

The December 6, 2023, Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 7:35 pm.

Attendance.... Meeting held in Council Chambers, with 21 members present.

Chaplin's Report.... New Archbishop initiatives from visit to St. Georges last month are to sign for 100 new priests, nuns, and marriages. Strongly looking to rejuvenate parishes and community. Wanted to thank Knights of Columbus for all we do for the parish.

Grand Knight Report... GK extended holiday greetings to all. Highlighted the success of the turkey drive and cookie stroll. Need help for Dec 16th, Saturday night, dinner after 4:30 mass. Parish council approached about heart association fundraiser in February, more information to follow. GK closed with thanks for doing a great job and keep it up into 2024.

Financial Report... Chris Dill provided an update: Dues notices are out. Please pay as soon as available. Chris will be closing out "Right to Life" account and transferring to an account for St. Gianna's. The check was received and presented to SARAH. A few years ago, an fund was started with Guilford Foundation. Currently, there is over \$14,000 in the account. Additionally, Chris has been working with first selectman and applied for grant for KOC for issues resulting from COVID. KOC received a 10K grant for "prospective projects." The intention is for the money to go to the home association to cover costs of redoing the space/chamber.

Membership Report... There is a current incentive for membership. The council that brings in six or more members receives banner and member who recruits two or more receives dress shirt.

Other Reports...

Life – No Report.

Family – Mentioned that this is a busy time of year. Annual food drive was a success. Thanked all volunteers for help and donations of 600 turkeys and 400 gift cards. Impressive number of student helpers this year. "Keep Christ is Christmas" Poster contest has no entries and the deadline has passed.

Program Director.... No Report.

Community – Two essay replies were received and a third is on the way.

Faith... On Jan 28, the Connecticut Council will be holding a married couples retreat at St. Bernard in Rockville, CT. There is a link in newsletter and dinner will be included for included for \$35. CORE (council participation) is looking to build back faith and formation. Meetings will occur on the fourth Thursday of every month, in conjunction with the parish. This is a great opportunity to meet each other on a more personal level with knights and other men in the parish. See newsletter for more information.

Report of the Fourth Degree -

Fourth degree just worked a large event with Wreaths Across America. On Dec 14, there will be a meeting/prayers at McGivney Center for Wreaths to be placed at Arlington Cemetery. The Fourth Degree have been supporting many wakes and funerals that have been occurring recently. There will be a meeting with district masters for updates to the fourth degree (e.g., scripts, people, etc.). Last year was a big year for fourth degree in France in Germany and scripts were rewritten to include these other countries. Recently, the fourth degree conducted special fourth degree exemplification at the Omni.

District Deputy Report (Rich Falcone):

- No Report.

Unfinished Business: -

- Motion made to pay the bills. Motion Carries.
- Correspondence: St Gianna's Christmas card, American wheelchair drive, and a thank you letter from CT Hospice.

Under New Business:

- Faith Director – Looking to purchase 2024 Viva Jesus books. Motion made to buy 25 copies for \$200. Motion Carries.
- Chris Dill went to a Matthew 25 meeting to give money to worthy charities. Orchard House in Branford to support wishlist items or donations. Proposing doing a drive in the springtime at the church. Looking to discuss further in January.
- Joe Nelly: Looking for volunteers to make meatballs for the Parish Christmas party on the Dec 15th. Also, Looking for volunteers to assist. parish council healthy dinner February 24th in support of heart association fundraising dinner. Will revisit in January.

Good of the Order –

Knight of the Month was – Chris Dill for his financial efforts.

Family of the Month was – Larry DeFrancisco and family for turkey drive and cookie stroll.

Thoughts & Prayers - - To our fellow Knights, families and fellow parishioners who are struggling with health issues and hard times, we offer our continued thoughts and prayers. Including: Frank Silverman, Mike's Brother-in-law and sister, Myers Family (Emily), Mike Tufano Sister and brother in-law, Dick and Marci Holland, and for any members we have not mentioned here.

Closing Prayer was offered at 8:28 PM