

St Molua Minutes of January 08, 2024 In Person Business Meeting

Roll Call of Officers

Grand Knight	John DeCarlo	P	Recorder	PGK Keith Lisak	P
Chaplain	Rev. Steve Giuliano	E	Inside Guard	Richard Blackman	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Simon	P	Outside Guard	Walt Lutman	E
Chancellor	Freddy Jalot	E	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	P
Advocate / Lecturer	Dr. Anthony Policastro	P	Warden	PGK Robert Gay	P

Members Present: Officers [11], Joe Kelley and PGK Rob Donati for a total of [13].

Call to Order / Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance: @ 0730 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 December 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 by DGK Chris Simon to suspend the reading of the minutes, seconded by PGK Robert Gay. 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 DeCarlo indicated that the council should participate in Supreme’s National Eucharistic Revival program by Praying the rosary to Mary on the 12th of every month. The 12th of February is the council’s next business meeting. The recorder will send out a reminder to the council to pray the rosary the 11th of each month to remind everyone to say the Rosary on the 12th.

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 4th 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. Via email the Worthy DD sent.

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• **Third Quarter DD Report to Councils**

- MATTHEW 5:16 "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

- *January-March State Items*

- February 2-4 – Winter Getaway/Polar Bear Plunge, Sands Hotel White House Rehoboth
- February 8 – State Information Meeting, St. Bernadette's Harrington, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
- February 26 – Chaplains Recognition Dinner, Exec. Center Newark, 6:30
- March 14 – State Information Meeting, Dover Council, Camden, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

- *Council Activity Reminders*

- Report Due Dates:
 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report – Due January 31st.
 - Semi-Annual Audit (period ending 12/31) – Due February 15th.
- If you are planning a Spring Membership Drive, notify me and Membership Director Rick Johnson of the date. Continue to work on the Prospect tab if you have members who need to complete the steps to be accepted into your Council.
- Remember to hold at least two Fraternal Benefits Nights to get credit for the Founder's Award. Submission of Form 11077 is due within 7 days after the event is completed to receive credit.
- Continue to submit Form 10784, Fraternal Programs Report each month to get credit for all the work you do.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg indicated that he had a candidate for family of the month. Lynn Amaty, the Parish Office Manager, is this month's Family of the month. The council has authorized that Lynn be taken to lunch and presented the certificate.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community No director assigned:** PGK Rob Donati volunteered to be the community Director replacing Brother Bob Reilly who has left the area. No report at this time.
- **Worthy 4th Degree representative:** Worthy Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony reported
 - 1. Upcoming meetings changes-
 - December canceled due to proximity to Christmas
 - January meeting - library closed on the 15th for Martin Luther King Jr Holiday so meeting moved to Wednesday January 17th so as not to interfere with St Ann meeting on the 18th.
 - Assembly has planned a quarterly dinner at Sol Azteca in Georgetown after the meeting. Contact Worthy Faithful Navigator Anthony Policastro to ensure a proper head count if you are attending.
 - February meeting - library closed for Presidents' Day so meeting moved to Thursday February 22nd
 - Back to the third Monday from March onward.
- **Retention PGK Tim Morris:** PGK Tim was present. PGK Jack Fowler reported that the 2nd notice will go out on or about the 15th of January 2024. Unlike the 1st notices, which went via email, the 2nd notices will be sent via USPS.
- **Faith, Fred Jalot:** Brother Freddy reported that the council is slated to support the St Joseph ICON between January 23rd and February 12th. He is checking with Father G to see if the church is available. Hoping to do it on February 7th after adoration.
- **Widows Report:** PGK Lisak stated that the January monthly Widows Wellness cards have been mailed. Dr Anthony had a luncheon just before Christmas with his widows. With the passing of PGK Mike Griisser the council now has 13 widows. There are only four POC. Anyone interested in being a Point of Contact

(POC), contact PGK Lisak. A Fraternal Program Report Form 10784 has been submitted to Supreme which documented the council's support for Sharon Feltwater this past summer.

- **Report of the Trustees:** No Reports

Unfinished Business:

- PGK Lisak announced that the distribution of Coats for Kids took place 16 December 2023. 145 Coats were distributed via Angel Tree Program to members of the parish. 26 remaining coats were donated to the St Vincent DePaul Society for the needy of the community. Fraternal Program Report Form 10784 has been submitted to Supreme. This is the last report on Coats for Kids this fraternal year.
- PGK Lisak indicated that Sales of the Keep Christ in Christmas items were sold at 3 of the 4 Masses each weekend in Advent. PGK Lisak gave a special thank you to PGK Jack Fowler, DGK Chris Simons, Dr. Anthony Policastro, Brother Richard Blackman and Lynn Amaty [the Parish Office Manager] in making this event happen. All 40 of the magnets have been sold. 25 of the 28 Yards signs have been sold. Fraternal Program Report Form 10784 has been submitted to Supreme. This is the last report on Keep Christ in Christmas for this fraternal year.
- 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.
- Follow up report by GK DeCarlo on supporting a local family that had just experienced a house fire. GK spoke with the victim who indicated that they had gotten support from the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and the Good Ole Boys Foundation.
- Follow up report on changing the Lenten Fish Dinner menu in order to entice more family participation. Dr Anthony and PGK Lisak reported out the cost between stored brought items and homemade items is nearly the same. All sides cost per item is between \$.40 and \$.55. Additional menu items, suggested by PGK Jack Fowler, are also in that same price range. Follow up conversations, to finalize the menu will be discussed at the January social meeting as the 1st fish dinner is scheduled for 16 February 2024.

New Business:

- GK asked if there were any unbudgeted bills that need to be approved. None were brought up.
- Recorder suggested that all bills should go through the trustees so that they have exposure to where the money is going prior to the audit. Financial Secretary indicated that the semiannual audit is ready for the Trustees.
- PGK Greg Washburn brought up discussion on way to bring the council back into compliance. Due to non completion of Supreme required training the council has been NON COMPLIANT. The officer(s) involved have agreed to meet with council officers to get this training done.
- Dr Anthony suggested that the council have a Spring Membership Drive. This was tabled until we can get approval from Fr G. DGK Simons will be contacting Fr G. for approval and the drive date.
- PGK Greg Washburn brought up starting the process for the 2024 scholarship. All were in agreement. Dr Anthony, PGK Washburn, and PGK Lisak volunteered to be on the committee.

Good of the Order:

- The Good of the Order was not presented as Brother Walter Lutman was not presented (COVID).
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 8th of January was won by Brother Joe Kelley. The Pot of Gold was won by Brother Nick Lombardi. Brother Nick was not in attendance and therefore no Pot of Gold money was distributed.
- There was no 50/50 Raffle held on the 25th of December at that social meeting because our 50/50 the meeting was canceled due to a Christmas conflict.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 11th of December was won by Brother Richard Rice. The Pot of Gold was won by PGK Tim Morris.
- There was no 50/50 Raffle held on the 27th of November at that social meeting because our 50/50 coordinator was excused from the meeting.

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
- PGK Mike Griisser [RIP]
- GK John De Carlo
- Mary Ritz
- Rev. Steve Giuliano
- Maria Fowler, Mother of PGK Jack Fowler,
- Jim Susses, PGK Jack Fowler's Brother-in Law [RIP]
- S/K Michael Dean Little, Sr. PFN, PGK, FDD [RIP]
- Jeri Adams, Brother Mike Rennie's Sister-in Law
- Dolly Albanese, Mother of Field Agent Paul Albanese
- Marie Donofrio, wife of Deacon Nick Donofrio
- Kevin Lisak (Twin brother of PGK Keith Lisak, on dialysis due to kidney failure).
- Debra Kieszowski [Cousin of PGK Keith Lisak, Fighting lung cancer]

- PGK Joe Lynch
- District Master Tom Firestone
- Sal Guinta
- Joe Houtman
- Edward Grabowski
- 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 8:30 PM.

As of this time, the next meeting will be the Council's Social meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 730 PM in the parish hall.