

St Molua Minutes of February 13, 2023 In Person Business Meeting

Roll Call of Officers

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

Members Present:

Officers [10], PGK Greg Washburn, William Hart, Dick Rice, Paul Alexander and Paul Kelly for a total of [15].

Call to Order / Opening Prayer Pledge of Allegiance: @ 0730 PM.

Reading of the Minutes:

- The minutes from the January meeting were not read as they are on the council website. A motion was made by DGK Chris Simon to suspend the reading of the minutes, seconded by Mike Rennie. Motion was approved by those in attendance.

Chaplains Message:

- No report from Fr G as he was not present. However, Fr G sent the council an email concerning the status of the loan to the parish. Fr G indicated that the council will be repaid in full. He also asked if the council would consider supporting the Church's Lighting project. See more information under new business.

Grand Knights Report:

- GK reported that PGK Mike Griisser continues to be in need of transportation to get him to medical procedure locally. PGK Mike lives in Heritage Shores (HS) and we are looking for Knights from HS to assist. Contact the GK if you are able to assist. Latest update is the PGK Mike is now under in house hospice care. GK thanked Brothers Mike Rennie and Richard Blackman who have helped with recent transport.
- GK reported that at the latest State Meeting the councils were informed that the Knights of Columbus and other fraternal organization have been targeted by scammers. The state accounts were targeted recently. GK asked the treasurer to keep a close eye on the council's accounts.
- GK reported that the state is willing to advertise the council's Fish Fry during Lent.
- GK read the letter from the State Life director about the need for two ultrasound replacements.

Financial Report: Worthy Treasurer:

- Worthy Treasurer Mike Rennie reported the current checkbook balance is \$ 17,619.89.

Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director:

- DGK Chris Simon introduced a transfer in Brother William Hart to the council.

Program reports:

- **Worthy Insurance** Agent was not present but reminder everyone to support the FBN scheduled for March the 2nd and April the 26th. GK will forward an email with additional information to all council members.
- **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 Augustine was not present and provided no message via email.
- **Worthy 4th Degree representative:** Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony
 - Welcomed to new members from the November Exemplification - Richard Rice, Jim Manns, John Steele, Vincent Bertone, Paul Spearman, Michael Blair, James Condry.
 - The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place in Sussex County on April 15, 2023. It will be held at St Jude in Lewes. It will begin at 11:30 AM. This will provide a local option for those Knights who wish to take their Fourth Degree without extensive traveling to do so.
 - The assembly's Worthy Faithful Captain Paul deRosa will have to resign for some family reasons. An election for a new Faithful Captain will take place at the February 23rd meeting. Our Worthy District Deputy Chuck Augustine has put himself forward as a candidate for the position. If there are any other potential candidates, they should contact the Nominating Committee representative Marty Foye at foymarty@gmail.com
 - The Annual Dinner Dance will take place on Friday April 28th at St Jude's. Dinner will again be provided by Bethany Blues. Music will again be provided by the doctors' band, The Vital Signs. Save the date.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg is asking for a candidate for March 2023.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community PGK Greg:** No report.
- **Squires PGK Greg:** The process to dissolve the Squires has been completed. The Squires Circle was dissolved on the 27th of January 2023. This will be the last program report on the Squires.
- **Retention PGK Joe Lynch:** No report as PGK Lynch was not present. 2023 dues went out via email on the 15th of December 2022. 2nd notices went out via mail on the 15th of January. The GK read the names of the six members who still haven't paid and asked that if anyone present is in contact with these members and can contact them to determine their current situation.
- **Faith, Fred Jalot:** Brother Freddy reported that the council will lead the First Station of the Cross for lent on the 24th of February. Brothers are to assemble for the stations at 630 PM. GK will send out a reminder early next week.
- **Widows Report:** GK indicated that the February monthly Widows Wellness note and Valentine's Day cards have been mailed.
- **Report of the Trustees:** No Reports

Unfinished Business:

- The final decision on the loan repayment to the parish has been resolved. The church will be repaying the council the entire amount loaned. GK read the email from Fr G addressing the loan issue.
- The Spanish Committee has agreed to hold a joint Mardi Gras/Carnivale party on Sunday Feb 19th after the 12:30 Mass with the council. Dr. Anthony and PGK Greg have been working with Susan Velsaquez and Claudia Alcantata. All 200 tickets have been sold. Set Up will be on Saturday February 18th at 11AM. Council members are asked to help with the set up on Saturday and be available at 12 NOON on Sunday to help start up the ovens to keep the food warm until the program starts around 1:30 PM.

- Dr. Anthony and PGK Jack reported on the status of the prosthetic legs replacement for parish member [Maria Martinez]. PGK Jack reported that in 2008 the council contributed \$ 800 for the 1st set of prosthetic legs. Brother Paul Alexander is working with St Vincent DePaul and to date they have raised \$ 10,400. Brother Paul as also reported that Maria might be eligible for several grants to fund this worthy cause.
- DGK Simons had nothing to report on the status of the Tootsie Roll program.
- Dr. Anthony and PGK Jack indicated that they will contact Comptroller Greg Kunsman and Purser Mike Pfarr for I Bond investment information.
- Chancellor John DeCarlo indicated that the council should have a slot for the Greenwood VFD Chicken BBQ. He believes the date is in June but he will verify.
- Planning for the Lenten Fish Dinners has started. Two dates for the dinners are scheduled [March the 3rd and March 24th]. GK will send out an email to ensure the council has enough members to support those dates. Price is \$ 14 for adults and \$ 10 for children under 12.
 - Food Procurement: GK Cole Slaw: PGK Jack Fowler Soup: PGK Lowe
 - Desserts: PGK Tony Lowe ICE & Drinks: John DeCarlo

New Business:

- GK asked if there were any bills that need to be approved. There were none.
- PGK Jack Fowler made a motion to make a donation of \$ 500 for the state's ASAP project. Motion seconded by DGK Chris Simons. Motion was approved.
- PGK Jack Fowler made a motion to make a donation of \$ 500 for the state's ultrasound project. Motion seconded by Inside Guard Richard Blackman. Motion was approved.
- PGK Jack Fowler made a motion to donate \$ 1,000 for the Maria Martinez prosthetic legs if the grants were not approved. Seconded by PGK Greg Washburn. Motion approved. As the amount is over \$ 500 it will take a second vote at the March Business meeting to finalize this donation.
- PGK Jack Fowler made a motion to donate \$ 7,500 to the church's lighting project. After discussion it was agreed that between the money being returned from the parish loan and money coming to the council from the dissolving of the Squire's Circle that the Knights would fund the following items which are part of the Church's Lighting Project:
 - Main Sanctuary Lighting @ \$ 3,000 Memory of Deceased Council members
 - Chandelier @ \$ 3,000 Council Members
 - Spotlights for Station of the Cross @ \$1500 Squires Circle
- Seconded by PGK Greg Washburn. Motion approved. As the amount is over \$ 500 it will take a second vote at the March Business meeting to finalize this donation.

Good of the Order:

- Dr Anthony explained the history behind dates selected for Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter. He indicated that all were originally Roman Holiday.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 23rd of January was won by the GK. The Pot of Gold selectee was Fr G. As Fr G was not present, no Pot of Gold winning were awarded.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 13th of February was won by the Chancellor John DeCarlo. The Pot of Gold selectee was William Evaristo. As William Evaristo was not present, no Pot of Gold winnings were awarded.

Closing Prayer:

- Before proceeding to the closing prayer, those in attendance added members to the prayer list.
- Prayer list currently includes:
 - Cindy Stumpff [stage 4 cancer] sister-in-law of PGK Chuck Swartout.

- Chuck Burton
 - John & Jo Ann Batistta
 - Louise Gay
 - PGK Mike Griisser [Hospice Care]
 - PGK Mike Little
 - Mary Ritz
 - Kevin Lisak (Twin brother of GK Keith Lisak, On dialysis due to kidney failure).
- PGK Joe Lynch
 - District Master Tom Firestone
 - Sal Guinta
 - Edward Grabowski
 - Theresa Henson
 - Greg
- 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 8:42 PM.

As of this time, the next meeting will be on Monday, February 27, 2023 in the parish hall @ 7:30 PM.