

St Molua Minutes of December 11, 2023 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	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	P
Advocate / Lecturer	Dr. Anthony Policastro	P	Warden	PGK Robert Gay	E

Members Present: Officers [12], Joe Kelley and Richard Rice for a total of [14].

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 November 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 Brother Richard Blackman. 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 had received a Christmas card from the District Deputy.

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 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. He wished all a Merry Christmas via email.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg indicated that he had candidates for family of the month.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community PGK Greg:** was present but had no report.

- **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. We will plan a quarterly dinner at Sol Azteca in Georgetown after the meeting.
 - February meeting - library closed for Presidents' Day so meeting moved to Thursday February 22nd
 - Back to the third Monday from March onward.
 - 2. Members of the Fourth Degree delivered 20 boxes of books donated by the Georgetown Library to the VA hospital by depositing them at the VA Clinic in Georgetown.
 - 3. Laying of the wreaths will take place at the Millsboro Veterans Cemetery on December 16th at 9 AM. Please ask your members (Fourth Degree or not) to support this event. Assembly won the To Be a Patriot Award for the Delaware District last year for our participation this event.
- **Retention PGK Tim Morris:** PGK Tim was present but there was nothing to report.
- **Faith, Fred Jalot:** Brother Freddy, reported that the council is slated to support the St Joseph ICON between January 23rd and February 12th. He will check with Father G to see if the church is available.
- **Widows Report:** PGK Lisak stated that the December monthly Widows Wellness cards have been mailed. The council now has 12 widows. There are only four POC as Brother Bob Reilly has moved to New Jersey. Anyone willing to be a Point of Contact (POC) contact PGK Lisak.
- **Report of the Trustees:** No Reports

Unfinished Business:

- PGK Lisak announced that the distribution date for Coats for Kids is 16 December 2023 starting at 9 AM. Please mark your calendars. Help will be needed to support this event. Sorting and bagging of the Coats will occur on Friday morning 15 December and will also start at 9 AM.
- PGK Lisak indicated that Sales of the Keep Christ in Christmas items are being 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. As of this meeting, all 40 of the magnets have been sold. 24 of the 28 Yard signs have been sold. The four remaining Yard Signs are currently in the Parish Office and are available if anyone who needs them.
- The council made a donation from the Dinner Dance profits to the St Vincent DePaul Society. Brother Mike Rennie delivered the \$ 200 check to the St Vincent DePaul Society contact Brother Paul Alexander.
- Brother Anthony reported on this year's Mardi Gras. After discussions with Fr G and Susan Velasquez it was decided to postpone the Mardi Gras Party this year as it is on Super Bowl Sunday and neither Dr Anthony nor Susan would be available to supervise the function.
- Brother Joe Kelley reported to the council the status of the coffee and donuts. Status of the motion that, with the approval of Fr G, the running of the kitchen to be under the direction of the CFC. Brother Joe had nothing new to report.

New Business:

- GK asked if there were any bills that need to be approved. None were brought up.

- GK brought up supporting a local family that had just experience a house fire. The council directed the GK to use the local St Vincent DePaul Society and the Good All Boys Foundation as a source for immediate support.
- PGK Jack Fowler brought up changing the Lenten Fish Dinner menu in order to entice more family participation. After an exchange of ideas, it was decided that research on the cost of new items by Dr Anthony [BJ], PGK Greg [Sam's Club] will be compared to the existing cost [PGK Keith]. It will be presented at the January 2024 Business Meeting.

Good of the Order:

- The Good of the Order was presented by Brother Walter Lutman. He briefed the council on the Saint of the Day. Poe Saint Damasus I. It was during his reign as Pope that Christianity was declared the religion of Rome and he was instrumental in restoring the catacombs.
- 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.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 13th of November was won by Brother Joe Kelley. The Pot of Gold was won by Brother Paul Kelly. Brother Paul Kelly was not in attendance and therefore no Pot of Gold money was distributed.
- There was no 50/50 Raffle held on the 23rd of October as that social meeting was used for the Semi Annual Living Rosary.

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
- PGK Mike Griisser [Hospice Care]
- 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
- 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 Kieszkowski [Cousin of PGK Keith Lisak, Fighting lung cancer]

- 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 8:18 PM.

As of this time, the next meeting will be the Council Business meeting on Monday, January 08, 2024 at 730 PM in the parish hall.