

St Molua Minutes of December 09, 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	P	Worthy 1 Yr. Trustee	PGK Timothy Morris	P
Treasurer	Mike Rennie	E	Worthy 2 Yr. Trustee	PGK Greg Washburn	P
Financial Secretary	PGK Jack Fowler	P	Worthy 3 Yr. Trustee	PGK Rob Donati	E
Advocate	Dr. Anthony Policastro	P	Warden	PGK Robert Gay	P

Members Present: Officers [11], Brothers Reid Washburn and Pat Hart for a total of [13].

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 November 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 a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. Entries must be submitted by the 5th of January 2025.
- GK Chris read the thank you note from the seminarian that the council sponsors.
- GK Chris canceled the social meeting for December as it is two days before Christmas.

Financial Report: Worthy Treasurer:

- Worthy Treasurer Mike Rennie was not 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. PGK Jack Fowler reminded all dues paying members that they will be receiving there dues notice on or around the 15 of December for 2025.

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.
 - Please make sure the State Council has the appointed Delegates for the Mid-Year meeting.
 - I provided the Grand Knight with a status of Star Council progress and the Council is doing very well at this point of the year towards the Star Council goal. Membership numbers are close to being met. The Council is compliant. Fraternal Benefits nights have been held or attended and only need a few more members to attend future events to get that recognition. My congratulations to the Council Officers and Members for the work you are doing.

- I want to wish all of the Officers, Members and Spouses of St. Molua Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg was present and reported that he did have a candidate for family of the month for the month of November. 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 not present and provided no report.
- **Worthy 4th Degree representative:** Worthy Past Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony was present and provided the following 4th Degree update to the council.
 1. Next Meeting 1/20, St Jude's, Lewes DE 6:30 PM Rosary, 7 PM Meeting.
 2. Laying of the Wreaths will take place at the Millsboro Veterans' Cemetery on Saturday Dec 14th. All Knights regardless of degree and spouses are welcome to assist with the parking for the event. Show time is 8:45 AM. Location is in the field across the street from the main entrance. There are 18 4th degree members buried at the cemetery. Two of them have families laying wreaths. This year for the first time Past Faithful Navigators will lay wreaths on the other 16 graves.
 3. The next 4th Degree Exemplification will take place on February 22, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. It will be the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Fourth Degree and take place in the same location as the first one. Cardinal Dolan will be saying the Mass. Any Third Degree members desiring to attend the Exemplification are welcome to attend and become Fourth Degree members.
- **Retention PGK Tim Morris:** PGK Tim was present and provided no report.
- **Faith:** Worthy Chancellor Freddy was present and reported that the council latest Faith event was the St Joseph ICON Prayer service on the 25th of November 2024 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. 18 Knights and Parish members attended. He also mentioned that Gabriela Pito thanked him for the Letter of Appreciation that she received for her part in the Silver Rose program .
- **Widows Report:** PGK Lisak stated that the December monthly Widows Wellness cards will go out on December the 10th. The council now has 14 widows and four POC. Dr Anthony mentioned that he had gone to lunch with the widows he supports. 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 and indicated that this was "National Hand Washing Week". He went on to explain the best way, a good way and the worst way to wash your hands.
- **Report of the Trustees:** The Trustees had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

- At the October 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. The Council selected a location and installed the plaque.
- PGK Lisak reported that the 14 cases of Coats for Kids will be distribution date has changed from the 14th of December to the 21st via the Angel Tree program. The council will need a few volunteers to sort and organize on the 20th December @ 10 AM and distribute the Coats on the 21st starting at 9 AM.
- PGK Lisak reported that the KCIC items are being sold after Sunday Masses during Advent. The parish office also has a limited number of items. Pictures are on the website. Sales are going very well thanks to exceptional sales support from Dr. Anthony and Brother Joe Kelley.

- PGK Fowler reported that the November 17th Breakfast in the parish hall went better than expected. He informed the council that 100 people were fed. After a brief discussion it was decided to do this quarterly. The next Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for February but no firm date has been selected.
- Dr Anthony reported that three Councils and Assembly were able to fund the entire cost of the play "A Christmas Carol" at Possum Point Players for Most Blessed Sacrament School. The production had women in the roles of both Ebenezer Scrooge and Bob Cratchit and was set in the 1920's instead of the 1840's. Our council contributed \$ 80 toward this cause.
- Last month it was 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 would also qualify as a LIFE program. The council agreed to support this event but has not decided whether it will be a straight donation or funded out of the proceeds from the Lenten fish dinners. More to follow next month.

New Business:

- PGK Washburn made a motion to reimburse Worthy Brother Marshall Glickman for the parts he procured repairing Widow's Barbara Costa well pump issue. This saved Barbara Casta \$ 7K. It was 2nd by Brother Richard Blackman. It was approved by all in attendance. As it is over \$ 500 and is not a budgeted item it needs to be voted on a second time at the January Business meeting.
- DGK Walt brought up starting a group to investigate new fundraisers because only 33 of 87 members currently pay the full dues amount. PGK Lisak volunteered to support DGK Walt.

Good of the Order:

- PGK Jack Fowler has been approached by the AA group about changing meeting locations as the room they use in the building is now too small. There was a brief discussion about this issue. Additional information is needed but no one was totally against making the move.
- DGK Walter Lutman provided a brief history of the saint of the day. St Juan Diego
 - *First called Cuauhtlatohuac ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.*
 - *After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.*
 - *In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.*
 - *During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.*
- PGK Lisak reminded the council that if they saw any of the following Knights to wish them a Happy Birthday: Keith Connolley and Nicholas Lombardi.
- The 9th of December 50/50 Raffle winner was DGK Walt Lutman. The 9th of December Pot of Gold drawing winner was Ron Ullman. As Brother Ron was not present no winning were distributed.

Closing Prayer:

- Before proceeding to the closing prayer, those in attendance added members to the prayer list.
- Prayer list currently includes:

• Chuck Burton	Edward Grabowski
• John & Jo Ann Battista	District Master Tom Firestone
• Louise Gay	Sal Guinta
• Jack Flood	Theresa Henson

- Mary Ritz
 - Fr Greg Serwa
 - James Clark
 - Cheryl Alexander, wife of Brother Paul Alexander
 - Karen Vassallo, Step daughter of Brother Richard Blackman
 - Nancy Rennie, Wife of Brother Mike Rennie
 - 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]
- Eileen Flynn
 - Sister Patricia Gatti
 - Dave Lamrose Sr.
- 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 8:26 PM.

As of this time, the next meeting will be the Council's Business meeting and be in the parish hall on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM.