

St Molua Minutes of January 09, 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	E
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	P

Members Present: Officers [10],
Worthy Insurance Agent Paul Albanese, PGK Greg Washburn and Paul Kelly Total [13].

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

Reading of the Minutes:

- The minutes from the December 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 Jack Fowler. Motion was approved by those in attendance.

Chaplains Message:

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

Grand Knights Report:

- GK reported that the council has received a Thank You note / Christmas card from Clorinda Passwaters.
- GK reported that PGK Mike Griisser is in need of transportation to get him to medical procedure locally. The procedures occur every 7 to 10 days. 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.
- GK reminded everyone that their annual surveys were due to the Financial Secretary by the 31st of December 2022. We are still accepting input.
- GK reminded the council that the 2023 Vivat Jesus Prayer planner is available in Spanish and English for \$ 8 / per copy.
- GK reported that the Star of the Sea Council is sponsoring a Rosary centered event at Noon 19 January 2023 in front of legislative hall in Dover DE.
- GK reported that the Star of the Sea Council has made available a copy of the Mother Teresa DVD. Is the council interested in sponsoring or showing this DVD to the parish?
- GK reported receiving an email from the state Vocation Essay Contest Chairman asking whether the council had any essays to submit.

Financial Report: Worthy Treasurer:

- Worthy Treasurer Mike Rennie reported the current checkbook balance is \$ 17,465.14.

Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director:

- DGK Chris Simon reported a transfer application and introduced Paul V. Kelly to the council.

Program reports:

- **Worthy Insurance** Agent was present and reported that this is the time to consider investing in the Knight of Columbus program as rates are up as high as 3 percent. He also provided all members at the meeting with cards which can be used as a recruiting tool to describe what the Knights do.
- **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 is not present and provided no message via email.
- **Worthy 4th Degree representative:** Dr Anthony indicated that:
 - The next Exemplification will take place on April 15, 2023. It will be at St Jude's in Lewes DE.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg is asking for a candidate for February 2023.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community PGK Greg:** No report.
- **Squires PGK Greg:** The process to dissolve the Squires continues as there aren't enough members to sustain the Circle.
- **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 will go out via mail on the 15th of January.
- **Faith, Fred Jalot:** Brother Freddy reported that the second St Joseph ICON event scheduled for January will not be held as the church was not available.
- **Widows Report:** GK indicated that the January monthly Widows Wellness note and New Year cards have been mailed. The council has lost one of the widow's from its group with the passing of Esther Young. Dr Anthony reports that a luncheon is scheduled with Becky Calio and Martha Davis this week. Rosie Jiloca was not interested in attending.
- **Report of the Trustees:** No Reports

Unfinished Business:

- Status of Council monthly 50/50 Raffle
 - Brother Richard Blackman [via email] reported that the council's 50/50 Raffle will resume at the January 2023 social meeting.
 - It will be run at all meetings Business and Social.
 - Winners will be announced in the meeting minutes.
- Final report on the Keep Christ in Christmas fund raiser. The council purchased 50 magnets. All 50 were sold. The council purchased 30 Yard Signs. 22 were sold. Cost to the council was \$ 395.00. Total Income was \$ 625.00. Net Profit was \$ 230.00.
- Discussion about making a final decision on the loan repayment to the parish was tabled until the February 2023 business meeting as the information necessary to make the decisions was not available. It is expected on the 27 of January 2023.
- 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 will be working with Susan Velsaquez and Claudia Alcantata. Anthony Policastro attended the Spanish Committee meeting on January 2nd.
- Details are as follows

1. Tickets will be printed to support 220 attendees. Based upon the previous Spanish/English event they will be divided up 140 for the Spanish and 80 for the English community. PGK Bob Gay will get the tickets printed.

2. Ticket prices to be \$2 per person for adults and \$1 per person for children. The proceeds will be used to purchase soft drinks for the event.

3. The meal in a pot luck dinner style. Meal selection could reflect both Carnivale and Mardi Gras type meals. The Knights will need to decide whether to cook as for previous Mardi Gras dinners, or just provide pot luck offerings, or have individuals purchase items from Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen fast food location.

4. Seating will be four Spanish speaking individuals and four English speaking individuals at 20 round tables (20 X 4 tickets per person = 80 tickets for American speaking community members). The remainder of the tables will be set up for Spanish speaking larger families.

5. The Spanish community will provide a band.

6. The Spanish community will also provide Carnival style entertainment and dancing.

7. Committee members working on this will be Susan Velasquez and Claudia Alcantata from the Spanish community and Anthony Policastro and Greg Washburn from the Knights.

- Dr. Anthony and PGK Jack reported on the status of the prosthetic legs replacement for parish member [Maria Martinez]. PGK Jack reported that the council contributed \$ 800 for the 1st set of prosthetic legs. Brother Paul Alexander is still working with St Vincent DePaul for help.
- 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.

New Business:

- GK asked if there were any bills that need to be approved. There were none.
- Planning for the Lenten Fish Dinners has started. Possible dates for the dinners are February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. After discussion about what is needed to support the scholarship program it was decided to have two dinners. March the 3rd and March 24th. GK will send out an email to ensure the council has enough members to support those dates.
- The trustees reported that they have reviewed and signed the semi Annual Audit. PGK and Financial Secretary Jack Fowler will electronically send the Audit to Supreme.
- Dr. Anthony brought up the need for a possible IHOP fund raiser in February. GK will send out an email to see if the council has enough members to support this fundraiser.

Good of the Order:

- Dr Anthony explained the medical condition that caused the on field cardiac event at the Bills versus Bengals game on the Monday January the 2nd.

Closing Prayer:

- Before proceeding to the closing prayer, those in attendance added members to the prayer list.
- Prayer list:
 - Cindy Stumpff [stage 4 cancer] sister-in-law of PGK Chuck Swartout.
 - Chuck Burton PGK Joe Lynch
 - John & Jo Ann Batistta Lynn Amaty
 - Louis Gay Sal Guinta
 - Patricia Blackman PGK Mike Griisser
 - Edward Grabowski District Master Tom Firestone
 - *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*
 - Kevin Lisak (Twin brother of GK Keith Lisak, On dialysis due to kidney failure).
- 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 8:35 PM.

As of this time the next meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the parish hall @ 7:30 PM.