

## St Molua Minutes of March 11, 2024 In Person Business Meeting

### Roll Call of Officers

Grand Knight	John DeCarlo	P	Recorder	PGK Keith Lisak	E
Chaplain	Rev. Steve Giuliano	E	Inside Guard	Richard Blackman	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Simon	P	Outside Guard	Walt Lutman	P
Chancellor	Freddy Jalot	P	Worthy 1 Yr. Trustee	PGK Charles Lowe	P
Treasurer	Mike Rennie	P	Worthy 2 Yr. Trustee	PGK Timothy Morris	P
Financial Secretary	PGK Jack Fowler	P	Worthy 3 Yr. Trustee	PGK Greg Washburn	E
Advocate / Lecturer	Dr. Anthony Policastro	P	Warden	PGK Robert Gay	E

**Members Present:** Officers [10], Joe Kelley, Sal Guinta Jr and PGK Rob Donati for a total of [13].

*Before the meeting was call to order, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Worthy Faithful Navigator and Dr. Anthony Policastro presented the Assembly Bible to Gina Lynch-White, daughter of deceased PGK Joseph Lynch. See Photo on Website*

**Call to Order / Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance: @ 0735 PM.** The Grand Knight opened the meeting with a prayer [Our Father] and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The minutes from the February meeting were not read as they are on the council's website. GK asked if there were any corrections. With none being brought up a motion was made to suspend the reading of the minutes, seconded and the motion was approved by all in attendance.

**Chaplain's Message:** No report from Fr G as he was not present.

#### **Grand Knight's Report:**

- GK John read the thank you note from Dottie Griisser.

#### **Financial Report: Worthy Treasurer:**

- Worthy Treasurer Mike Rennie was present and provided the council balances.

**Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director:** Worthy DGK Chris Simon indicated that the next 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification is April 20, 2024.

#### **Program reports:**

- **Worthy Insurance:** The Worthy Insurance Agent was not present.
- **R2Life:** Deacon Nick Donofrio indicated that the Knights presence continues to be needed every Monday morning at the Mears Building to bring attention to the abortions taking place inside.
- **Worthy DD:** DD John McCartney was not present. However a letter was provided.
  - GK John DeCarlo read a letter from the District Deputy outlining OUR COUNCIL'S deficiencies for reaching Star Council. Highlights include: (1) Only having 1 of the required 5 new members; (2) No Fraternal Benefits Nights [FBN]; (3) Required Officer's not having completed the Safe Environment Training Course. GK reported that he has the Safe Environment Book and that he just needs to go through it. Deficiency # 3 makes the council **NON COMPLIANT** for any awards this fraternal year.

- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg was not present but reported that he has a candidate for family of the month.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community:** PGK Rob Donati had nothing to report at this time.
- **Worthy 4<sup>th</sup> Degree representative:** Worthy Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony provided the following via email:
  - 1. The Assembly has enough funding to provide a \$200 subsidy for up to three individuals for new uniforms. The goal is to have at least three Color Corps members from each Council. Four of the five Councils currently have only two Color Corps members.
  - 2. The Assembly meeting subcommittee presented 6 questions for discussion at the March Council meeting. We are trying to make decisions before we book the library for the July-December time frame. The council provided No feedback on November meeting location, No feedback on December meeting cancellation, No feedback on post Assembly meeting dinners. No feedback on summer parking at St Edmund's. Preference for later meetings. Location for meetings was discussed. Brother Walt Lutman wanted to contact the Georgetown Cheer Center to check on rental fees.
  - 3. The next Exemplification is on April 20th in Hockessin. Trifold has been forwarded in a separate e-mail.
  - 4. Council reports at Assembly meetings should focus on results of past 30 days activities and upcoming events in the next 30 days
  - 5. The annual dinner dance is scheduled for May 31st at St Jude's. Tickets are now available contact PGK Lisak.
  - 6. Back to the third Monday from March onward.
- **Retention PGK Tim Morris:** PGK Tim was present. PGK Tim reported that he had called those that have not paid their dues. PGK Jack Fowler reported that the Knights Alerts went out on the 13th of February. Like the 2nd notices, the Knight Alerts were sent via USPS.
- **Faith: Brother Freddy Jalot:** Brother Freddy reminded everyone about the upcoming reconciliation Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March from 3 to 8 PM throughout the diocese. This is the same day as our social meeting. This is to fulfill your yearly Lenten Conciliation Duty.
- **Widows Report:** PGK Lisak stated that the March monthly Widows Wellness cards will go out this week. The council now has 13 widows. The widows have been attending the fish dinners for free. There are only four POC. Anyone interested in becoming a Point of Contact (POC), contact PGK Lisak.
- **Report of the Trustees:** No Reports

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Brother Joe Kelley reported to the council the status of the coffee and donuts. Brother Joe indicated that Father G was in agreement that the CFC [Christian Formation Committee] be the single point of contact for the running of the Parish Hall Kitchen. Brother Kelley also requested help at continuing this event every Sunday morning throughout the summer.
- Status report on the Lenten Fish Dinner: As of 3-15-2024 the Council, with the help from many of the church's parishioners have provided 326 Lenten meals. This includes 257 Fish Dinners and 37 Gluten Free Lasagnas. The meals included 106 servings of Scalloped Potatoes, 159 serving of Macaroni & Cheese, 120 serving of Glazed Carrots, 175 servings of Green Beans and 211 serving of Coleslaw. The last fish dinner is scheduled for 3-22-2024.

### **New Business:**

- GK asked if there were any unbudgeted bills that need to be approved. None were brought up.
- Brother Joe Kelley informed the Council that Fr. G has requested that the council sponsor his retirement service after the 9 AM Mass on June the 23, 2024. After discussing it, a motion was made by Brother Sal Guinta to sponsor Father G retirement event after the 9 AM Mass. It was seconded by PGK Donati. It was approved by all in attendance. Additional details are to be provided by Brother Joe Kelley at the next Business meeting.
- Brother Walt Lutman asked for those interested in an officer position to let him know by the April Business meeting so the process can move forward.

### **Good of the Order:**

- The Good of the Order was presented by Brother Walter Lutman. Brother Walt reported on the Saint of the Day.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 11th of March was won by Brother Walt Lutman. There was no Pot of Gold drawing.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 12th of February was won by PGK Bob Gay. The Pot of Gold was won by Brother Mike Mulrine. Brother Mike was not in attendance and therefore no Pot of Gold money was distributed.

### **Closing Prayer:**

- Before proceeding to the closing prayer, those in attendance added members to the prayer list.
- Prayer list currently includes:

- Chuck Burton
- John & Jo Ann Batistta
- Louise Gay
- Paul Zamberlan
- Edward Grabowski
- GK John De Carlo
- Mary Ritz
- Rev. Steve Giuliano
- Maria Fowler, Mother of PGK Jack Fowler,
- Jeri Adams, Brother Mike Rennie's Sister-in Law
- Marie Donofrio, wife of Deacon Nick Donofrio
- Kevin Lisak (Twin brother of PGK Keith Lisak, on dialysis due to kidney failure).
- Debra Kieszkowski [ Cousin of PGK Keith Lisak, Fighting lung cancer]

- PGK Joe Lynch RIP
- District Master Tom Firestone
- Sal Guinta
- Joe Houtman
- Theresa Henson
- Eileen Flynn
- Nancy Rennie

- GK lead the group in the closing prayer [MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS] as the council prayed for the sick and distressed and closed the meeting.
- The meeting was closed at 8:15 PM.

**As of this time, the next meeting will be the Council's Social meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.**