

St Molua Minutes of November 13, 2023 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	Walt Lutman	P
Chancellor	Freddy Jalot	E	Worthy 1 Yr. Trustee	PGK Charles Lowe	A
Treasurer	Mike Rennie	P	Worthy 2 Yr. Trustee	PGK Timothy Morris	E
Financial Secretary	PGK Jack Fowler	P	Worthy 3 Yr. Trustee	PGK Greg Washburn	P
Advocate / Lecturer	Dr. Anthony Policastro	P	Warden	PGK Robert Gay	P

Members Present: Officers [10], Joe Kelley and DD John McCartney for a total of [12].

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 October 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 Chris Simon to suspend the reading of the minutes, seconded by PGK Jack Fowler. The 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 John DeCarlo had nothing to pass.

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 not present but provided the following via email.
- The rules and procedures for Fraternal Benefit Nights [FBN] have changed. A Fraternal Benefit Night is to be done by the Grand Knight and have an audience of eligible candidates. The GK can have as many FBN as he wants as long as he gets 10 eligible candidates over a one year period July thru June. The GK can also get his point by advertising or promoting a FBN. FBN are not part of my responsibility. As of July all paper work is done by the Grand Knight
- 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 present, below is his report:
 - District Deputy Rpt. 11/13/23
- November 18 – Bishop's 5k – St. Mark's HS 8 AM.
- December 16 – State Christmas Party St. Joseph's Middletown

- PSD and Membership Director Rick Johnson urges all Councils to conduct a Fall and Spring membership drive and to let him and me know of those dates when doing them.
- COR update –Bishop will get with Fr. Hanley who is heading this up, then we will see rollout information to Councils and Parishes; more information at the Mid-Year meeting. COR is a prayer group open to all men of the parish. It is an hour long session. The Knights of Columbus will provide the material to the COR group but it is run as a Parish activity. Knights are welcome to attend. It would be great if COR attendees became a Knight but it is not a “membership” function. It is designed for Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture Analysis, and Discussion.
- Every Council in Sussex County is participating in the Coats for Kids; this was mentioned specifically so I and SD Dezaio thank you.
- Continue to submit Form 10784, Fraternal Programs Report each month to get credit for all the work you do.
- Delegate assignments for Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Convention deadline is November 30.
- Your Council has been working hard since the beginning of the Columbian year. It takes a great effort by the members to achieve the successes you have. At the end of this month, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. As we think about all that we are thankful for on that day, remember to include your brother Knights. I know I will.
- **Worthy 4th Degree representative:** Worthy Faithful Navigator Dr Anthony reported
 - The November meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at St Edmund’s. Rosary will begin at 5 PM. The Georgetown Library is closed to us in November. The meeting will be hybrid available on Zoom for those who cannot travel.
 - The December meeting is canceled due to the proximity to Christmas
 - The annual Dinner Dance will be May 31st. Please save the date
 - The District Master presented a list of activities at the Ellsmere VA that he hopes to have the Assembly support. I would like to ask that each Council include in their November Council report activities that they are currently doing to support the veterans in Sussex County.
- **Family/ Knight of the Month:** PGK Greg indicated that he has a candidate for 2023.
- **Vocation:** No report from Fr G.
- **Community PGK Greg:** was present but had no report.
- **Retention PGK Tim Morris:** PGK Tim was not present but there was nothing to report.
- **Faith, Fred Jalot:** Brother Freddy, reported via email, he thanked everyone who showed up and helped at the Living Rosary. He said it was a very dedicated group there that recited the rosary. He suggested to have a discussion on how to get more involvement from Parish.
- **Widows Report:** PGK Lisak stated that the November monthly Widows Wellness cards have been mailed. The council now has 12 widows. There are only four POC as Brother Bob Reilly has moved to New Jersey. Anyone willing to be a Point of Contact (POC) contact PGK Lisak.
- **Report of the Trustees:** No Reports

Unfinished Business:

- **October Dinner Dance:** This fall’s October Dinner Dance Fundraiser final report.
 - PGK Tim Morris volunteered to be the events overall Coordinator. Thank You PGK Tim.
 - Total meals served was 117. Total paid meal was 109.
 - Total income from ticket sales: \$ 2,725.
 - Total income from 50/50 Raffle: \$ 150. Total income from liquor sales was \$ 148.00

- Total expenses were: \$ 1,579.52. Profit from the fundraiser was \$ 1,443.48
- PGK Lisak announced that the boxes for Coats for Kids are at the parish. Barbara Newell had a meeting with Fr G, the distribution date is 16 December 2023. Please mark your calendars. Help will be needed to support this event.
- PGK Lisak indicated that Sales of the Keep Christ in Christmas items will occur at the Masses in Advent. A separate email with information will go out shortly.
- PGK Lisak brought whether the council was going to participate in the local Christmas parades. After discussion it was decided not to participate this year, but to get additional information about liability insurance issue for next year.
- Brother Joe Kelley reported to the council the status of the coffee and donuts. Status of the motion that, with the approval of Fr G, the running of the kitchen to be under the direction of the CFC. Brother Joe had nothing new to report.

New Business:

- GK asked if there were any bills that need to be approved. No were brought up.
- The council discussed whether to cancel the Social Meetings in November and December. November's Social meeting is close to Thanksgiving and December's Social meeting would be Christmas Day. DGK Chris Simon made a motion to cancel the social meeting in December. It was seconded by PGK Greg Washburn. The motion was approved by those in attendance.
- The council discussed whether to make a donation from the Dinner Dance profits to the St Vincent DePaul Society. Dr Anthony Policastro made a motion to donate \$ 200. It was seconded by DGK Chris Simon. The motion was approved by those in attendance.
- Brother Anthony reported on this year's Mardi Gras. He is going to check with Susan Velasquez at the next Spanish Committee meeting to see if they wanted to hold a Mardi Gras Party this year as it is on Super Bowl Sunday.
- Brother Anthony reported that the council was approached by the choir director if the Knights would be able to help out collecting canned food at the choir's concert on the 22nd of November. The council had 4 volunteers.

Good of the Order:

- The Good of the Order was presented by Brother Walter Lutman.
- Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is today's Saint of the day
- Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, also known as Mother Cabrini, was an Italian-American nun and missionary. She was born on July 15, 1850, in Lombardy, Italy. Saint Frances Cabrini is known for her tireless work in serving Italian immigrants in the United States during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- In 1889, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an order dedicated to providing education, healthcare, and support to the Italian immigrant community. Mother Cabrini established numerous institutions, including schools, orphanages, and hospitals, to help those in need.
- She became the first naturalized citizen of the United States to be canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII declared her a saint on July 7, 1946. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is revered as the patron saint of immigrants, hospital administrators, and orphans. Her feast day is celebrated on November 13th, commemorating her life, service, and impact on the lives of countless people.

- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 13th of November was won by Brother Joe Kelley. The Pot of Gold was won by Brother Paul Kelly. Brother Paul Kelly was not in attendance and therefore no Pot of Gold money was distributed.
- There was no 50/50 Raffle held on the 23rd of October as that social meeting was used for the Semi Annual Living Rosary.
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 9th of October was won by Brother Freddy Jalot. The Pot of Gold was also won by Brother Freddy Jalot.
- There was no 50/50 Raffle held on the 25th of September as that social meeting was used for Presentations,
- The 50/50 Raffle held on the 11th of September was won by Brother Richard Rice. The Pot of Gold was won by William Hart. As William Hart was not present, no Pot of Gold money was awarded.

Closing Prayer:

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

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| • Daniel Kredell RIP | Nancy Rennie |
| • Chuck Burton | PGK Joe Lynch |
| • John & Jo Ann Batistta | District Master Tom Firestone |
| • Louise Gay | Sal Guinta |
| • PGK Mike Griisser [Hospice Care] | Edward Grabowski |
| • GK John De Carlo | Theresa Henson |
| • Mary Ritz | Eileen Flynn |
| • Rev. Steve Giuliano | Carter Figs RIP |
| • All Veterans | |
| • Maria Fowler, Mother of PGK Jack Fowler, | |
| • Kathy Fowler, Wife of PGK Jack Fowler, | |
| • Jim Susses, PGK Jack Fowler's Brother-in Law | |
| • Jeri Adams, Brother Mike Rennie's Sister-in Law | |
| • Dolly Albanese, Mother of Field Agent Paul Albanese | |
| • Lee Ann Phillips Lowe, wife of PGK Tony Lowe | |
| • 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] | |

- 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 8:15 PM.

As of this time, the next meeting will be the Social meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 730 PM in the parish hall.