

**The June 11, 2020 Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 7:30pm.**

**Attendance...** Meeting held in the large hall to observe social distancing rules. 19 members present.

**Admissions Committee...** Through May 29<sup>th</sup>: 9 new members, 3 deductions for a net of 6 with a membership quota of 13. Month end total membership for Council is 204 members.

**Grand Knight Report....** Thanks to everyone for being here today and for being part of this council and making my 24-month tenure an enjoyable and successful one. You are all my brothers and I love that everyone works together. Without all your helping and pushing forward all of the time we would have never made the Columbian Award which I am pleased to announce we have officially achieved. Also because of the hard work we are very close to the Star Award.

DGK Tufano officially thanked Rich for his two years and dedication to the council.

**Treasurer's Report...** Chris presented his report which is available upon request.

Highlights include: Fish Fry checks have been cut and distributed. We received \$40 in dues as well as \$348 from Fish Fry proceeds.

**Reading of Bills and Communication:**

**Vouchers Paid to:**

- State Council.

**Communications...**

- Guilford Fire Department

**Financial Secretary Report...** Two new members installed and several members advanced thanks to the online exemplification process.

**Standing Committee Reports...**

**Church Director...** Vinny introduced GK Frank DeChristina from the Hamden Council, who is visiting our meeting. Saint George was reopened this week with a small gathering of 100 people. Vinny reiterated the restrictions and precautions that are in place for masses under the Covid environment. They have not seen an increase in attendance yet. Hopefully they will increase attendance as the parishioners become more comfortable with the environment and the precautions. Highlights of changes: No more baskets for collections, no more passing out of the bulletins, father is the only person distributing Eucharist, and pews are blocked off to force social distancing.

**Scholarship Application** – The committee was split on who should be awarded the scholarship. Joe made a motion and it was approved to award both candidates each \$1,000.

Congratulations to this year's winners are Gabriella Garcia Perez and Ella Stanley. Thanks to Joe Nelly for all the hard work to revive this worthwhile initiative.

**Community Director** – Al Koerner has agreed to take the position.

**Tootsie Roll** – Chris was able to find out we have \$1852 to award this year.

**Carnival:** DGK Tufano called JR from the Amusement company.

- JR is not sure what's going on with any carnivals yet. Some amusement parks are being allowed to open between this coming week and July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- They are not issuing Carnival permits yet. JR questioning the state on this since the amusement parks are being allowed to open. The state said they are looking into restrictions and recommendations for "traveling" amusement companies.
- He did make it very clear that if the state mandates him to operate amusements with a 50% capacity restriction, he will not send his company out as they will not be able to operate the ride safely and/or profitably.
- Several members voiced concerns about liability, restrictions, trying to cook and operate with masks on and open for criticism from the community.
- After some deep discussion,

a motion was made and approved to officially cancel the 2020 St George Carnival.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Vinny read the Proposed Slate of 2021 Officers:

Grand Knight – Mike Tufano

Deputy Grand Knight – Joe Nelly

Chancellor – Thomas Duffy

Outside Guard – Mike Stretch

Inside Guard – Steve Heinz

Warden – Dave Kelly

Advocate – Larry DeFrancisco

Recorder – Jim Sellitto

Treasurer – Chris Dill

Financial Secretary – Joe Myers

1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee – Rich Falcone

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee – George Asmus

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee – Michael McDonald

**Motion Made and Approved to accept this slate of officers.**

**\*\* ServeSafe...** Mike will be rescheduling this to a later date when the restrictions are lessened.

### **Under New Business:**

- Motion made and approved for the council to give an additional \$500 to the Home Association

### **Order of the Fourth Degree –**

- Allyn announced that various diocese across the state are starting to roll out Sunday masses again with different rules and restrictions in place.
- Fourth degree exemplification that was scheduled for Saint Mary's has been postponed until a later date.
- District master in South Carolina that came out with virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification and CT is researching that as a possible alternative for the future.

**District Deputy Report -** George announced that he intends to retire from his position on June 30<sup>th</sup>. He officially thanked GK Falcone and all of the officers for the amazing amount of work we have put in and continue to do so. He's very pleased that we have allowed him to have 5 out of 6 councils that achieved Star.

### **Good of the Order –**

- **Bill Senate**
- **Mr. Dill**

**Knight of the Month** was – Vinny Ruiz

**Family of the Month** was – Falcone Family

**Closing Prayer was offered at 8:50 PM \_\_\_\_\_**