

**The February 7, 2024, Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:06 pm.**

**Attendance....** Meeting held in Council Chambers, with 19 members present.

**Chaplin's Report....** No report.

**Grand Knight Report...** GK Al Koerner mentioned that he attended a district meeting in Branford last month and went over award requirements for Star Council. CT State KoC raffle tickets are available and is looking to have members stationed outside of masses to sell. GK congratulated everyone's efforts, specifically a successful January pancake breakfast and looks forward to another successful one in the coming weekend.

**Financial Report...** Chris Dill provided an update. Expenditures for the month of January include: \$148.84 for spiritual planners, \$100 dollars for essay winners, \$320 for supreme per capita. We have already received \$1120.50 in dues, not including an additional \$677 this evening. Chris reinforced paying your dues. Council is currently at 35-40% of members paid.

**Membership Report...** Currently 176 total members and have lost 8 this year. Joe has cleared inactive roster for those who have no paid dues. This will not affect eligibility for star council. Quota for the year is 11. YTD, we have gained one and lost zero. Looking for 10 new members by the end of June. Looking to do membership drive in Feb/March, in addition to after masses and during pancake breakfasts.

**Other Reports...**

**Life –** Received check for \$400 to St. Gianna's and looking to make presentation arrangements. Read appreciation letter for Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly for bottle drive results.

**Family –** No report.

**Program Director -** No report.

**Community –** No Report.

**Faith –** Mentioned that Lent is quickly approaching. Recommended reading the newsletter on spiritual enlightenment suggestions. Please look at the newsletter and online for additional information for Into the Breach, please look at it online through the newsletter; online study guides are available. Viva Jesus books are available for members to take. Also mentioned in the newsletter is the 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory; books are available as well as additional information. CT State Spiritual Council successfully completed a marriage retreat last month. There will be an Into the Breach Day of Reflection held on Feb 17, at St. Mary's in New Haven. The event will last 7 hrs, include breakfast and lunch, and the event is free. Registration link is in the newsletter. There will be an upcoming ACTS retreat in April more information will be available in the coming weeks. Please see Faith Director for more information.

**Report of the Fourth Degree -**

Feb 16 Hockey night in Akron. Tickets are \$20 each. On March 10, New Haven will be holding their St. Patrick's Day Parade. The next Order of the Fourth Degree will be held on April third in Wallingford, please see the Alan for additional information if interested.

**District Deputy Report:**

No Report.

**Unfinished Business: -**

- Chris Dill received the wish list from Orchard House, consisting of: hand Soap, coffee, electronic devices, art supplies, and binders. He is looking into the potential for a donation and conduct a drive for supplies or gift cards (e.g., Hobby Lobby, Staples, etc.). More information will follow at the

March Meeting.

### **Under New Business:**

- There was a motion to pay outstanding bills. Motion Carries.
- GK Read letter from Parents of class of 2024 regarding project graduation. Looking for donations to reach goal of \$18,000 by March 31. Previously the Knights of Columbus have run Bingo at project graduation at Chelsea Pier on Thursday, June 13. Four people would be required to run bingo and would need to bring the bingo machine, cards, and dobbers. Prizes will be supplied by PTO. There will be a Google survey sent out to members to sign up, if interested, and are looking to have RSVPs by next meeting. If there are not enough people for Bingo, we will entertain a motion to make a donation.
- East Shoreline Catholic Academy is looking for auction sponsors. Last year, we donated \$250 to sponsor a table. The auction will be held at Woodwinds in Branford. A motion was made to donate \$250 to sponsor auction. The motion was amended to \$500, with East Creek Landing HOA to supply additional \$250. Motion Carries.
- There is a Pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb 11. Looking for volunteers at the Parish Center to arrive at 9 am.
- The annual McGivney Banquet will be held on March 24 at 4pm at Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. Cost and additional information to follow via email.

### **Good of the Order –**

**Knight of the Month** was – Dave Kelley

**Family of the Month** was – Frank D'Andrea and family for assistance during the Christmas Party.

**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, Thomas and sister, Susan, Jim Scalito's father and Son, who was injured in a ski accident, Bob's father-in-law is being moved into hospice, Vincent Crisco, Allan Temple, Sal Candelora's Son, Anthony, GK's sister had twins in the NICU, the Conroy family, and Sister Mary Paul Augustine.

**Closing Prayer was offered at 8:56 PM**