

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

### Roll Call of Officers

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

**Members Present:** Officers [12], Brothers Sheeter Elliott, Reid Washburn and Joe Kelley for a total of [15].

**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 October 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 Dr Anthony Policastro to suspend the reading of the minutes, it was seconded by PGK Robert Gay. The motion was approved by all in attendance.

**Chaplain's Message:** Fr Paul was not present.

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

- GK Chris informed the council that he is working with Mrs. Debbie Depta, Director of Religious Education on the possibility having a Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest.
- GK Chris took to time to recognize and thank All Veterans for their sacrifices.
- GK Chris reported that the council has announced the selected delegates and alternates for the State's Mid Year meeting 4 Jan 2025 in Middletown DE. PGK Fowler indicated that the Delegate Certification Form has been submitted.

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

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

**Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director:** Worthy DGK Walter Lutman reported that council had nothing to report at this time.

### **Program reports submitted this Fraternal Year: [18]: Community [7], Life [3], Faith [4], and Family [4]**

- **Worthy Insurance:** The Worthy Insurance Agent was not present and reported nothing via email.
- **Worthy DD:** DD John McCartney was not present but reported the following via email.
  - 11/16 Saturday Bishop's 5K Run 8 AM St Mark's High School
  - 11/23 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification Noon at St. Joseph Church Middletown
  - 12/14 Saturday , State Christmas Party –6pm-10pm, St. Joseph Church Hall, Middletown
  - Continue your efforts for Membership Drives and Fraternal Benefits Nights.
  - Submit Form 10784 as you conduct programs to get credit you so deserve.

- Lastly, enjoy your participation in the Knights of Columbus. This is not a job.
- We're here because in some way the Holy Spirit called us to become part of this organization.
- Enjoy your friendships. Enjoy the gratitude of those we are helping. Enjoy the time we have.
- Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg was present and reported that he did not have a candidate for family of the month for the month of November. He recognized the October Family of the Month winner, Brother Joe Kelley. Anyone can submit a candidate for family of the month. Contact PGK Greg Washburn.
- **Vocation:** Fr Paul was not present no report.
- **Community:** PGK Rob Donati was present and provided no report.
- **Worthy 4<sup>th</sup> Degree representative:** Worthy Past Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony was present and provided the following 4<sup>th</sup> Degree update to the council.
  1. Next Meeting 11/18, St Edmond Rehoboth Beach DE 6:30 PM Rosary, 7 PM Meeting.
  2. 12/14 the assembly will be supporting Wreath's across America.
- **Retention PGK Tim Morris:** PGK Tim was present and provided no report.
- **Faith:** Worthy Chancellor Freddy was not present but reminded the council, via text, that the next Faith event will be a St Joseph ICON Prayer service on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Refreshment to follow.
- **Widows Report:** PGK Lisak stated that the November monthly Widows Wellness cards went out November the 8th. The council now has 14 widows and four POC. Angie Houtman has been added to the widows list. Brother Freddy Jalot has volunteered to be her POC. Anyone interested in becoming a Point of Contact (POC), contact PGK Lisak. The council's goal is one POC for each widow or orphan.
- **Health Report:** Dr Anthony Policastro was present but provided no report at this time.
- **Report of the Trustees:** The Trustees had nothing to report.

#### Unfinished Business:

- PGK Tim provide the Oct 19 Dinner Dance final report.
  - Total tickets sold: 115 [7 free tickets]
  - Total income tickets \$ 2875.00 50/50 Raffle \$190.00 Drinks \$ 173.00 Grand Total \$ 3,238
  - Total expenses: caterer \$ 1,591.38 Misc \$ 220.63 Grand Total \$ 1,812.01
  - Net Income: \$ 1,425.99
- At the last Business meeting Worthy Brother Sal Guinta provided the award that he had received for Youth Services and had requested that we put it on the council's wall. (Award is in the Knights cabinet in the Parish Hall Kitchen). The Council will selection a location and install the plaque by the next meeting.
- PGK Lisak reported that the 7 cases of Coats for Kids intended for NC hurricane victims will be staying in DE. NC DD Ed Christian reported that they have enough coats. He reported that the distribution center has been shut down by Catholic Charities. He again thanked our council for the cash donation.
- PGK Lisak reported that the KCIC items will be sold starting 30 November /1 December [1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent]. Samples were available at the meeting. Pictures are on the website.
- PGK Fowler brought up the status of the November 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast in the parish hall. He informed the council that he was buying food for 80 to 100 people. Food preparation will be minimal. Menu will be 2

pancakes, 2 sausages, coffee, orange juice. The food will be precooked. There is a need for 4 to 6 people to heat and distribute the food, set up and clean the tables.

### **New Business:**

- Dr Anthony reported that Bayard House in Wilmington DE has lost this year's federal funding. Bayard House is the only licensed residential maternity program in DE. It is a critical lifeline for homeless pregnant and newly parenting women. After a brief discussion this item was table until next business meeting next month. This could also qualify as a LIFE program.
- Dr Anthony made a motion to donate \$ 200 of the proceeds from the dinner dance to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. This is done after every Dinner Dance event and is requested by the band members as they don't charge the council for their services. It was second by PGK Bob Gay and approved by all in attendance.
- Most Blessed Sacrament School is attending a special performance of A Christmas Carol at Possum Point Players in Georgetown. One of their middle school students is in the play and they are going to see him. They are expecting about 80 individuals to attend at a cost of \$10 per person. Contributing \$1 per person toward the event would support the school in a meaningful way by defraying their costs. Dr Anthony Policastro made a motion that we donate \$80 for this project. Bob Gay seconded the motion and it passed..
- As the council supports widows and orphans there was a discussion about whether the council should add Patricia Warnock to the list, due to the passing of her father PGK John DeCarlo. All in attendance agreed to add her to the list. Dr Anthony will be her Point of Contact.

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

- DGK Walter Lutman read a blessing for Veterans as the meeting was held on Veterans Day.
  - *On this day, we pause to honor and remember the brave men and women who have served our armed forces. We thank you for your courage, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting our freedoms. We ask for your blessing upon all veterans, both those who are with us today and those who have gone before us. May they find peace, comfort, and healing from the burdens they carry. Grant them strength as they navigate the challenges of life after service.*
  - *Help us recognize their sacrifices and support them in every way we can. May we strive to create a world that honors their dedication and protects the freedom they fought to secure.*
  - *In Your Holy Name, We pray. Amen*
- PGK Lisak reminder the council that if they saw any of the following Knights to wish them a Happy Birthday: Dr Anthony Policastro, Deacon Jim Mueller, Brothers Richard Blackman, Freddy Jalot, Walter Gallagher, William Shedaker and Roger Morrison.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> of November 50/50 Raffle winner was PGK Tony Lowe. The 11<sup>th</sup> of November Pot of Gold drawing was not held.

### **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 Battista
  - Louise Gay
  - Jack Flood
  - PGK John De Carlo [RIP]
  - Mary Ritz
  - Fr Greg Serwa
  - Patricia Warnock
  - Karen Vassallo, Step daughter of Brother Richard Blackman
  - Nancy Rennie, Wife of Brother Mike Rennie
  - Edward Grabowski
  - District Master Tom Firestone
  - Sal Guinta
  - Joseph Houtman [RIP]
  - Theresa Henson
  - Eileen Flynn
  - Sister Patricia Gatti

- Marie Fowler, Mother of PGK Jack Fowler,
  - 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 8:15 PM.

**As of this time, the next meeting will be the Council's Social meeting and be in the parish hall on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM. It will be the St Joseph ICON Prayer Service. Light refreshments in the parish hall to follow.**