

The August 4, 2021 Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:04 pm.

Attendance.... Meeting held in the hall. 25 Members in attendance.

Chaplin's Report.... Vinny stood in for father and has asked that we stand vigilant to wear masks and other mandates that may come as we work through this latest round of covid. We have also been asked that we investigate restarting the coffee hour once again. Brother Tufano suggested that we shoot for October for a launching point for this restart. GK Nelly suggested that Knights participate in the mass to be more visible in the mass on these Coffee Hour Sundays.

Grand Knight Report.... Vinny read a letter from a Bingo player who was so grateful for the return of Monday Night Bingo as it has helped this person and so many more. GK Nelly said a special thank you to Carl who has made Monday night bingo so successful. Joe said Bingo has become the place to be on Monday nights. Joe Myers read letters of thanks from both the wheelchair initiative and the St Gianna ultrasound initiative for our hard work and donation. GK Nelly reiterated that Making Someone Smile is the theme for the year, and he hopes everyone can work hard to put a smile on someone's face and foster the good will of all that we do.

Financial Report... Chris presented his report which is available on request. Checks paid to Mike Tufano and the Patrick Donlin Assembly. Incoming dollars were \$0, and Expenses were \$386.26.

Membership Report... 192 members. No losses this year. One transfer in, one new member and two prospects as well as Father Dillon's transfer for a plus three count (transfers are not counted as new members). Our new member, Brett Donoghue, spoke briefly on his background and happiness to become a knight. Our two prospects had dinner prior to the meeting, met some of the members and sounded like they had a positive experience.

Other Reports...

Program Director.... No report.

Faith... Vinny wants to work with the Family Director to do something for the brother knights. To acknowledge any brother knights who are sick or going through hard times so that they can receive our prayers and best wishes. More details to come.

Family... No Report

Community... No Report

Life.... No Report

Carnival – (August 10-14) Mike thanked everyone for all the moving help last weekend. Mike talked about the "home stretch" for the carnival. There is still volunteering that is needed this weekend (Aug 7-8) to help this weekend for some final set up. Please reach to Mike Tufano if you can help and keep your eye on the email blasts looking for help. Dan talked about the signs 50 people bought signs for \$2400. Dan looking for help Tuesday morning of carnival week around 10am to put the signs up on the fencing. Chris talked about the **Cow Chip Raffle** ticket sales and while they have collected many sold tickets already, they are continuing to push for more. Anyone that is still working on sales please get them in by Friday the 13th. Vinny is asking for anyone available to please help on August 13th in the morning to come down and help do the lines. Cow Chip Raffle happening on August 14, 2021
Vinny reviewed the **White Elephant**. It is doing well. We already have sold some items and have money on hand. They are calling "No Mas" on donations.

Report of the Fourth Degree - Rather than a national convention this week the Knights held a virtual event. Allyn supported our previous comments about performing activities as a united group in uniform to show unity. He also made a plea to any third degrees who want to be fourth degree knights as well as any Fourth Degrees that want to become Color Guard Members. Please see Allyn Temple for details.

District Deputy Report (Rich Falcone):

- Need to push membership first and foremost. It is important to our present and our future.
- Silver Rose will be in our area on Tuesday October 12th.
- Report from Lady of Pompeii is that they have had their best carnival year ever! So, we should be excited for a great year ourselves!

Unfinished Business:

Parish Picnic – Reservation for September 26th at Jacobs Beach 1-6pm. Details to come, GK Nelly hoping to utilize left over Carnival food to supply this event. It will be evaluated after the conclusion of the Carnival.

SHIRTS – Chris talked about the details about Zuse printing. \$13 a shirt which is like what we paid a few years ago. DGK Duffy motioned to only use red and blue shirts, motion approved. These costs would be taken care of by the council and the columbus club.

Under New Business:

- Joe Myers announced that there is a pig roast this coming Saturday through St Mary's church. Contact Joe for tickets and details.
- Sept 25th at New Britain Stadium will be the Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference. There will be several special guests with the theme this year being "The Holy Rosary". It is a great day of both Faith and Fraternity. For those interested email: info@ctcatholicmen.org
 - If our Council can get ten members to sign up and attend, we will meet one of the requirements for the 2021 Star Council Award.

Good of the Order – Brian's daughter who is battling covid we send our thoughts and prayer

Knight of the Month was – Carl Bergquist

Family of the Month was – Ruiz Family

Closing Prayer was offered at 9:06 PM