



Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:00pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by Tom Lopez
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jim McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve March meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - Not present.
6. Grand Knight's Report
 - Thank you to all Knights who assisted with Confirmation! Our presence (and especially swords!) made an impression on the students receiving the sacrament.
 - April 21, 7PM is the next exemplification at St. Joe's. We are hopeful to have three new members of the council after the exemplification. That would make our total members count at 104.
 - Rose and Rosary volunteers are needed for this Sunday. There are 11 Baptisms this Sunday. They will be split between two baptisms at 1pm and 2pm with Fr. Mike.
 - Knights were asked by Sr. Barbara Jude to provide a color/honor guard for First Holy Communion on 5/4 at 10am and 1pm.
 - Knights are needed to assist the Pro-Life Ministry with handing out roses to all mothers after all masses on 5/12 (Mother's Day weekend)
 - Baby Bottle Drive will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Contact Brian Popma if interested in helping out.
 - Knights were also asked to assist with the bowling party for the Youth Group on 4/28 from 3:30-5:30.
 - SSJ School is putting on "The Little Mermaid" on 4/26 (7pm), 4/27 (2pm and 7pm), and 4/28 (2pm) in the gym. Please support if you can.
 - Appalachia Service Project is coming up. They are having a Flea Market fundraiser at Advent Lutheran Church on 4/27 from 9am – 2pm. They will also have a car wash fundraiser.
 - DD Frank Bruno sent everyone an email with information about the 4th degree. Please take a minute to read the email and consider joining the 4th degree. The 4th degree also has three open leadership positions to consider.
 - A thank you note was shared with Tom Lopez from seminarian Adam Wheeler.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)

- Ending Bank Balance: \$47,789
- Available Cash: \$44,518
- Total Assets: \$48,089
- Motion to approve March Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.

8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)

- Several Knights set up a table at Hospitality Sunday. There are two potential candidates for membership that Jim Bushong will follow up with.
- Our council is also interested in establishing an exemplification team. Anyone interested, please contact DGK Gordon Jefferes. No memorization necessary.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith (Tom Lopez)
 - 3/6 First Saturday Fatima Rosary was well attended with about 20 attendees in the chapel.
 - 4/21 Rosary following the 6pm mass led by our Knights. Please contact Tom Lopez if interested in assisting.
 - 5/26 Rosary after the 6pm mass on the Feast of the Holy Trinity.
 - 5/3 First Fridays at Malvern Retreat House: 7:30am mass, scripture discussion, and hot breakfast. \$10 donation. Usual attendance of 35-40 people.
 - 5/3 Two Hearts Devotion 7:30pm-2am with mass, confession, and Devotionals
 - 5/4 First Saturday Fatima Rosary will be in the IHM Room after the 8:30 morning mass.
 - The Brainstorming Committee is interesting in hosting the St. Luke's Production Company. They have 7 DVDs of their plays. We may potentially purchase the DVDs and host a watch party in the Meehan Center or stream them on our website. This may be a good way to get more traffic on our council website.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - 5/4 First Saturday Fatima Rosary will be in the IHM Room after the 8:30 morning mass.
 - If a family is not nominated, an exception to the rule is to have two individuals nominated instead.
 - Community (Joe Gothie)
 - No report
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - Respect Life Group is collecting baby items for their Spiritual Adoption Baby Showers. Pack and Plays are in the Narthex for the donated items.
 - Planned Parenthood has changed their day of scheduled abortions from Friday to Tuesday. Please consider praying at Planned Parenthood on a Tuesday.
 - Respect life Group at St. Agnes is hosting a talk on "Facing the End of Life." Information is available in their bulletin.
 - 6/6 St. Max is hosting a Catholic visual art program.
 - We are working on getting Genesis a new ultrasound. The cost is roughly \$28k, we would pay for half (\$14k) and Supreme would match the other half. We currently have \$7k allocated.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)

- Not present.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Paul and Gordon will meet to discuss a caterer for Italian Night.
 - Greg Ciminera approached Paul about installing a video sign at the corner of Cavanaugh Court and West Chester Pike to showcase upcoming events for the parish.
 - Bingo is this Friday in the Meehan Center at 7pm. Setup at 11am.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - No report.
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - Greg Ciminera is in the process of reorganizing the kitchen areas and storage spaces. We want to make sure that we still have a secure place in the kitchen for our needs.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Next assembly meeting is May 6th.
 - PFN Testimonial was on 4/13. It was a nice evening.
 - 5/4 4th Degree Exemplification at the Phoenix Ballroom in Chichester.
- Insurance Agent (Matt Doettger)
 - Not present.
- District Deputy (Frank Bruno)
 - Membership: 3 of 6 for the quota has been met so far. 3 prospects will attend the exemplification on 4/21.
 - PA State Convention 4/26-4/28.
 - We have hit the quota for Financial Benefit Seminars.
 - We are three new members away from Star Council.
 - 4-5 seminars are offered each month from Supreme. These do not need to be viewed that night and can be viewed at a later time.
- Trustees' Report
 - Nominations of Officers for the 2024/2025 year. Elections will be held at the May Council Meeting:
 - Grand Knight: Jim McCarry, nominated.
 - DGK: Gordon Jefferes, nominated.
 - Chancellor: Jim Bushong and Tyler Costello were both nominated.
 - Advocate: No current nomination. Trustee Dennis Kolesinskas would like to be nominated when his time as a trustee is complete.
 - Recorder: Tyler Costello, conditionally nominated if not elected Chancellor.
 - Treasurer: Charlie DiValerio, accepts the nomination.
 - Warden: Ken Kelly, Trustees are unsure if Ken wishes to continue as Warden. John Ellis has accepted the nomination for Warden.
 - Inside Guard: Carlos Guzman, not present for nominations. Johann Sedlura has accepted the nomination.
 - Outside Guard: Seth Lengel, not present for nominations. Tom Esposito has accepted the nomination.
 - 3rd Year Trustee: Sam Hillanbrand, accepts a second term.
 - 2nd Year Trustee: Dennis Kolesinskas, accepts a second term.
 - 1st Year Trustee: Ed Lack, absent but would most likely accept a second term.

- Financial Secretary: Joe Gothie, term ends November 2025 and could be renewed.
 - Potential Alternate Chaplains if Fr. Mike is interested: Fr. Omeke or Fr. Francis.
- Past Budget meetings have been in August but should be in June or July prior to the July 15th Council Meeting so that it can be approved. Potential Budget meeting Thursday July 11th.

10. Unfinished Business

- Choir Robes – The Parish Choir held an anonymous vote on the choir robes that the Knights had previously discussed purchasing. The vote was 20-8 in favor of the robes. Unfortunately, a few members expressed to the choir director that they will quit choir if they are forced to wear the robes. Robes will be tabled for a future date.
 - The choir is in need of new choir books. The current books are old and outdated as some songs have recently had lyric changes. The choir director received a quote from the book publisher for 40 copies of the books for a total of \$1481.89. A copy of the quote was shared with GK Jim McCarry.
 - The choir director also shared that she has asked the church to provide cubbies for the music room. No one from the church ever got back to her. She asked if the Knights could potentially provide these as well. The cubbies that she is interested in are roughly \$80 each from Ikea. She would need 5 for a total of roughly \$400.
 - We will discuss adding the new choir books and cubbies for the choir to next year's budget.

11. New Business

- No new business at this time.

12. Good of the Order

- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Joe Gothie's father
 - Jerry Bushong (Jim's brother)
 - Maureen Doran
 - Jean Ellis
 - Mary Gallagher
 - Rev. Gus Puleo, former pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Norristown (deceased)

13. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)

- Darin Howell, a FOCUS Missionary from West Chester University, spoke to council about the work that he is doing at the university trying to bring students back to the Catholic faith. He is raising funds for a student named Owen who will be attending a missionary trip with Darin this summer. The student who the parish supported is considering seminary.

14. Grand Knight Reflection (Jim McCarry)

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

- Led by Tom Lopez

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.