



## Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2023

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7pm](#) 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 October meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach) – Not present
  - No report.
6. Grand Knight's Report
  - Thank you all for assistance with Bingo! It was a great success!
  - If you cannot make the Officers Planning Meeting or you are interested in hearing what was discussed, please reach out to GK McCarry and he will forward the recording to you.
  - 12/16 Christmas Party at Charlotte's in Newtown Square
  - Crab cakes will be pushed into the new year. Captain Chuckys ends fundraising for this year on 12/9. Plan is to advertise in January online with distribution in early February before Lent.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
  - Checking account balance at the end of October: \$34,094
  - Total Cash balance at end of October: \$49,579.93
  - **PASSED** and **APPROVED**.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
  - Jim is following up on a few new potential members.
  - Kevin Vanic will try and make an exemplification in December.
  - Jim will reach out to Andrew Colket.
9. Other Reports
  - Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
    - Faith (Tom Lopez)

- 10/29 rosary led by Pro Life Ministry and knights. 16 in person and 9 online.
- First Friday: prayers, mass
- Fatima Rosary led by Tom. Lite crowd.
- 11/26 Rosary after 6pm mass led by the charismatic prayer group.
- 12/1-12/2 First Friday prayer 7:30PM-2AM.
- 12/1 Malvern Retreat House - First Friday with scripture study, mass, and breakfast
- 12/8 National Night of Prayer - Knights Hour is from 10pm-11pm in the church. Try to arrive by 9:45. Readings and the rosary.
- 12/17 Tentative rosary after 6pm mass.
- Please see email from GK McCarry on 11/20 about the 40 Days for Life.
- 1/19 March for Life in Washington DC - theme is "With every woman, for every child." For more information, see email from GK on 11/20.
- 3/2 Man Up Philly at Cardinal O'Hara. Very successful last year. More info on speakers to come.
- Family (Paul Bellino) – PGK Sam presented the report
  - Family of the Month: Vince Strate and family will be honored this Sunday at the 7:30am mass.
- Community (Joe Gothie)
  - Essay Contest - Looking for judges: reading the top 10 essays and deciding on the winners. Look to do the judging week of 11/27. Winners announced at assembly on 12/22.
  - Warm Coat Drive - Need at least 2 Knights at every mass this weekend for the collection of coats. 12/9 Take the coats to Casa del Carmen near St. Veronica's.
  - Coats for Kids - 12 boxes total: 6 purchased by us and 6 matched by state. 6 boxes will go to St. Veronica's with the used coats. Other 6 boxes will go to IHM nuns in Coatesville.
  - We sent cleaning supplies to St. Veronica's via their Amazon wish list.
  - 1/13 – Council Round of the Free Throw Competition – 9am at the school gym. Help will be needed for judges and rebounders.
  - Man Up Philly - First 10 gentlemen will have registration paid by our council.
  - Gordon Jefferes will be the new Community Director
  - State Free Throw Competition 3/9 - more info to come.
- Life (Vince Strate)
  - Vince attended a meeting with fellow Life Directors. They discussed Special Olympics, Ultrasounds, and Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP). Our area had the largest amounts of ultrasounds donated (first of 72 regions).
  - Vince spoke with Dave Owsik to see who we will partner with for a bus.
  - Rose and Rosary 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17. Anyone interested, please reach out to Sam or Vince and you can shadow if you have not done one before. Seem to have the same 5-6 guys every time. Simple, powerful, and quick ceremony.
  - Poor Man's Supper - 100-200 people have attended in the past. A Sunday afternoon was selected in Lent but want to move to a Thursday night. Bread, butter, soups, water and other drinks. Small committee of 5-6 people needed.

- 12/17 9:30 Mass - Roses for pregnant moms. Only about 2-3 last year. Sr. Barbara Jude will try and assist with making sure pregnant moms attend the 9:30 mass that Sunday.
- Committees:
  - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
    - No report.
  - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
    - Trying to book a singer for the Italian Night in October. He needs a date in order to book.
  - Health Services (Jay Harter)
    - Next Blood Drive is in January. October Blood Drive was successful with 45 participants.
    - Last Covid Shot and Flu Shot are readily available.
    - May look into CPR training for the parish.
    - A local council recently purchased several LifeVacs (anti-choking devices). We may look into purchasing some for the parish.
  - Social (John Ellis)
    - Last Bingo was successful. Thank you to all involved!
    - Next 400 Club drawing tonight after the meeting.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
  - 12/4 7PM next conclave. Frank Bruno invites all 4th degrees to attend as the Christmas Party will be celebrated afterwards.
  - Next Exemplification: Saturday 5/4
- District Deputy (Frank Bruno)
  - Star Council Award Presented to PGK Sam H. and GK Jim McCarry for 150% of Goal met.
  - 2 new members, 2 more prospects (2/3 of quota)
  - State Convention 4/26-4/28 at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia. Delegate submission due by March.
  - District Free Throw 2/10 1-3 at SSJ. Looking for volunteers.
  - Chester County Assembly looking for a Pilot. Good opportunity to fast-track leadership.
  - Need to schedule Fraternal Benefit Seminars (14 total must be present)
  - Mid-Year Review Webinar is available to watch.
- Trustees' Report
  - No report.

#### 10. Unfinished Business

- Thank You cards received from 6th Graders for the Bibles that we donated.
- Cares program will be sending us photos of our donations in action.

#### 11. New Business

- Speakers from the Padre Pio Center in Kensington spoke at all masses this past Sunday. We are potentially considering either a donation or ways to volunteer with the organization. 2nd Collection at Thanksgiving Mass will go to the Padre Pio Center.
  - i. Motion to donate \$250 to the Padre Pio Center, **PASSED** unanimously.
- Christmas Party 12/16 at Charlotte's in Newtown Square. \$45/person. See flyer for details.

- Dennis will reach out to Fr. Gerlach and Greg Ciminera (new Parish Services Director) to sell Christmas magnets for \$5. We sold 45 magnets last year. Hope to sell in mid-December.

12. Lecturer

- Council prayed from the Daily Prayers to Save America booklet.

13. Good of the Order

- Please pray for Bill Robinson
- Federico Family
- Louis Russo
- Kathy Sayers

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

- Led by Tom Lopez

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

16. 400 Club Winners: \$100 - Tom Quinn, \$100 - Steve Videon, \$125 - Helen Davis, \$125 - Rose Smith, \$200 - Bernie Carrozza