

The January 5, 2021, Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 7:06 pm.

Attendance.... Meeting held Virtually. 16 Members in attendance.

Chaplin's Report.... No Report.

Grand Knight Report.... Wishing you and healthy and happy new year. As we go forward with our charity work, we should do it in a socially distanced acceptable way. Abraham's tent is coming up and we have done well in the past with the homeless men as we shelter them from the cold and feed them as they work to get their lives back on track. GK Nelly would like to try and buy a lunch for the hard workers at the covid testing center on goose lane.

Financial Report... Chris presented his report which is available for review upon request. Collected just now \$1,407 in dues, on top of the \$600+ from last month. This is the halfway point for our fiscal year Chris provided a detailed Mid-year review which is also available upon request.

Membership Report... 194 members. Up six members on the year. Quota is 9 for Star Council. We have gained 6 but have lost 1. We are net 5 for the year. We have three members waiting to go through exemplification which will also bolster our numbers for the year.

Other Reports...

Carnival – No Report

Program Director.... Jan 18th 7pm there will be an event for the Knights of Columbus charitable fund (online) please contact Tom for more information.

Fish Fry... Dan asked the council if we should proceed. All members agreed to proceed with the event. Discussion ensued about going forward. Agreement was made for holding this year's event as a "drive thru" event. Discussion was held on everyone's appointed roles. We ask all members to please contact Dan Walker to sign up and get involved in this annual and important event for our Council. Tentatively, the Fish Fry's are tentatively slated for the four Fridays in March.

**GK Nelly is asking for the addition of the American Red Cross to the annual donation in return for all the rentals and blood drives they have used East Creek Landing for their organization.

Faith... No report.

Report of the Fourth Degree -

- No Report

District Deputy Report (Rich Falcone):

- Rich talked about the McGivney promo code (free admission to the knight's) will be continuing.
- Jan 15th fourth degree..... being held at Norwich. Contact Rich
- Jan 16th Pro Life Mass.....St Mary's New Haven
- Jan 17-20 Regional meetings. All Grand Knights are required to attend.
- Bob Mongillo talked about the Into the Breach Program which is held every month. Bob talked about all the different programs that they have. They are held through Zoom so it's safe. They hold different topics each month and they are not interconnected so you can come on board at any time!

Unfinished Business:

- By-Laws were amended, voted on and approved. Bylaws on line will be updated and will also be sent to members. Mike Tufano suggested we have a hard copy for meetings and a couple spares. Others can be printed as needed.

Under New Business:

- Tom made a motion to donate \$100 to the McGivney Day of Reflection on Dec 11th.
- GK Nelly is looking to hold a "Family Bingo" in February (27th) to bring people into the hall, get them accustomed to coming here and use it as a kickoff to the Fish Fry season. Motion made for \$300 for food and prizes, Motion approved.

- Chris presented the need for a By-Law change to reflect some of the changes to council/supreme meeting changes to bring them up to date with the latest template. Motion was tabled to allow for those proposed changes to be sent out to the membership. This will be voted on next month.
- Discussion held on the fluorescent yellow shirts with the smiley face on the back. Emails will be sent out to try and ascertain how many shirts to order for how many members may want it.
- Mike announced that John Saville will be the opening night entertainment for this year's carnival and will be doing it free of charge!
- Carnival dates are set for August 9-13.
- GK Nelly is looking for Tom Duffy to recruit someone from the Pastoral Council to recruit parishioners.
- Chris gave a positive update on the Habitat for Humanity project recently completed and gave some preliminary information on some future projects (April). Any members interested in joining the crew should contact Chris Dill or Joe Myers.
- Toys for Tots – Motion made for a Toy drive to be held in February for the Yale Children's hospital – dependent on approvals from Yale.
- Motion made and approved to provide a lunch (\$150) for the staff at the Goose Lane Covid Testing center.

Good of the Order –

Knight of the Month was – Bob Mongillo

Family of the Month was –

Thoughts & Prayers - - As a council we send our thoughts and prayers to those in our community that need them especially: Jean Bonato, Allyn Temple, John Tarturis, Ken Grant (deceased).

Closing Prayer was offered at 8:42 PM