

**The October 6, 2021, Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:00 pm.**

**Attendance....** Meeting held in the hall. 23 Members in attendance.

**Chaplin's Report....** Vinny provided report in Father Dillon's place. St Georges is adjusting to Father Dillon's new assignment within our parish. The parish is adjusting to how Father is performing, and we are here to support him in any way possible.

**Grand Knight Report....** Thank you card and donation from Verna Cunningham's family who was a frequent bingo player and recently passed. Thank you letter from Cystic Fibrosis foundation for our recent contribution. Thank You letter from the Guilford Food Bank.

GK Nelly talked about the Membership Drive this weekend and is looking for all hands-on deck to assist with handing out brochures and to help our membership drive. 10am mass will be a procession of Knights, wearing blue shirts, and will have three rows reserved for the Knights. Also, we will be having Coffee Hour after the 8:00 & 10:00 masses with juice, coffee, donuts, and bagels with cream cheese. GK Nelly reviewed his membership speech with that he will be presenting this weekend to the parish.

**Financial Report...** Chris presented his report which is available on request. First quarter Budget Report presented. Highlights are that the Council is +\$298 for the fiscal year so far, which is a great start and does not include the funds from the highly successful carnival.

**Membership Report...** 193 members. Four new members this year, and one candidate tonight.

**Other Reports...**

**Carnival** – Final numbers: Net Proceeds \$58,157.

Distribution: \$29,079 for St George; \$23,263 Columbus Club; \$5,815 for the Council.

Mike Tufano will be stepping down as the Carnival Chairman and they are actively looking for a new Chairman.

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

**Faith...** Silver Rose will be coming on the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month (October). Vinny is looking for everyone to please come and show support for the rose and he would like to see a solid turnout. Vinny will be presenting the Rose during the service.

**Family...** Family picnic was just held with more than 50 attendees. John Tarturis gave a Big thanks to those who helped set up and assist in the presentation of this smile-inducing event. Going forward John suggested that maybe we should look for a mid-summer event and will discuss further in future. Looking ahead is the thanksgiving food drive. This year we are looking for 225 turkeys to give away to people. With some supply chain issues, we need to find a way to get the number of turkeys we need. It was also proposed that perhaps a gift card may be another avenue to pursue should getting turkeys be a problem.

**Community...** Teen essay contest bulletin on its way in the next week.

**Life....** St Gianna is still looking for a medical director and once it's filled, they will be able to receive delivery of the ultrasound machine that we helped fund will be delivered. This is "Respect Life" month so and in accordance with that the Knights of Columbus will be saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary, every Saturday this month in front of the Planned Parenthood on Edwards Street in New Haven.

**Report of the Fourth Degree -**

- Allyn talked about the Silver Rose handoff from Rhode Island. There's a lot of Silver Rose services that will be taking place within the state. The Honor Guard will be traveling with it and will be assisting in presenting the Silver Rose the parishioners. Allyn urged everyone to come out and participate because there are so many requests for the Silver Rose and those with low attendance will be cut from the rotation in the future. If anyone knows of a Third Degree, please urge them to consider taking the step to Fourth Degree because they can use the members.

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

- Rich reminded everyone again about the Silver Rose. He also talked about the Membership Drive and the need to try and bring some new members in. Reminded everyone that it's free through the end of 2021.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Chris talked about the "make someone smile" tee shirts and the progress with those. Discussion took place and the design for the shirts was settled on. Chris will gather pricing and present it to us soon.

### **Under New Business:**

- Bob Mongillo spoke to the council about the Into the Breach program which drew him into being a Knight and could be beneficial to others to consider
- Father McGivney Day of Reflection on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> will be a great way for all the members to get closer to their faith, learn more about Father McGivney, learn more about themselves and to spend a day with fellow members.
- Chris presented a piece on Habitat for Humanities. They are looking to ramp up and are looking for a date to begin a new build in New Haven. There is a 10-person Max. The next available Saturday will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. Chris will be looking for any interested members who would like to participate to please contact him or Joe Myers to get your name on the list.
- Chris has been working on getting the Google Calendar up to date and active among all members so that they have a way to quickly access all the activities we have going on. They are also looking to have it synched with the hall rental calendar so that we can easily see when the hall is taken should we have a Knight's event in mind.
- Bill Benzi is hosting a Golf Tournament to generate funds for Officer Phil Goldberg who is battling stage four cancer. They will be having it on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Farmington Hills Golf Course. \$45 per golfer – Please contact Bill Benzi to sign up!!
- Vinny and John Tarturis talked about moving forward with initiative to send some get well cards to those members who are sick or going through hard times.

### **Good of the Order –**

**Knight of the Month** was – John Tarturis

**Family of the Month** was – Dan Walker Family.

**Thoughts & Prayers -** - Vinny's mother, Frank Silverman, Brother George Asmus are all in our prayers this night.

**Closing Prayer was offered at 9:09 PM**