

December 14, 2022

Attendance: 18 members present or via Zoom, plus 1 guest (Zoom)

List of Officers:

Chaplain:	Bob Smith (E)		
Grand Knight:	Rich Tucci (P)	Warden:	Greg Nolen (P)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Tony Gigioli (P)	Inside Guard:	Ricardo Hernandez (E)
Chancellor:	Charlie Pulay (P)	Outside Guard:	Mike Lucinski (E)
Recorder:	Phil Rose (P)	Lecturer:	Pat Clark (P)
Financial Secretary:	Eric Paul (P)	3 Year Trustee:	Chuck Gait (P)
Treasurer:	Bob Burnett (E)	2 Year Trustee:	Sam Adamczyk (P)
Advocate:	Jack Evans (P)	1 Year Trustee:	Mark Metzler (P)

District Deputy Frank Attard attended the meeting via Zoom.

Grand Knight opened the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Previous Month Minutes – The November Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message – Ray Glennon spoke a few minutes on St. John of the Cross, whose feast day is December 14. The *Dark Night*, from which the phrase *Dark Night of the Soul* takes its name, narrates the journey of the soul from its bodily home to union with God. It happens during the "dark", which represents the hardships and difficulties met in detachment from the world and reaching the light of the union with the Creator. There are several steps during the state of darkness, which are described in successive stanzas.

Grand Knight Report

- St. Joseph Icon schedule has been issued. District 23 is from 1/9/23 to 2/5/23, location TBD. Deputy Grand Knight will confirm the dates for our council.
- Thanksgiving food collection (Bob Bulk) was held. Over 4000 pounds of food and 1000 pounds of turkeys were provided. A report is in process.
- Baby bottle second collection- approximately \$500 was collected. A total of over \$1000 was collected. Received a thank you note from CPC.
- Hospitality Sunday (1st Sunday of the month) – Deputy Grand Knight Tony Gigioli will confirm with Fr. DeAscanis the next step.
- Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Siobhan Cooney made all CCD classes aware of it. Posters were due by December 11. Two posters were received. Judging was held on Dec. 12 by Dordie, Siobhan and Grand Knight. A report will be prepared for this Family event by Grand Knight.
- Wreaths across America on 12/17 at 10 AM. The council donated \$105 for wreaths. All are welcome to sponsor a wreath either directly or through Christopher Columbus Assembly.
- Wreath cleanup is 1/15/23
- Christmas party was held on December 10 and approximately 35 attended which includes Fr. DeAscanis, Fr. McHale and Seminarian Tommy O'Donnell. Sue Vincent attended. We need to continue to invite widowers of deceased knights.
- Need to check on how many Tootsie Rolls we have available for the drive in the spring.
- Seminarian Dan Acquard to be ordained on 6/24/23, at 10AM at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.
- Deacon Bob Smith is coming up on his 10th anniversary as a Deacon.
- Mid-term meeting on Jan. 7 at Columbus Gardens
- Grand Knight Joe Knight from St. Louis Council, requested if there is an interest in a hockey shootout for kids in our council. Our Grand Knight to respond to him.

Financial Report: Treasurer was not available to give this month's report.**Membership Report** – Sam Adamczyk, director membership

- New parishioner Greg Leppi has expressed an interest in joining our council.
- We need to establish a membership drive.

Program Reports: Grand Knight Richard Tucci

- Community: Mark Metzler

- Hospitality Sunday- Tony Gigioli discussed the program
- Shrove Tuesday is 2/21
- Faith: Bob Burnett:
 - Next Knights Day of Reflection will be at the shrine of St. Anthony's. Date and time TBD. (typically it is the end of February)
- Family: Ricardo Hernandez
 - Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest was held and winning posters were sent to the State
- Life: Steve Winebrenner
 - Baby Bottle 2nd collection is approx. \$500, total for year is \$1000.

District Deputy report

- District Deputy Frank Attard reported via Zoom
- Greeting from State Deputy Christopher Powers ("Cry the Gospel with your life")
- On 12/22, join Supreme Chaplain at Baltimore Basilica for Anniversary of Blessed Michael McGivney Ordination
- Mid-term meeting set for Saturday, Jan 7. New info and ideas
- March for Life is in January 23 in Washington DC.
- Invite to Catholic men to join the knights
- To our council, a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas

Unfinished Business: - N/A

- Need to update pics of officers in our webpage. Also, if anyone has pictures of events with brother knights, please send to Sam Adamczyk.

New Business

Good of the Order – Pat Clark

When the Loretto Chapel was completed in 1878, there was no way to access the choir loft twenty-two feet above. Carpenters were called in to address the problem, but they all concluded access to the loft would have to be via ladder as a staircase would interfere with the interior space of the small Chapel.

Legend says that to find a solution to the seating problem, the Sisters of the Chapel made a novena to St. Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters. On the ninth and final day of prayer, a man appeared at the Chapel with a donkey and a toolbox looking for work. Months later, the elegant circular staircase was completed, and the carpenter disappeared without pay or thanks. After searching for the man (an ad even ran in the local newspaper) and finding no trace of him, some concluded that he was St. Joseph himself, having come in answer to the sisters' prayers.

The stairway's carpenter, whoever he was, built a magnificent structure. The design was innovative for the time and some of the design considerations still perplex experts today. The staircase has two 360 degree turns and no visible means of support. It is said that the staircase was built without nails—only wooden pegs. Questions also surround the number of stair risers relative to the height of the choir loft and about the types of wood and other materials used in the stairway's construction.

Sick and Deceased - Let us keep all the following in our prayers:

- Phil Rose's mother-in-law, Mary Imwold
- Parishioner Jack Lorenz
- Gerald Lawrence, the brother-in-law of Past Grand Knight Jack Evan, has pneumonia.
- Bill Leishear, Past Grand Knight Chuck Gait's brother-in-law, has a badly infected knee.
- Tom Gait, brother of Past Grand Knight Chuck Gait is being treated for melanoma.
- Tom Duncan, co-worker of Ray Glennon, was diagnosed recently with colorectal cancer.
- The husband of the cousin of Greg Nolan's mother passed away.

Grand Knight adjourned meeting