

The November 1, 2023, Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 7:40 pm.

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

Chaplin's Report.... New Archbishop will be in attendance at the 10:30 am mass on November 5. Looking to have a big showing from the knights at that mass. There will be a small gathering/reception following the mass.

Grand Knight Report... GK Al Koerner reinforced attending mass to meet the archbishop. There are many events coming up for the knights that need volunteers: Turkey Donations, Cookie Stroll, Poster Contest, Christmas Party, Pancake Breakfast, etc. Please find time to volunteer as you are able.

Financial Report... Chris Dill provided an update. Income for the month: \$6,322.22. Payments for the month were: \$165.12 There are thirteen members who have not paid membership, Chris is looking for members to get in touch with folks who are deficient in dues. For a more detailed report please see Chris.

Membership Report... Currently 185 total members. Quota for the year is 11. YTD, we have gained 1 and lost 0.

Other Reports...

Life – St Gianna's bottle donation raised roughly \$4700. Supreme is giving \$100 for every \$500 donated making the total over \$5000.

Family – The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest launched, please spread the word. Turkey drive numbers are down. Last year 590 turkeys and 406 gift cards were collected. Soliciting for vendors to donate (Big Y in North Haven and Restaurant Depot). Volunteers are still needed for the collection. Poster and essay winners will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Program Director.... Oratory contest will not be taking place due to lack of candidates.

Community – No Report.

Faith... CT state spiritual committee met in the Immaculate Mary Basilica in Waterbury, CT. Next will be in the basement of St. Mary's in New Haven next year, date TBD. Council CORE initiative begins November 16 and feedback is requested. Details can be found in the newsletter. On January 28, the CT state married couples retreat will be held in Rockwell, CT. Details and sign-up link can be found in the newsletter.

Report of the Fourth Degree -

Received email from district master: new supreme master is requesting support for "Warriors to Lords." There will be an increase in fees for Fourth Degree to \$60 and \$25 per guest. Provincial exemplification will be held February 24, 2024 will be held at St. Mary's in New Haven. On February 22, 2025, there will be an exemplification held in New York City to celebrate the first inaugural Fourth Degree exemplification. Look for information to follow. Another exemplification will be held the week before in East Lyme.

District Deputy Report:

Thankful for new recruitment. Looking for more members to complete Fourth Degree. Here to support any way that the State can. Emphasized involvement in "Warriors to Lords" and Military Chaplain Seminarian Fund. More details can be found in the newsletter.

Unfinished Business: -

- Chris Dill – There will be a Habitat for Humanity event on Nov 11 in New Haven, look for email from Chris to sign up online. The event will be during the hours of 9 am to 3 pm. The location of the event is 264 Russell St, New Haven, CT. There will be parking available on the street. Tools are on site. Please bring work gloves. Age limit is 16 and older.

Under New Business:

- There was a motion to pay outstanding bills. Motion Approved.
- Cookie stroll has advertised in the bulletin and during the announcements at masses. Looking for volunteers for set-up and break-down: 3pm and 8:30/9, respectively.
- Looking for volunteers to assist with the pancake breakfast on Nov 12 at church hall at 0900 for set-up. Speak to Jim if interested.
- The parish Christmas Party will be held on December 7, after 4:30 mass. Looking for volunteers for to assist. There will be an email to follow.

Good of the Order –

Knight of the Month was – Don Bonato for the St Gianna's Bottle Drive

Family of the Month was – Bill and Claire White for their assistance with counting the money for the Bottle Drive.

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: Michael's eyesight and brother-in-law, Frank Silverman, Justin Abbey, victims of Maine, and Judge Admiston.

Closing Prayer was offered at 8:34 PM