



## Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2024

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7:00pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Mission of my Life Prayer (PA State Prayer) read by GK Jim McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jim McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
  - Motion to approve April meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
  - On 5/20, Fr. Omeke celebrated his first anniversary of ordination. Thank you to the Knights for your continued support of Fr. Omeke!
  - There is a new film/documentary called "Jesus Thirsts" that will be released in theaters from June 4th through the 6th. More information can be found at [jesusthirstsfilm.com](http://jesusthirstsfilm.com).
  - The Knights are asked to assist with the Eucharistic Revival on 6/3 at 9am. 4 Knights and the canopy will be needed. Brunch will follow mass in the Meehan Center.
  - Alex Cross is our new seminarian who will be living and working at the parish over the summer.
  - SSJ School is doing well! Over 300 students are enrolled for next school year.
  - Parish held their May Procession last week with over 1100 in attendance.
6. Grand Knight's Report
  - Dan Mankowski was recognized for completing his Charity, Unity, and Fraternity degrees on 5/19 in Downingtown.
  - Tyler Costello was recognized as the council's newest 4th Degree Knight.
  - Certificate of Appreciation was given to John Ellis for his service to the council.
  - We are still interested in donating to Darin Howell, a FOCUS Missionary who spoke to our council last month, for his upcoming service trip.
    - Motion to reallocate the Discovering Christ Food Sponsorship of \$1000 to Darin, **PASSED** unanimously.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
  - Ending Bank Balance: \$42,136
  - Available Cash: \$38,865
  - Total Assets: \$42,436
  - Motion to earmark \$5000 to the parish for the Chiller Replacement, **PASSED** unanimously.
  - Motion to approve April Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
  - No report.

## 9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
  - Faith (Tom Lopez)
    - 5/26 after the 6pm mass will be the Patriotic Rosary led by the Knights. Let Tom know if interested.
    - 6/1 Fatima Rosary after the 9am mass
  - Family (Paul Bellino)
    - Spirit of the Parish Award (recognizing individuals instead of families) - Annette Glaudel and Ray Mazzi. Award will be given out at mass one of the first weekends of June.
  - Community (Joe Gothie)
    - Academic Awards will be given to the top performing 8th graders at graduation.
    - CYO Golf Outing is on 6/3 at Whitford Country Club. We are sponsoring \$200 for the event.
    - Joe Gothie is stepping down as Community Director as of 7/1. We will need a new Community Director for the next fraternal year. Please contact Joe Gothie if interested.
  - Life (Vince Strate)
    - Respect Life Group collected baby donations for Birthright and Chester County Connect Care as part of the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower. It was a success!
    - Thank you to the Knights who distributed roses at mass on Mother's Day. We collected \$1200 in donations for Pro-Life causes.
    - "Visual Grace", a Catholic visual art program, by Kate Capato at St. Max's Parish on 6/6.
    - We are working with Genesis for a new ultrasound machine, and we need to submit more paperwork.
    - Tomorrow, Chester County Connect Care is hosting an open house in Coatesville from 11-2.
    - Potential gifts for Father's Day: St. Joseph's Medals. Will need a disclaimer in the bulletin that the medals could be a choking hazard for small children.
- Committees:
  - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
    - Not present.
  - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
    - 400 Club coming soon. Paul will get the tickets that will be distributed. This fundraiser will need the participation of everyone. We will proceed with the 400 Club.
  - Health Services (Jay Harter)
    - No report.
  - Social (John Ellis)
    - Next Bingo: June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
  - Next Conclave: 6/3 at 7:30 at Msgr. Schuyler. It will be the last meeting of the Fraternal Year.



- No report.
14. Grand Knight Reflection (Jim McCarry)
  15. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
    - Led by Dan Mankowski
  16. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.