

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

Roll Call of Officers

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| 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 | P |
| Chancellor | John DeCarlo | E | Worthy 1 Yr. Trustee | PGK Charles Lowe | A |
| Treasurer | Mike Rennie | P | Worthy 2 Yr. Trustee | Freddy Jalot | E |
| Financial Secretary | PGK Jack Fowler | P | Worthy 3 Yr. Trustee | PGK Timothy Morris | P |
| Advocate / Lecturer | Dr. Anthony Policastro | E | Warden | PGK Robert Gay | P |

Members Present:

Officers [8], PGK Greg Washburn, Walter Lutman, Dick Rice, Richard Buturla & DD Chuck Augustine for a total of [13].

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

Reading of the Minutes:

- The minutes from the February 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 PGK Bob Gay. Motion was approved by those in attendance.

Chaplain's Message:

- No report from Fr G as he was not present.

Grand Knight's Report:

- GK reported that PGK Mike Griisser no longer needs transportation to get him to medical procedure locally as it is now being done by the hospice personnel in his home. Father Clements has visited and delivered the last rights.
- PGK Jack Fowler and GK delivered the \$ 500 donation for the state's ASAP project to the Sussex Pregnancy Care Center in Georgetown DE.
- GK reports that there has been a request to start a Columbiette group at the parish. A presentation is tentatively scheduled for April 23rd. Additional information is being mailed.

Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director:

- DGK Chris Simon introduced a transfer in Brother Walter Lutman to the council.

Program reports:

- Worthy Insurance** Agent was not present but reminded everyone to support the FBN scheduled for 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 present and provided information on the status of District 6. Our District is still #1 in the state. He also mentioned the 4th degree dinner dance (see information under the 4th degree) and mentioned if the members have a need for council or assembly gear that Fishtail Printing in Rehoboth Beach DE was a local source, already had the council's information on file, and usually more responsive and cheaper than Knight's Gear (website: www.fishtailprinting.com)
- Worthy 4th Degree representative:** Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony [reported via email]

- District Deputy Chuck Augustine was elected to fill a vacancy as Faithful Captain at the February assembly meeting.
- There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday April 15th at St Jude's in Lewes. This is an excellent opportunity for Third Degree Knights to take part in a local Exemplification. Information about the Exemplification and costs can be found in the following attachment. [Exemp Tri Fold 4 2023.pdf](#) We encourage all Third Degree Knights to consider becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight and all current Fourth Degree Knight to attend as observers and supporters of the new Sir Knights.
- The annual dinner dance will take place on Friday April 28th at St Jude's in Lewes. Mass will begin at 5 PM followed by dinner at 6 PM. The band will play from 7 PM until 10 PM. It will be catered by Bethany Blues. The “Vital Signs” band will provide dance music after dinner. Cost will be \$25 per person for the event. Dress will be business casual. We encourage all Councils to have at least one table of 8 individuals. All Knights regardless of degree are welcome at this event.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg is asking for a candidate for April 2023.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community PGK Greg:** No report.
- **Retention PGK Joe Lynch:** There was 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 four 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 was not present. The St Joseph ICON schedule for 2023 to 2024 has been posted. GK will contact Brother Freddy to see about scheduling an event for the assigned time slot.
- **Widows Report:** GK stated that the March monthly Widows Wellness note and St Patrick's Day cards have been mailed.
- **Report of the Trustees:** No Reports

Unfinished Business:

- Final report for the Mardi Gras/Carnivale party held on Sunday Feb 19th after the 12:30 Mass.
 - Event was sold out. 61 tickets sold to English speaking. 139 to Spanish speaking.
 - Food was enough to feed everyone.
 - Entertainment included a Mardi Gras parade to “When the Saints go Marching In”, a pass the Mardi Gras beads game and a Spanish dance with fully costumed performers.
 - DJ played background music during dinner and then music to support the entertainment.
 - Feedback was positive from both communities.
 - Funding : PGK Jack indicated the council made \$ 412.00 on the event.
- At the last business meeting, PGK Jack Fowler made a motion to donate \$ 1,000 for the Maria Martinez prosthetic legs if the grants were not approved. The motion was seconded by PGK Greg Washburn. The motion was approved. As the amount is over \$ 500 it will take a second vote at the March Business meeting to finalize this donation. Brother Paul Alexander is working with St Vincent DePaul and to date they have raised \$ 10,400 for Maria Martinez. Brother Paul as also reported that Maria might be eligible for several grants to fund this worthy cause. The motion has been tabled until the results of the grants are published.
- Dr. Anthony and PGK Jack indicated that they will contact Comptroller Greg Kunsman and Purser Mike Pfarr for I Bond investment information. The information has been received. The GK, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and the trustees need to meet to determine the next step.

- 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. As Brother John was not in attendance no updates were available.
- The GK reported on results of the 1st Lenten Fish Dinner on March the 3rd. 103 meals were provided. 34 were to go meals. GK thanked the 19 volunteers supported this event. The following are lessons learned or possible suggestions for future Fish Bake events.
 - (1) COVID maybe in the past but cleanliness should always be on our minds. Hand washing and food handling issues can use improvement. It was also suggested to have hand sanitizers available for use by all attendees;
 - (2) Appears to be a need to reduce the amount of potatoes made. 3 trays were made. Only one was used, one was frozen and the third was donated as it was partially used;
 - (3) The desserts need to indicate the ingredients used or exclude the ingredients that people have allergic reactions [peanuts for example];
 - (4) The sales of soda and water brought in only \$ 18.
 - (5) For future events consider adding Pizza to the menu [this would draw in families] and change up the type of soup made from week to week.
- Week 1 net profit is just over \$ 500. Expenses for week 2 should be less than week 1. Money required to support the scholarship program should be covered.
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 - Main Sanctuary lighting @ \$3000: Memory of Deceased Council members.
 - 1 Chandelier @ \$ 3,000 Council Members
 - 1 Spotlight 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. The motion needs to be amended during new business as the Sanctuary lighting is already sponsored.

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New Business:

- GK asked if there were any bills that need to be approved. There were none.
- GK announced the need for a nomination committee. As PGK Joe Lynch is on the mend, the GK asked the Trustees to be the nomination Committee. Goal is to have a ballot which will be announced in April and again in May. Voting to take place at the June Business meeting.
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- PGK Jack Fowler modified the original motion. The motion now is 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:
 - 1 Chandelier @ \$ 3,000 In Memory of Deceased Members of St Molua Council 4075
 - 1 Chandelier @ \$ 3,000 In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes Columbian Squires Circle # 5835
 - 1 Spotlight for Station of the Cross @ \$1500 In Honor of Members of St Molua Council 4075
 - Seconded by DGK Chris Simons. Motion approved. The check will be delivered Tuesday 3/14/2023 to the parish office by the GK.

