



Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2024

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:00pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Prayer of John Henry Cardinal Newman led by Tom Lopez
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jim McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve January meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - No report.
6. Grand Knight's Report
 - Great turnout at the meeting tonight! Thank you!
 - St. Jude Relic Veneration was an incredible success! Thank you to all who participated and helped at the event!
 - District Deputy meeting went well. We are on target to achieve the Star Council Award.
 - Pizza, Prayer, Play - 2 nights (1/26 and 2/8). We have 1 new prospect for membership and 1 parent sign up for Man Up Philly. Thank you to the 8-12 Knights each night that helped!
 - 3/2 State Officers Testimonial Dinner - We have \$100 budgeted for ads.
 - 4/26-4/28 State Convention in KOP. Let GK Jim McCarry know if you are interested in attending.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$30,825
 - Available Cash: \$27,554
 - Motion to approve January Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - 3 applications were filled out due to our efforts at the Pizza, Prayer, Play event.
 - 1 is not Catholic (so he cannot be accepted) and 1 rescinded his application.
 - An application for membership from Brian Rogers was read. A motion to accept Brian into the Council pending completion of his Degrees of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity was **PASSED** unanimously.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith (Tom Lopez)
 - 1/7 Rosary after 6pm mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. No announcements in the bulletin and no announcement from the pulpit so only had about 8 in attendance.
 - 1/26 Healing Mass led by Fr. Omeke: Healing Rosary was recited before the mass.
 - 1/31 St. Jude Relic Veneration: 3400 people present for the veneration, mass was packed!
 - 2/3 First Saturday Fatima Rosary after the 9am mass
 - 2/25 SSJ Youth Group will lead the rosary on 2/25
 - 3/1 - 2 Hearts Devotions, Confession, Mass, Devotionals until 2am
 - 3/2 - First Saturday Fatima Rosary
 - 3/2 - Man Up Philly at Cardinal O’Hara HS
 - 3/19 Feast of St. Joseph
 - Episodes 4, 5, and 6 of “The Chosen” is out in movie theaters as well as the movie “Cabrini.”
 - Our Seminarian, Brandon (3rd Degree Knight), is looking for aid for his tuition debt. He hopes to raise \$60,000. Brandon graduated from Duquesne University in 2019. We plan to invite him to our council meeting next month to speak to us. It is a requirement for ordination for his debt to be cleared. The deadline is 6/30.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Family of the Month - Henry Blair - Vice Chair of Pastoral Council. Will be presented at the 11:30 mass this Sunday.
 - Community (Joe Gothie)
 - Still looking for a Community Director
 - 2/10 - District Free Throw Championship. 3 winners moving on to the Regional Free Throw Competition at Gwynedd Mercy University
 - Man Up Philly - 6 more slots open if anyone knows a gentleman who is interested in attending. Council will cover the cost.
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - 2/29 Poor Man’s Supper at 6pm - Advertising is out in the bulletin and after mass. They will also be distributed to PREP. Meeting is on the books for planning of the meal. About 5-8 volunteers will be needed for setup as well as assistance with the meal. Sr. Sheila Galligan IHM will present a talk on mercy.
 - 3/16 First Annual Respect Life Meeting led by Dave Owsik.
 - Vince had a meeting with other Life Directors last Thursday. He learned about blood drives and how St. Agnes had 6 last year. The Knights there front the cost, and they received funding back.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
 - DGK Gordon will meet with Joe to review members with outstanding dues.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - St. Luke’s Production (a play) is a potential fundraising opportunity.

- 10/19 Italian Night - Planning is underway. Reaching out to 4 caterers.
 - 3/15 Bingo - St. Patrick's Day Theme. Future Bingos: 3/15, 4/19, 5/24, and 6/21
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - CPR Training and AED Training - Roughly \$100/person to get certified. Will discuss more in the future.
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - John will coordinate with Vince for the Poor Man's Supper.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - 3/4 next Assembly Meeting
 - 4/13 Past Faithful Navigator Testimonial
 - 5/4 Next Exemplification
- Insurance Agent (Matt Doettger)
 - Matt plans on attending a future meeting.
- District Deputy (Frank Bruno)
 - 4 new members this year: 2/3 of the quota. 2 new men needed by the end of the year.
 - Thank you to those who attended the District Meeting!
 - 4/26-4/28 State Convention at the Crowne Plaza in KOP
 - Special Olympics - State Council is looking for a donation of \$400 for the Special Donations. Our council has already budgeted \$500 for this cause.
 - DD handed the medals from the District Free Throw Championship to Joe Gothie. Thanks to Joe and his son for their help!
 - We have met our quota for Fraternal Benefit Seminars for this year.
 - Only 2 new members away from Star Council!
 - Online seminars are available on the Training page of the KOC website.
- Trustees' Report
 - Semiannual audit has been completed. Assets, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements were all properly reported.
 - Next Council Meeting: nominations for the next year. Nominations will be accepted. Voting will take place in May.
 - Crab Cake Sales were down this year. This is not fundraising but an event that parishioners look forward to every year. Roughly \$500 profit. Next Crab Cake fundraiser will be in the Fall.

10. Unfinished Business

- Survey of Fraternal Year
 - Faith Activities: \$6929 given.
 - Family Activities: \$1834 given.
 - Community Activities: \$6964 given.
 - Life Activities: \$5775 given.
 - Total: \$21,502 given

11. New Business

- 4/13 Confirmation - May need ushers, honor guard, color guard, etc.
- SSJ will host the Honor Flight on 6/15
- 3/10 Scout Breakfast after the 9:30 mass: Pancakes, sausage, OJ

- This Sunday is the Pinewood Derby at 2pm in the gym if anyone is interested in attending.
 - If interested in being an Officer, please let us know. Also, please let us know any interest in planning next year's budget.
 - New Degree Team - Please see DGK Gordon if interested in joining.
 - Choir Robes - The choir is interested in purchasing new choir robes. The robes will be blue and there are 2 different options for stoles. The choir will vote on the robes. Some members may need convincing. The robes will be light weight and the church will store/clean them. If the choir votes against the robes, they are interested in purchasing new choir books. The council will wait for the choir to vote before proceeding with a vote for funding.
 - Rose and Rosary – East Region Program Chairman Gary Novinskie was in attendance to speak about his experience with the Rose and Rosary program at Msgr. Schuyler Council #1333. Gary has given out over 1000 roses. Gary has given out silk roses and rose-scented rosaries. They have been received well. Gary handed out script cards to be considered for use at future baptisms.
 - McGivney Guild consists of only about 29% of all Knights. Membership is free. Visit their website at fathermcgivney.org for more details.
12. Lecturer
- The Council prayed the Monday Night Prayer from the Shorter Christian Prayer Book
13. Good of the Order
- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Tommy DeMaribus
 - Chip Miller
 - Louise Duane
 - Anna Larkins (John Larkins sister who recently passed)
 - Lauren Rahuba
 - Past State Deputy George Koch (deceased)
 - Mary Beth Millinger
14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
- Led by Tom Lopez
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.