



Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024

- 1 **Call to Order** – GK McCarry at 7:00 pm. This Council 11564 Meeting was held in person in the Saints Simon and Jude Room of The Meehan Center and virtually thru a GoToMeeting link. There were **22 Attendees**.
- 2 **Opening Prayer** – Mission of my Life prayer led by Tom Lopez, Faith Director.
- 3 **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by GK Jim McCarry and recited by all Knights
- 4 **Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting** – A **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2024 Council Meeting passed unanimously.
- 5 **Chaplain’s Message** – Father Gerlach, our Chaplain - not present

- 6 **Grand Knight’s Report**
 - Thanks to all Knights who helped with the Canopy for Corpus Christi and Eucharistic Revival services.
 - Currently Council **membership is 103**, expected to be 104 with the return of a previous knight.
 - T-shirts** were provided for Camp Firelight Vacation Bible Camp which included recognition to KOC on the back of the t-shirt. GC McCarry was invited and will speak briefly at the close of Camp at noon on Friday.
 - Baby Bottles** collection for Mother’s Home ended Sunday, June 16 although we expect returns to continue longer.
 - On Fathers Day Knights distributed St. Joseph Medals to Fathers after all Masses. Many parishioners stated they really liked the medals.
 - Honor Flight** for Military Veterans which started and ended at SSJ Church was an overwhelming success! Five buses carried 135 Veterans to Washington DC Memorials and many were emotionally grateful. This event will probably repeat again with SSJ the Host in 2025. Many Fourth Degree Knights from other Councils were present in uniform and included on the attendees list.

- 7 **Financial Report**
 - **Charlie DiValerio, Treasurer**, presented the actual YTD Treasurer’s Report thru May 2024 and the projected final result thru 6/30/2024. A **Motion** was presented and all accepted the projected final Treasurer’s Report of June 2024 pending final audit.
 - Ending Bank Balance \$36,469 / Total Funds \$36,769 / Available Cash Funds \$33,498.

- 8 **Membership Report** – Jim Bushong read a name for membership into Council, Vince Cecconi, with background commentary from Ed Lack resulting in a **Motion** and unanimous vote to join Council 11564.

- 9 **FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS - OTHER REPORTS - Program Director Gordon Jefferes**
 - **FAITH – Tom Lopez**
 - A Rosary was recited on May 26 / Memorial Day Weekend in the Chapel at 7pm.
 - There was a Fatima Rosary on June 1 for First Saturday following the 9am Mass.
 - On July 4th** at 10am following the 9am Mass in the Chapel there will be a **Patriotic Rosary**.
 - July 5th is First Friday and First Saturday is July 6th with a Fatima Rosary following the 9am Mass in the Chapel** (and not certain if there will be the usual First Friday program at Malvern Retreat House due to the holiday weekend).
 - The Philly Ride for Life** will take place on Saturday, June 29 at 8:15 starting at SS Philip and James Parish.
 - On August 11 at 3pm** outside at the Blessed Lady’s Shrine there will be a prayer service for the unborn followed by an ice cream social. Council plans to provide a canopy for shade if needed.

 - **FAMILY – Paul Bellino**
 - Paul requested a successor to take his place, but suggested an alterative might be 8 ministers charged with one of each of the 8 areas of the Family Program. Sam Hillanbrand has taken over the Family of the Month recognition although the **Spirit of the Parish Award** (recognizing Parish individuals instead of families) may prove more beneficial in identifying worthy candidates. (Sister Helene and Ellie Berry would be worthy candidates before they depart to different service).

- **COMMUNITY** – Bill Watts
 - Joe Gothie** was applauded and thanked for his service as interim Community Director as he announced his successor to be Bill Watts (who also runs the SSJ Parish Picnic in September).
 - Gift cards for Academic Awards were presented by KOC to SSJ School graduates.
 - Faith in Action booklets** providing detailed description of KOC events have been ordered.
 - Streaming of Mass** continues with around 50 virtual attendees weekly. SSJ still wants to continue although a new streamer is needed as Evan Gothie departs for college.
 - Mother Incarnation at **St Veronica’s Parish** in Philadelphia has been provided gift cards to Lowes for a painting project.

- **LIFE – Vince Strate**
 - Rose and Rosary – Baptisms** –All Baptisms are at 1PM time on Sunday, and the Rose & Rosary are presented at that time. Knights are needed for this memorable service to families.
 - Saturday, June 24 is the **Philly March for Life** celebrated at the Cathedral with Mass and march following.
 - On August 11 at 3pm there will be a Rosary at the Blessed Mother’s shrine followed by an ice cream social.
 - All paperwork has been completed to move ahead with the purchase of another **ultrasound machine** for Genesis Woman’s Clinic.

COMMITTEES :

- **Retention Committee - Gordon Jefferes** - no report

- **Health Services Committee – Jay Harter** – not present

- **Fundraising Committee - Paul Bellino**

- Paul recommended Council publish the causes and charities benefited by the KOC in the SSJ Bulletin perhaps using a QR code.
- **BINGO** – Bingo will be held **Friday, June 21**, and also expected **Friday, July 19** (if approved). Hot Dogs, steamed and grilled, will be a new food offering at Bingo.

Council hopes that future Bingo events might continue to be held every 3rd Friday night; Council Meetings on the third Monday monthly; and OPMs on the second Thursday monthly. Council has submitted this request to Greg Ciminera in response to his request to calendar “All Regularly Repeating Meeting Groups and Ministries”.

-**400 Club Drawing 2024** - Tickets have been ordered, received, and 10 distributed to each Knight attending tonight to sell or purchase with returns by the end of August if unsold. This is Council’s 4th year for this fundraiser to again be managed by Ed Lack. Each ticket is highlighted in red to provide “Funding for Ultrasound at Genesis Woman’s Clinic”.

-**Italian Night** – Caterer and entertainment have been secured, and hope to begin selling tickets in late July or August (No Bingo then in Oct ?)

- **Social Committee - John Ellis**

- With Bill Robinson’s help Hot Dogs, steamed or grilled, will be sold at Bingo starting June 21 for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 .
- A 50/50 Drawing was held for tonight’s meeting with Ken Kelly the winner of \$40.
- Refreshments and snacks were also available after the Council Meeting thanks to John Ellis.

FOURTH DEGREE - Gordon Jefferes

- Assembly** doesn’t meet again until Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30 pm at Msgr. Schuyler as there are no Assembly meetings in July-August. SSJ Council 4th Degree Knights are encouraged to attend.
- A third attempt to collect delinquent Fourth Degree dues was recently mailed.
- The next **Fourth Degree Exemplifications** will be held on October 12 in Harrisburg, PA.
- Thanks to Frank Bruno for his service as District Deputy for the last two years !

INSURANCE AGENT – Matt Doettger -not in attendance.

- Monthly email greetings continue from Jim Siermine on KOC insurance and financial benefits.

DISTRICT DEPUTY - Frank Bruno, District 19 Deputy

- DD Bruno congratulated Council 11564 in attaining Star Council qualification for FY 2023-24.

- Reminded that Council Election reports and Finances are due by June 30.
- Cautioned that Officers and Directors, especially new, must have **Certification from Supreme for Child Safe Environment Training**.
- Was recognized with a standing ovation for his dedication and leadership as District Deputy for the last two FYs.

TRUSTEES' REPORT - Dennis Kolesinskas, Ed Lack, Sam Hillanbrand

- Although Election of Officers for the 2024-25 FY is completed , the position of **Recorder** remains open (with possible help from AI software)
- When will **Officer Installation** be conducted ? Will consult with KOC Chaplain, Fr. Gerlach (perhaps Aug 12 or Assumption in lieu of OPM ?)
- The **2024-25 Financial Budget** has been completed by Trustees and Faith in Action Directors which is to be finalized at the July OPM.

10 Unfinished Business

- St. Luke Productions DVDs seem to have reached an impasse ? Given the many Christian movies currently showing in movie theaters, Joe Gothie suggested perhaps it might be better if maybe the KOC provided support with bulk tickets purchase, transportation, or cost ?
- A Novena to the BVM is running from 6/15 to 6/25/24 at 5:30 pm our time per Tom Lopez.
- The Grand Knight is to appoint the **Faith-in-Action Directors for FY 2024-25** by 6/30/2024.

11 New Business

- Football Cards are available from Gordon Jefferes for \$10 each which provide financial prizes and benefit the Educational Foundation of the PA State Council. Our Council also benefits \$2.00 for each card sold.
- Consider joining Fr. Francis on Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 pm for his talk on the Mental Health Presentation Series.
- Council's own Degree Team** needs one more member, Warden, to get started possibly in July for the 4th Sunday of each month following the 11:30 Mass.

12 Good of the Order

- The following were presented as **additions to the Council's Prayer List** :
Anthony Bruno, Sister Jean Henley IHM, Nick Mercantonio, Jerome Bushong, Matt Fanalli, Mike Falasca, Jesse Coffey, Glen Reed, Vickey Vokac, Ronald Vokac.

13 Lecturer Reflection – Tom Lopez

- At graduation time an entertaining story between a college professor and a student about **Faith**, the link between God and Man.

14 Grand Knight Summary - no further message

15 Closing Prayer – Prayer for The Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney led by Tom Lopez.

16 Adjournment – June 17, 2024 Council Meeting ended at 8:30 pm.





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