



Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [7pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry
2. Opening Prayer – Prayer by Cardinal Newman read by GK McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve July meeting minutes with no revisions was unanimous.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach) - Not present
6. Grand Knight's Report
 - We already have 2 out of 6 new members for the membership goal for the year so far
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in the Honor Flight. It was a great event! Over 150 veterans returned to SSJ from their trip to Washington DC and were greeted by a large crowd.
 - 400 Club - 25 tickets remain unsold. GK will contact those who still have tickets. Hope to sell the rest at bingo. First Drawing October 20th
 - GK is attending the Eucharistic Revival on September 30th in Doylestown. Very few tickets remain for the SSJ Bus.
 - Upcoming seminar coming up from Supreme about membership and growth.
 - Rose and Rosary- 6 Baptisms yesterday. 11 Baptisms in October: 10/1-4, 10/8-3, 10/22-3. Knights gathered after the meeting to assemble 100 Rose & Rosary Kits which should last us for the whole fiscal year.
 - October 8th- Knights Mass at the 9:30 mass. GK will purchase ceremonials for the mass. Knights are asked to volunteer to be lectors and eucharistic ministers. Tyler will cantor the mass. 10/8 is also hospitality Sunday in the Meehan Center after mass.
 - Bingo is this Friday. Setup at 11am.
 - 9/26-9/27(6-7:15pm): 8 knights are needed to assist with Muffins with Moms/Donuts with Dad in the Cafeteria
 - St. Agnes Soccer Challenge- 33 SSJ CYO Soccer players will be participating next Sunday 9/24 from 10-2 in the Battle of the Clouds Park. 2-3 knights are needed for help. SSJ, St. Max, and St. Agnes are participating.

7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio and Joe Gothie)

- Budget was shared at the meeting. Budget was created at the meeting in August. We have been carrying a large cash balance of roughly \$40,000. We decided at the meeting to reduce our cash balance and increase our charitable contributions. CD will be renewed for 6 months and will mature in March.
 - Potential additions to the budget: Potential donation to the parking lot project, increase in the donation to the Appalachia Service Project, 2 stained glass windows in the church, increase in donation to the Companions of Mary Rosary Program (from \$100-250), increase for miscellaneous religious expenditures (from \$500 to \$750), donation to the SSJ School Fund, donation to the Hope Ministry
 - Paul suggested bringing knights and members from the school together to discuss ways in which we can help.
 - Budget was approved with an amendment to increase Faith Programs by \$350 and Appalachia Service Project by \$750.
- Taxes were filed on time.

8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)

- Jim is currently tracking down prospective new members provided by several knights.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes – Not Present)
 - Faith (Tom Lopez)
 - Fatima Rosary during Labor Day Weekend. 9 people attended.
 - 9/24: Healing Rosary after the 6pm Mass. Looking for volunteers to assist
 - 10/7: Fatima Rosary with a procession for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary after 9am Mass
 - 10/6: First Friday/First Saturday Devotion 7:30pm - 2am
 - Malvern Retreat House First Friday Program: Mass, Scripture Program, Hot Meal in the Family Life Center
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Family of the Month - Sam and Paul will meet to discuss and will begin the selection process next month.
 - Poster Contest- Paul would like the PREP Students to be involved. Prizes to be given out at the Knights Christmas Dinner on 12/16
 - The knights purchased bibles for the school. We received handwritten thank you letters from the students.
 - Community (Joe Gothie presented the report)
 - Opening available for the Community Director
 - Coats for Kids: We will purchase 6 boxes of coats (State Council will match our donation for a total of 12 boxes). Coats will be delivered in November and we will distribute to St. Veronica's
 - Essay Contest: 10/8: Advancing the Gospel in the Digital Age. 8th grade students. Awards in December

- St. Veronica Amazon Wishlists: First truck will be delivered this week.
 - Life (Vince Strate)
 - Mothers Home donations: \$5212.29
 - 40 Days for Life starts in October.
 - Spiritual Adoption Program- Pray for 9 months. You will receive an email monthly about the development of the baby in the womb.
 - 10/16: PA March for Life in Harrisburg
 - 10/22-24: 40 Hours - Need 4-6 knights to carry the canopy.
 - Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes, Sam Hillanbrand, Todd Hagenbuch)
 - No report
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Shirts are in the closet if knights did not pick them up yet.
 - Paul has some spare name tags if knights need them.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - No report
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - Bingo: Knights needed for setup at 11am this Friday.
 - Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - No report
 - District Deputy (Frank Bruno) – Not present
 - Seminar from Supreme on membership will be sent out via email soon.
 - Trustees' Report
 - Audit of the Financial Report completed in August. Everything was properly stated.
10. Unfinished Business
- N/A
11. New Business
- Christmas Dinner at Charlotte's in Newtown Square on 12/16. \$45/person for the meal with a cash bar. Knights and spouses are invited as well as clergy and IHM sisters. Final drawing of the 400 Club.
 - Joseph LaBricciosa was presented as an Honorary Member.
12. Lecturer
- Night prayer was prayed as a council from the Shorter Christian Prayer Book.
13. Good of the Order
- Rev. Paul Quinter (classmate of Fr. Gerlach)
 - Olivia D.
 - George Gosen
 - Jean Ellis (Requested by John Ellis)
14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
- Led by Tom Lopez
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm