



Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at [8:00pm](#) by GK Jim McCarry (Meeting was delayed due to the Parish Memorial Mass for Pope Francis)
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by GK McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK McCarry
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve March meeting minutes with no revisions, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - No report
6. Grand Knight's Report (Jim McCarry)
 - Nominations for next FY (Elections will be at the May Council Meeting on May 19th)
 - Grand Knight: Gordon Jefferes, Nomination Accepted
 - Deputy Grand Knight: Tyler Costello, Nomination Accepted
 - Chancellor: Dean Cipriano, Nomination Accepted
 - Advocate:
 - Recorder: Carlos Guzman Carranza, Nomination Accepted
 - Treasurer: Charlie DiValerio, Nomination Accepted
 - Warden: Ken Kelly, Nomination Accepted
 - Inside Guard: Johann Sedlmair, Nomination Accepted
 - Outside Guard: Thomas Esposito, Nomination Accepted
 - Trustee 3rd Year: Jim McCarry, Nomination Accepted
 - Trustee 2nd Year: Sam Hillanbrand, Nomination Accepted
 - Trustee 1st Year: Dennis Kolesinskas, Nomination Accepted
 - Confirmation this Saturday 4/26 at 10am and 2pm with lunch provided. Please arrive with your suit, gold sash/baldric, and white gloves. If you have a 4th Degree uniform, please wear it.
 - Fraternal Benefit Points: May 7th, May 12th, and May 28th, all at 8pm. We need at least 10 new people to register for the webinars so that we can receive the Founder's Award. More info to come.
 - Mike Wilcox will be ordained a Permanent Deacon in June. The Council would like to make a donation. Deacon Jerry suggested the purchase the Book of the Gospels at \$100. Motion to approve the purchase of a Book of the Gospels for Mike Wilcox's Ordination, **PASSED** unanimously.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$27,538

- Available Cash: \$24,567
- Total Assets: \$27,838
- Motion to approve March Treasurer's Report, **PASSED** unanimously.

8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)

- Doug Owens is a Knight who intends to transfer in the council. Motion to accept Doug Owens into the Council, **PASSED** unanimously.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Faith/COR (Dr. Joe LaBricciosa)
 - Next COR is scheduled for Saturday 4/26 at 9am in the cafeteria. Will wrap up before Confirmation begins at 10am.
 - 5/2 First Friday Devotion from 7:30pm-1:30am
 - 5/2 First Friday at the Malvern Retreat House with mass and breakfast.
 - Sacred Heart Icon June 2-4. Prayer Service at 7pm on June 3rd. Brother Knights are encouraged to attend.
 - Canonization Mass of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been postponed due to the death of the Holy Father.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - No report.
 - Community (Bill Watts)
 - Amazon delivery of printer paper, tablecloths, and cards were delivered to St. Veronica's Convent.
 - The Knights contributed \$100 for an ad for SSJ School's Mary Poppins production.
 - Life ()
 - Mother's Home Baby Bottle Drive from May 4th to June 15th.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Gordon Jefferes)
 - We have received about 6 unpaid dues.
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Paul passed around copies of examples of fundraising efforts that other councils have done before. These are opportunities of both fundraising and as a way to promote the Knights to the Parish and the community. Please research and we will discuss at the next OPM.
 - 400 Club will be coming up. We would like a way for digital payments like Venmo.
 - Future Bingos: May 16th, June 6th, and July 20th.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - No report.
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - No report.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Next Conclave 5/5 at 7:30 at Msgr. Schuyler. Nominations for Officers for the upcoming FY will be taking place.
 - Third Dues Notices have been sent out.

- Insurance Agent (Barry Phillips)
 - No report.
- District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - Membership quota has been achieved for this year. Congratulations!
 - East Regional was held on 3/30 at Peace Council. Our current State Warden was reelected to a second one-year term.
 - COL tickets are being sole benefiting the college scholarship program.
 - Sacred Heart Icon is visiting several councils in the Archdiocese including SSJ in June.
 - Columbian Award represents the 4 Faith in Action Programs. SP7 forms should be filled out for all events in the Faith in Action Programs. Please submit early if possible.
 - Family of the Year Awards through the State. Please submit nominations.
 - 2 Family Related Events sponsored by Pope John XXIII Council: Nun Run and Biking for Babies are both on June 7th.
- Trustees' Report
 - Budget Meeting will take place in June or July. All members are welcome to attend to plan the upcoming Fraternal Year.

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- Sunday 4/27 is the 30th Anniversary of our Council. Due to Covid, we were unable to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. The purpose is to honor our Past Grand Knights and to celebrate our Council. Looking at June 1st with mass at 9:30am followed by Brunch at 11am. More information to come.
- Carlo Acutis film is playing locally until May 1st. Please see email from GK McCarry for more information.

12. Good of the Order

- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Pope Francis (deceased)
 - Mike Donaghy (deceased)
 - John McClenahan
 - Michael Falasca

13. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)

- No report.

14. Grand Knight Reflection (Jim McCarry)

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

- Led by DGK Gordon Jefferes

16. Meeting adjourned: 9:10pm