

St Molua Minutes of December 13, 2021 In Person Meeting

Roll Call of Officers					
Grand Knight	Keith Lisak	P	Recorder	Mike Rennie	E
Chaplain	Rev. Steve Giuliano	P	Inside Guard	Mike Griisser Jr.	P
Deputy Grand Knight	Chris Simon	P	Outside Guard	Robert Reilly	E
Chancellor	John DeCarlo	A	Worthy 1 Yr. Trustee	PGK Charles Lowe	P
Treasurer	PGK Greg Washburn	P	Worthy 2 Yr. Trustee	PGK Charles Swartout	P
Financial Secretary	PGK Jack Fowler	P	Worthy 3 Yr. Trustee	PGK Rob Donati	P
Advocate / Lecturer	Dr. Anthony Policastro	P	Warden	PGK Robert Gay	P

Members Present: Fred Jalot, and PGK Joe Lynch total [13].

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

Reading of the Minutes:

- The minutes from the November meeting were not read as they are available on the Council's Website. PGK Bob Gay made a motion to dispense with the reading, seconded by DGK Chris Simon. The motion was approved by those in attendance.

Chaplains Message:

- Fr G hoped everyone was ready for Christmas. He mentioned if anyone had time they could use some help decorating the church.

Grand Knights Report:

- GK provided a final report on the Keep Christ in Christmas program. Council was able to procure and sell 58 magnets and 38 Yard Signs. Council profit was \$ 585.75. Thanks to all the Knights that worked to make this a success. Special thanks to Brother Anthony Policastro, PGK(s) Greg Washburn and Jack Fowler, and Brother Richard Blackman and Outside Guard Robert Reilly.
- The GK reported on the status of the Coats for Kids Project. The council has purchased 144 coats via Supreme run project. The coats have been delivered and thanks to Brother John Battista and PGK Joe Lynch the coats are securely locked up in the parish Hall. Barbara Newell has talked to Fr G and the Coats are scheduled for distribution on 18 DEC 2021 from 9AM to 1PM in the Parish Office. Need 3 Knights on Friday to prep the coats for distribution. Need 3 Knights on Saturday from 9AM to 1 PM to help with distribution.
- GK provide a status of the Widows program. With the help of the council and church staff, 9 widows have been identified as still living in the area. 3 Knights have volunteered to be local points of contact covering three general areas [Bridgeville, Seaford and Laurel]. Monthly the widows receive a Wellness check note and a card. November was a Thanksgiving Day card, December was a Christmas card. I like to thank Father G and his staff along with PGKs Jack Fowler, Rob Donati and Brother Anthony Policastro for volunteering.
- Brother Nick Donofrio R2Life no report
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Financial Report: Worthy Treasurer and PGK Greg Washburn: reported the council's

Bank balance as \$17,500.78

With Deposit since last meeting totaling \$1,135.00

Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director: DGK Chris Simmons No report

- We have 91 members at this time.

Program reports:

Faith, Fred Jalot No report

Vocation: Fr G, No report,

Community PGK Greg, No Report

Retention PGK Joe Lynch: No report,

Family PGK Greg reported that a Family of the month candidate will be submitted for December.

Health Brother Anthony: provided the council a COVID status below is a summary:

COVID-19 continues to have the annual winter surge. Nationally the number of new cases are about half of what they were last year. Locally in Sussex County the numbers of cases are at the same level as they were last year. Thus we have more of a local surge. On December 12th, Gov Carney reminded everyone that the current level of new infections in Delaware meant that mask wearing indoor was still indicated.

The Omicron virus continues to spread. It also continues to cause relatively mild infection. There have been about 9,000 cases worldwide with most of them in England. There has been only one reported death to this point.

Report of the Trustees: No reports.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Worthy Financial Secretary indicated that there weren't any bills not previously approved for payment. Dues will be sent out 15 December 2021. Please note that the Council only has 50 dues paying members of the 91 members in the council.
- GK asked whether the Social Meeting should be canceled as it is the Monday after Christmas. After a brief discussion, PGK Lowe made a motion to cancel the meeting, seconded by PGK Donati. The motion was approved by those in attendance.
- GK asked about the possibility of a Council display. The council was established 6/22/1955. There was a discussion on the location of the council charter, if there is a list of PGK, and if there is a list of deceased council members? Worthy Financial Secretary will contact Supreme to see what information is available.
- GK asked about the status Council Emblem. Discussions years ago had a project which would have it added to the Seaford City display. It appears the emblem is too large for the City display. The Knight [Leo Wolff] leading the project at that time is no longer with the council. Discussion followed on where it could be located on church grounds. FR G indicated that it cannot be located on the outside of any of the buildings. Further research and discussion will take place later.
- Brother Mike Griisser Jr. challenged the council and the church on the lack of availability of the parish Hall and the requirement to continue wearing the mask indoors. Brother Mike sighted that other parish and councils close by following the same guideline were using their halls, having in person meetings and distributing food and drink. Fr G explained that each parish's situation is unique. That the church and parish hall's availability are starting to open up but that the health and welfare of all must take precedence. Brother Mike resigned his position as Inside Guard.
- Brother Anthony Policastro announced that the Assembly will be having a 4th Degree Dinner Dance on the 20th of May 2022. He asked that everyone place it on their calendar. More information to follow.

Good of the Order:

- GK Lisak presented the current 2021 Founder's Award and PGK pins to PGK Rob Donati
- GK Lisak presented a “Going Away” gift to PGK and Current 2 Yr Trustee Chuck Swartout

Lecturer Reflection:

- No Report.

Closing Prayer:

- Before proceeding to the closing prayer, let me ask: Does any Brother know of a member of this council, or brother of the order, who is sick or in distress. Added PGK Swartout Sister-in-law Cindy Stumff and PGK Greg Father Doug Washburn.
- Father G lead the group in the closing prayer [MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS] as we pray for the sick and distressed and closed the meeting.
- The meeting was closed at 8:20 PM.

As of this time the next meeting will be Monday, January 10, 2022 in the parish hall @ 7:30 PM