

**The March 2, 2022, Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:00 pm.**

**Attendance....** Meeting held in the hall.

**Chaplin's Report....** Vinny conveyed the message from Father to highlight some of the working of the Parish, such as the drive thru Ash Wednesday. Please review the church bulletin to see all the great things that the Parish is doing for our community. Carl also spoke about a recent funeral mass he attended in which Father gave a wonderfully comforting and warm homily.

**Grand Knight Report....** GK Nelly welcomed our new members. I would like to continue the theme to make someone smile. Joe would like to recommend that we try to reach out to less active members and see if we can bring them back into the fold of active members. Spiritual Growth is another area GK Nelly would like to focus on with some of the Reflection events, retreats and other activities that can be used to grow our members spiritually.

**Financial Report...** Chris presented his report which is available for review upon request. Last month we ended the month with a positive cash flow for the month of \$126.30, after a month of paying bills, Council tee shirts and some charitable donations.

**Membership Report...** We are welcoming our new members tonight! We have a Total of 195 members including tonight's additions. To date we have 9 new members with one loss for a net gain of 8. Combined with our newest member tonight we have met our membership quota for the year! Great Job Men!!!!

**Other Reports...**

**Carnival** – No Report

**Life** – Connecticut March for Life happening this month at the state capital in Hartford. This will be the first inaugural event.

**Family** – March Toy drive will be taking place in conjunction with the peer ministry. Children in the area hospitals will receive toys to try and aid their stay during a troubling time. GK Nelly announced we will be making toy donation announcements during Monday bingo.

**Program Director....** No report.

**Fish Fry-** No Report

**Community** – Habitat for Humanity will be taking place again this month.

**Faith...** March 26<sup>th</sup> Father McGivney day of reflection on the internet (Zoom). This reflects on the life of Father McGivney. Activities such as this help us all to deepen our faith. Also, Into the Breach, the Knights program, will next take place on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Report of the Fourth Degree -**

- Allyn reported that this last weekend they had the Blessing of the Swords and the Renewing of the vows. Also Honor Guard will be participating in the St Patrick's parade in New Haven. May 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a Fourth-Degree event taking place.

**District Deputy Report (Rich Falcone):**

- Membership is free until June 30.
- Great job with membership and hitting quota, keep it up!
- March 27<sup>th</sup> will be the Father McGivney dinner. They are urging each council to have their own tables. Please contact Rich Falcone for details.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ten pin bowling challenge!
- April 10<sup>th</sup> stations of the cross will be taking place - Bridgeport.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Discussion for a second \$1,000 scholarship has been tabled once again for further research.

### **Under New Business:**

- Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast – Proposed by GK Nelly – Vinny indicated that it is open and ours if we want it. There's a question of how many would come in to enjoy it. Decision made to continue to pursue this, and the information is already within the bulletin. Mike Tufano gave some prices for Roses to GK Nelly who would like to have them on hand to distribute to all mothers who attend the coffee hour.
- Oratory Contest – GK Nelly looking for approval for dollar amount and to have it opened to other catholic high schools. Motion made and approved for \$350 to be used for prize money as seen fit.
- One of our generous members announced that he will be taking the gift certificate, received from us for the loss of his family member, matching that amount and will be using that money to buy lunch for the staff at Yale-Shoreline on Goose Lane.
- DGK Duffy suggested we investigate some investment options with the Knights. Some discussion took place, and the decision was made to gather some information and revisit it during the following months to compare our current investment holdings.

### **Good of the Order –**

**Knight of the Month** was – Nick Rinaldi

**Family of the Month** was – Brian Owens

**Thoughts & Prayers -** - To our fellow Knights, families and fellow parishioners who are struggling with health issues and hard times.

**Closing Prayer was offered at 9:04 PM**