

St Molua Minutes of May 13, 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/ Lecturer	Walt Lutman	P
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	Dr. Anthony Policastro	P	Warden	PGK Robert Gay	P

Members Present: Officers [12], John Battista, William P. Hart and PGK Rob Donati 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 April 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 Simon to suspend the reading of the minutes, it was seconded by PGK Jack Fowler. 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 reported that the Coffee and Donut group still needs help Sunday morning.
- GK John DeCarlo reported that he attended the State Convention but was not able to stay for the entire meeting as he had other business to attend to. GK John indicated that the state will be running a raffle to supplement it funds. GK John remaining report had to do with informing the council of all his good deeds that he had accomplished his first year as GK and hoped they would vote for him and give him a chance to continue his good works.

Financial Report: Worthy Treasurer:

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

Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director: Worthy DGK Chris Simon had nothing to report.

Program reports:

- **Worthy Insurance:** The Worthy Insurance Agent was not present and reported nothing via email.
- **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. DD remarks via email:
 - I'm unable to attend the your council business meeting. The only report I have is on the convention if it isn't already reported on by John or Jack.
 - State Officers remain the same for next year. Next year's State budget was approved and there is a new raffle introduced to raise funds.

- May 1 – June 15 – Election of Council Officers. Also, give thought to Officer Installation and work with me to schedule those after July 1.
- Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) – Due no later than 6/30 but strive to get into Supreme earlier.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg was present and indicated that he did not have a candidate for family of the month and if anyone had a candidate to contact him.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community:** PGK Rob Donati had nothing to report at this time.
- **Worthy 4th Degree representative:** Worthy Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony was present and provided the following Fourth Degree Summary:
 - 1. May 31st Dinner Dance at St Jude tickets are on sale. We would like to have each Council represented by at least one table of attendees. The event is open to non-Knights and their families as well this year. PGK Lisak has the tickets for the council. A head count is needed by May the 20th.
 - 2. We will try to have three meetings at Council locations in November, January and February when the library is closed to us or meetings have to be moved for holidays.
 - 3. The date for the fall Exemplification will be November 23rd. Location to be determined.
 - 4. We still have not had anyone take advantage of the \$200 new uniform subsidy. The more Color Corps members we have, the fewer activities each member, would have to attend.
 - Separate issue from the summary for the Grand Knights
 - We are looking for a sponsoring Council and Assembly. The spring Exemplification in 2023 was held in Sussex County at St Jude's. The last two have been in Kent and Newcastle. If we could get a Sussex County Council location to sponsor the November one, the Assembly would agree to participate as well.
- **Retention PGK Tim Morris:** PGK Tim was present and had nothing new to report.
- **Faith: Brother Freddy Jalot:** Brother Freddy was not present.
- **Widows Report:** PGK Lisak stated that the May monthly Widows Wellness [Mother's Day] cards went out May the 8th. The council now has 12 widows. The council lost Mary Janosik on April 21st 2024. The council sent the family a Mass card. 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:

- PGK Washburn informed the council that the two scholarship applications have been evaluated. The committee recommends that both applicants receive a \$ 1,000 scholarship. A motion was made by PGK Lowe to award a scholarship to each candidate. It was seconded by DGK Simon. It was approved by all in attendance. Award winners are Nicholas Donati and Josalyn Stack. Time and date for the presentation will be determined after discussion with Fr G.
- Brother Sal Guinta will be having knee surgery on May 15th. He will need transportation to get to therapy. PGK Rob Donati reported that at this time there is one appointment which not covered. PGK Lisak and Brother Blackman will be available to cover the June 5th appointment at 1145 AM.
- At the April Business meeting, the council decided to participate in the service after the Saturday evening Mass so that the council can present a certificate and gift to Fr G. Additionally the motion included making

a monetary donation to help support the retirement event. GK John contacted the retirement overall coordinator and it was determined that \$ 150.00 would be sufficient. A motion was made by Treasure Mike Rennie. It was seconded by PGK Lowe. It was approved by all in attendance.

- Brother Walt Lutman provided the slate of officers for the next Fraternal Year to the council. The election was held at the May Business meeting. Nominations were accepted right up to the actual vote.
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Slate of Officers for Fraternal year 2024 to 2025					
Grand Knight	John De Carlo or Christopher Simon		Recorder	PGK Keith Lisak	
Deputy Grand Knight	Walt Lutman		Inside Guard	Richard Blackman	
Chancellor	Freddy Jalot		Outside Guard	PGK Charles Lowe	
Treasurer	Mike Rennie		Worthy 1 Yr. Trustee	PGK Timothy Morris	
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Warden	PGK Robert Gay		Worthy 3 Yr. Trustee	PGK Rob Donati or GK John DeCarlo	

New Business:

- GK asked if there were any unbudgeted bills that need to be approved. None were brought up.
- PGK Lisak brought up the fact that this month’s social meeting would be on Memorial Day. After further discussion a motion was made to cancel the social meeting by PGK Lowe. It was seconded by DGK Simon. It was approved by all in attendance.
- The meeting was then turned over to PGK Jack Fowler to run the election.
 - The GK chose Trustees PGK Morris and PGK Washburn as tellers.
 - There were two nominations for Grand Knight: GK De Carlo and DGK Simon. As there were only two nominations, a motion was made to close the floor to nominations. PGK Fowler then instructed that all officers in attendance need to vote. Votes were collected and read by the tellers. There were 15 members present.
 - PGK Morris read the results aloud as Recorder PGK Lisak tallied the votes.
 - GK John De Carlo 3 votes, DGK Simon 11 votes, 1 abstained.
 - As there was only one nomination for each of the following positions: DGK, Chancellor, Warden, Treasurer, Advocate, Recorder, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Worthy 1Yr Trustee, and Worthy 2Yr Trustee. Being only one nomination for each position and no additional nominations from the floor, PGK Fowler directed the Recorder to enter 1 vote for each candidate and close the vote for that position.
 - There were two nominations for Worthy 3rd Year Trustee: GK De Carlo and PGK Donati. As there were only two nominations, a motion was made to close the floor to nominations. PGK Fowler then instructed that all officers in attendance need to vote. Votes were collected and read by the tellers. There were 15 members present.
 - PGK Morris read the results aloud as Recorder PGK Lisak tallied the votes.
 - GK John De Carlo 4 votes, PGK Donati 10 votes, 1 abstained.
 - PGK Lowe made a motion that the election be closed. It was seconded by DGK Simon and approved by all in attendance.

Good of the Order:

- The Good of the Order was not presented by Brother Walter Lutman due to length of time taken to complete the election.
- Mike McGoerty, member of the parish and friend of the Lynch family has offered to give the council an Estate Planning and Probate Presentation. After a brief discussion it was determined that this item should be tabled until the next Fraternal Year as the May Social meeting has been canceled.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 13th of May was won by John Battista. The Pot of Gold was won by Brother Paul Zamberlan. Brother Paul 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 Battista
 - Louise Gay
 - Paul Zamberlan
 - GK John De Carlo
 - Mary Ritz
 - Rev. Steve Giuliano
 - Karen Vassallo, Step daughter of Brother Richard Blackman
 - Nancy Rennie, Wife of Brother Mike Rennie
 - Jeri Adams, Sister-in Law of Brother Mike Rennie
 - Maria 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 Kieszowski [Cousin of PGK Keith Lisak, Fighting lung cancer]
 - Edward Grabowski
 - District Master Tom Firestone
 - Sal Guinta
 - Joe Houtman
 - Theresa Henson
 - Eileen Flynn
- 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's Business meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.