

KofC7538 Council Business meeting notes
November 14, 2024
J. Hartigan

Dinner was prepared by Steve Gaidos.

6:30pm – A unified **degree** was held for William Gaspar. The degree team was D. Frank, M. Fust, J. Hartigan, G. Palmer, and J. Williams. Fr. Godfrey was our Chaplain for the degree.

7:06 – Meeting was **called to order**. Twenty-two members attended. DGK Weber conducted the meeting.

Grand Knight report (Weber) – District Warden John brought Greetings from DD Tony Miller. The autumn quarterly State meeting will be held in Newport News this weekend. A regional exemplification degree ceremony will be held Saturday 10/26 at St. Edwards. New General Agent for Virginia, Daryl Brown, from NJ was mentioned. It was expected he may have more of a presence after the holidays. PGK Dave Frank received two awards for his work leading the council last year. Forty-three Boxes of Joy will be delivered to St. Mikes this week. This program was a success. The Men's breakfast will be held on November 2nd at 8:30 at St. Anns. Council members were encouraged to attend (although it is the same time as Brunswick Stew preparations).

Treasurer's report (Coker) – The Treasurer posted the latest statement to the website. He mentioned the council has been fully reimbursed (\$1,000) for the fraudulent checks and the new checking account is working well. Recent payments were discussed (e.g. \$101 for Spaghetti dinner supplies, \$989 for Coats for Kids, \$75 for John O'Connell Mass Cards).

FinSec report (Palmer) – The Financial Secretary reported on recent vouchers (e.g. \$1200 in spaghetti sales, \$2000 for golf tourney (Myron sponsorships), \$500 for Coats for Kids from Michael Hine who's daughter attended the Hanover ARC dance at St. Anns).

Program Director's report (Jones) – John O'Connell's obituary was passed around the council. Tributes and stories were told.

Membership (Palmer) – Our goal for this fraternal year is five new members.

Faith St. Marys (Frank) – No report.

Faith St. Anns (Williams) – Yesterday's parish picnic was a great success. Thanks to those members who assisted. The Mens breakfast retreat was mentioned, and on 11/13 9am a blood drive will be held in the parish hall.

Life (Hartigan) – No report.

Community (Fust) – Road cleanup was awesome. DGK Weber asked BK Kastelberg to discuss the upcoming Habitat for Humanity build Sat 10/26 at 8:15. Members were encouraged to sign up. The Ronald McDonald Dinner Preparations for 11/6. Mike Ellemeyer wife's sweet Italian sausage and peppers will be prepared. The next dinner will be Tuesday 1/7/25.

KOVAR (Frank) – No report.

Golf Tournament (Montag) – The tournament will be Saturday 12/14/24. Brochures were passed out, and members were urged to get a sponsor for this event.

Upcoming calendar events (Jones). The Rosary, Italian Dinner, Brunswick stew, Veterans' Day dinner, and woodworking projects were mentioned. Treasurer Coker asked BK Lasser to sell "Keep Christ in Christmas" car stickers with the woodworking sales. PGK Frank mentioned the KofC shed was moved as a new building will be built at the bottom of the St. Mary's parking lot (by the road).

Fourth Degree (Kostyk) – Msgr. Laine celebrated his 50th anniversary of his ordination. Treasurer Coker explained the significance of the Patriotic degree for new member Gaspar. This morning, he attended the the 112th annual ceremony at Columbus Circle at Union Station. Seven states were represented.

AED training (Gaidos) – St. Mary's parish council has approved AED and CPR training. Steve Gaidos.

Public Relations (Kastelberg) – no report.

Unfinished Business – None.

New business – Jim Hartigan made a motion (per recommendation from the GK) to donate \$200 for hurricane relief. It was seconded by PGK D. Montag. After some discussion, the motion was amended to specify that the check should be made out to St. Ann's so the donation could be deposited along with the other gifts collected yesterday at the diocese-wide second collection. The motion was approved.

BK Kastelberg made a motion that no more than \$100 be donated for lunch for the Habitat for Humanity work day. The motion was approved.

BK Kostyk talked about a motion to incentivize the Knight and Family of the month programs. A gift card (~\$25) of might be presented to the Knight and/or Family. The motion was tabled and will be brought to the executive meeting.

PGK Frank talked about making a discussion to repay Dean Muntz \$100 for supplies to move the Knights shed.

Family of the Month – Jim and Luann Koo have been instrumental in the St. Mary's Capital Campaign for the new building at St. Marys. Jim serves on the parish council.

Knight of the Month – BK Jones suggested Dave Macera for organizing the road cleanup.

M. Kostyk conducted the good of the order.

Our Sick and Distressed include:

DGK Weber related that we have a significant number of family members in distress.

Ed McCarron has cancer,

Georgia Jones,

Barbara O'Connor,

Khaki Weber,

Frank Long's wife, Eileen,

Sal Fillipelli's sister Lorna Filipelli,

Stephan Coker's step father, James Eppington, being seen at the VA. Leonard Coker.

Tom Lasser noted Ed McCarron has been diagnosed with cancer.

D. Miller – his daughter lives in Nashville and is suffering from depression issues.

Levie Edmonds is in long-term care,

PGK Don Montag's cousin, Mindy Sue, passed away last week.

Myron Kostyk reported that the sister of Buddy Fowler, our local delegate, passed away.

The Treasurer led us in the prayer for the canonization of Michael McGivney.

7:57 – Meeting adjourned

\$68 in the 50-50 jackpot. William Hinton won \$34.