



Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2023

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by Faith Director Tom Lopez
3. Pledge of Allegiance – led by GK McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve meeting minutes with no revisions was unanimous.
5. Chaplain’s Message (Fr. Gerlach) - Not present
6. Grand Knight’s Report
 - Fr. Francis (4th degree) transferred his membership to our council
 - GK McCarry, PGK Hillanbrand, Fr. Omeke, and Fr. Gerlach met to discuss the new year
 - GK’S 4 Priorities for the SSJ Knights
 - Homeless
 - Eucharistic Revival- [Saturday, September 30th](#) Archdiocesan Eucharistic revival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Fr. Gerlach is organizing a bus for parishioners to attend.
 - Life
 - Membership - 102 members, 6 as a goal for upcoming FY
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Balance of \$25,550 in the bank at year end, CD due in September
 - GK McCarry will resend the email with the year-end treasurer’s report as some did not receive.
 - Motion to approve, passed unanimously
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong) – GK McCarry presented report
 - 2 new members received their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees at St. Joseph’s Parish in Downingtown on 7/16. 2 other gentlemen from the parish picnic also expressed interest.
9. Other Reports
 - Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Safe Environment Training needed for those with expired clearances
 - Faith (Tom Lopez)

- Biking for babies - Tom Lopez rode [25 miles](#) on June 24. 250 participants raised \$10,000. National ride started on July 9th.
 - July 1 - First Saturday Rosary was held in the chapel
 - July 4 - 50 people attended the Patriotic Rosary after the [9am](#) mass in the chapel
 - [August 4-5](#) - Devotion of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 - [August 5](#) - First Saturday Rosary
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Family of the Month (36 so far over Paul's tenure)
 - Paul will be passing on the responsibility of selecting the Family of the Month to PGK Hillanbrand as Paul will be joining pastoral council. Congrats Paul!
 - Poster Contest for SSJ School and PREP students will begin in September with evaluations in November.
 - Community (Pat Lyman) - GK McCarry presented report
 - Pat will be putting together an event for a screening of the Mother Teresa movie. Will partner this with a canned food drive or \$2 donation.
 - Life (Vince Strate) - GK McCarry presented report
 - Healing Mass in church presided by Fr. Omeke.
 - Rose & Rosary - No Baptisms in July
- Insurance Agent (Jim Siermine and Barry Phillips)
 - New Venture - Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors - \$29 billion in assets
 - Catholic moral investments (anti-ESG investments)
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes, Sam Hillanbrand, Todd Hagenbuch)
 - Gordon, Sam, and Todd will touch base after Labor Day
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Paul asked for someone to be responsible for submitting information to be entered in the bulletin as bingo was not included in the last bulletin. Please contact Paul if you are interested in public relations.
 - 400 club - 115 tickets of 400 sold so far. If you are unable to sell, please give them back by the end of August so that we can sell them in the back of church. First drawing is in October.
 - Bingo [this Friday. 1pm](#) setup as there is summer camp in the morning. [6pm](#) Doors open. [7pm](#) Bingo begins.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - potential future blood drive
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - 50/50 tickets - purpose is to fund the refreshments for post-meeting
 - Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - 4th degree on a break for July and August
 - 4th Degree held on June 24th. 55 new 4th Degree Knights, 0 from SSJ Council
- District Deputy (Frank Bruno) – GK McCarry presented report

- DD is absent as he is training his successor.
- Trustees' Report
 - Audit of financial statements due to the state by August 15th
 - Prepare the budget by [August 24th](#)
 - Please contact the GK or trustees if you would like to present an addition to the budget
 - [Monday August 28th](#) Induction of Officers at 7pm Mass followed by a reception. All are welcome.

10. Unfinished Business

- Knights helping the school.
 - Sam, Dennis, and Joe met with Sr Barbara Jude and Sr. Regina to discuss a potential scholarship or other means of funding for the school and PREP.
 - Sam sent a follow up email to the sisters last night to see if they have any more ideas to add to the budget (opportunities to demonstrate what the knights do)
 - Muffins with moms, donuts with dads
 - Funding for religion books

11. New Business

- Football Sweeps Tickets - \$10/card, last 10 weeks of the NFL Season. Benefits the State Educational Foundation. Program from the State
- Cor Meeting - New initiative from Supreme. Invitation to evangelization. Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.
- No regular meeting in August
 - Budget meeting on [8/24](#)
 - Induction of new officers on [8/28 at 7pm](#)
 - No bingo in August
- Certificate presented from Supreme to PGK Sam for his service to the council
- Title of Honorary Life Member presented to Tom Lopez by Supreme for good standing over 43 years in the knights. Certificate and pin were presented
- Anyone interested in polo shirts please reach out to Bill Robinson. Cost depends on the quantity ordered. Roughly \$30-35/shirt
- Lecturer Future topics
 - Begins and ends with prayer. Tom Lopez will be using the Office of the Hours as part of his lectures. It helps to set the tone.
 - Reflections on [the upcoming Sunday](#) scripture readings
 - Year of Eucharistic Revival

12. Good of the Order

- Jean Ellis added by John Ellis

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

- Led by Tom Lopez

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm