knights Mass on 10/8. 24 Knights were present (12 in the photo). 1 new knight joined because of the mass.
 - Eucharistic revival in Doylestown - several knights were present. Noticed that many knights had different baldrics. The council will be purchasing baldrics. Antonia Acutis (mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis) presented at the Eucharistic Congress.
 - Next Generation Parish - Master plan for revitalization of the parish. More info to come.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Bingo resulted in \$2300.
 - CD matured and rolled over.
 - Available cash at end of September: \$33499
 - Motion approved and passed.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - Kevin Vanek - Johann knows the family. Good Catholic man who approached Johann asking for more information about the Knights. He completed a Form 100 to join.
 - Andrew Colket - Veteran who served our country. Gordon knows the family well and vouched for him. He registered online.

- Motion proposed for membership acceptance and passed.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith (Tom Lopez)
 - 9/24 Healing Rosary - attended by 24 people.
 - 9/29 - Healing Rosary and Healing Mass: Mass, Benediction, Laying on of Hands. Highly recommend attending the next one.
 - 10/7 - Rosary procession to mark the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Brother Knights carried the canopy. Blue sky despite dreary weather forecast.
 - 10/29 after 6pm Mass - Rosary led by the knights for Respect Life month and Month of the Rosary.
 - 2 Hearts Mass (Immaculate Heart of Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus) - Rosary, Mass, Prayers, the 2 hearts of Jesus and Mary. Goes until 2am.
 - 11/3 Malvern First Friday - Mass at 7:30, Gospel discussion, full breakfast. Good fellowship. \$10 donation.
 - 11/4 - First Saturday Fatima Rosary following the 9am mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet.
 - Patriotic Rosary. Hoping to be on Veterans Day 11/11.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Ed Lack - Great job with 400 Club!
 - Family of the Month - Vince Strate and family were nominated. Sam reached out to get to know him better. Vince is currently away helping his father, but Sam will touch base at the end of the week. Hope to do the presentation in the beginning of November for the October Family of the Month.
 - Paul expressed to pastoral council that we should be classified as a parish ministry. They said that we are more of a service industry like the Appalachia Project.
 - Poster Contest - Paul will discuss with Sr. Regina and Sr. Barbara Jude. More to come.
 - Community (Joe Gothie)
 - Essay contest is underway. Led by the 8th grade teacher. Judges will be needed to review. Hope to get volunteers at the next meeting. Judging will be sometime in late November.
 - \$400-500 was used to provide items to St. Veronica's. They appreciate the donations.
 - Coats for Kids - 6 boxes of coats were purchased (+6 matched by State) = 12 boxes total. 6 boxes will be donated to St. Veronica's. We will discuss how to distribute the other 6 boxes.
 - Used Coat Drive - Usually the weekend after Thanksgiving (11/25 and 11/26). 2-3 knights needed for each mass that weekend to collect the coats. More to come.
 - 12/9 - Trip to St. Veronica's to drop off the coats. More to come.

- Free Throw Championship will be held sometime in January. Give some thought into if you would be interested in running the event.
 - Soccer Challenge - 3 boys from SSJ participated. Awaiting final results but we believe that all 3 are winners.
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - 10/16 - PA March for Life - 7000 Marchers. A huge success!
 - SSJ Pray at Planned Parenthood 8am-6pm this Thursday 10/19. See more information in the bulletin.
 - 11/3-5 Special Olympics Fall Festival at Villanova. Need to sign up at the link that GK Jim provided in an email to participate. Knights of Columbus is a mega sponsor of the event.
 - Ultrasound Program - 40 Days for Life article in which a couple went to Planned Parenthood and were talked out of an abortion. They were brought to Chester County Connect Care (recipient of our ultrasound machine) for an ultrasound and ultimately decided to choose life!
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
 - No report at this time.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Re-form the brainstorming team with new members to get new ideas.
 - 1000 Club - \$25000 in prizes. Will use caution due to tax implications.
 - Look at the Columbia magazine to try and gather ideas for fundraising.
 - 400 Club - 402 tickets sold! Thank you everyone! (\$10,050 total, \$7000 net). First drawing tonight.
 - Next Bingo 11/17. May be safety issues before and after Bingo. Bingo Boys will meet to discuss further.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter) – not present.
 - Blood Drive was held today.
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - No report.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Exemplification of 43 knights in the Harrisburg area.
 - Next Conclave on 11/6.
 - Next exemplification in our area 5/4/2024.
- District Deputy (Frank Bruno) – District Warden Al Fonash presented the report.
 - Membership - 2 out of 6 members so far.
 - Programs - File form 10784 when each program is completed.
 - State Soccer Challenge end of October.
 - Weekend of 4/26 PA State Convention in King of Prussia.
 - Fraternal Benefits and Seminars - 14 members will need to participate in 2 fraternal benefits.
 - Getting Serious about Programs and Membership Webinar - many good ideas about promoting membership and programs
- Trustees' Report

- No report.

10. Unfinished Business

- Please contact Bill Robinson if you need a new shirt. We still have shirts that were previously ordered if knights did not receive them.
- Paul still has name tags leftover if people are still in need.

11. New Business

- Fr Gerlach needs 4 Knights to carry the canopy for the Eucharistic Procession at the close of 40 Hours at 7pm. Ed, Ken, Jim, and Tom volunteered.
- Hospitality Sunday this Sunday after the 9:30 mass. Knights will have a table to sign up new members in the Meehan Center.
- Ceremonial Baldrics will be ordered for the council.

12. Lecturer

- Monday Night Prayer recited from the Shorter Christian Prayer Book.

13. Good of the Order

- No new additions to the Good of the Order

14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)

- Led by Tyler Costello

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

16. 400 Club winner of \$100: Joe Gothie (twice), \$125: Richard Starynski and Nancy Videon, \$200 D. Keefer