

## K Of C Meeting of October 11, 2023

**NOTE:** The meeting was opened in council hall with prayer by Grand Knight Julian Rios. Meeting attended by 30 members in good standing. All members present reviewed the minutes, as recorded by Recording Secretary SK David Heilman, of the September 13, 2023 meeting. Approved w/motion by Dave VanAcker, seconded by Bob Morley, passed.

**Chaplain's Report (Fr. David Burgard-Excused): 1.)** Focus on "How to grow your Faith and keep it strong". Take time to spend in quiet reflection/prayer - strive for connection to our Lord, others, and ourselves. Read accounts of Saints of the day, scripture, and daily Mass guides to help make/keep connections.

**(GK Julian Rios): 1.) Correspondence received:** T/Y's from **Protect Life Michigan** for \$5,000 donation, **Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative (LCUI)** for donation/support of golf fundraiser, **Southern Downriver Right to Life** for donation/support of golf fundraiser, and Piedmonte Family. **2.) Blood Drives** Scheduled/Results: (4/5-38 pints; 6/7-33 pints donated; & Sept. 6, pints donated), and Nov. 22. **3.) Officers' Meeting** held 10/4/2023 per protocol. PGK Sam Liparoto Farewell Party. **4.) Family of Parishes (FOP) Event** -went very well—approximately 100 attendees. **5.) Dance Party** with Denise & Kathy—about 50 people/raised \$900.00 for Coats for Kids. **6.) LCUI Mobile Ultrasound Unit:** Dedication Saturday, October 28, 10:00 AM **Pregnancy Help Center**, Brighton, MI. **7.) State Supreme Recruitment Incentive** July-September—received largest incentive check--\$305.00.

**Report of Admissions (GK Julian Rios): 1.)** Tim Ochs. (St. Charles-sponsored by DGK Dr. Jeff Couturier). **2.)** Paul Laprad. **3.)** Nick Odette (on-line). Passed.

**New Members (PGK Shawn Piedmonte): 1.)** Dennis Bomia, Nicholas Shook, John Krause III, and Nick Odette (On-line). \*\*\*\*Blessed Michael J. McGivney Medallion\*\*\*\*

**Membership/Insurance (PGK Shawn Piedmonte): 1.) Membership Quota (2023/2024):** 15 - YTD (7) - 47% of our goal. Target is 30 new members for Double Star. Our membership to-date is 481 members. **2.) Insurance Quota: 0.** FBN: host (2) informational meetings w/minimum attendance of 14 Catholic Men. **(1)** New insurance member. **(Fully compliant with safe environment requirements {COVID 19}).**

**Bingo Committee Report (Harley Aichler):** Bingo Sunday (sponsored by Democratic Party) & Tuesday - every Thursday (sponsored by Erie council). **Need volunteers from 5:30 PM to approx. 10:00 PM.**

**4th Degree Report (Ricky Parker): 1.)** Meeting Wednesday 10/18, 7:00 in Lounge. **2.) F.N. Ricky Parker--Color Corps members:** none scheduled. **3.)** Push for more 4<sup>th</sup> degree members. Council reimburses \$300.00 towards regalia costs. Exemplifications only in Spring & Fall. See DGK Jeff Couturier for forms. **4.)** Corporate communions being scheduled for this year.

**Building Association Report (Terry Durocher): 1.) Meeting tonight** following 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree meeting.

**Goodfellows (Joe Lamour/Jay Jondro): 1.)** Purchased new bags and shoulder straps for paper sale. **2.)** Next meeting 10/18, 6:00 Hall #3. **3.)** Paper Drive: December 2. Rusty Krueger provide hot dogs, chili, & chips. David Heilman donuts & coffee. **4.)** Paper to be printed in green w/updates. **5.)** Contact Dave VanAcker for Proof of Insurance. **6.)** Planning to provide 350 food boxes/50 for Veterans to include approximately 2 weeks worth meals.

**Lounge: Lounge open daily (7:30 AM to 1:00 AM). 1.) New Manager-Jim Christensen**—need bar tenders, sign up for 4 hour shifts. **2.) Steak Roast:** 10/21, 4:00 - 6:00 PM. \$18. **3.) Mexican Dinner:** 10/28, 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

**Round Tables: \*Please send all Round Table news to DGK Jeff Couturier for inclusion in news letter/email for members. [St. Anne - Dick Lajiness]: 1.) Tuesdays, 7:15 PM Addiction Meetings. 2.) Mens' Club Halloween Bingo—4:00-7:00 PM. 3.) Raffle & Chili Dinner (\$2,000/\$600 La-Z-Boy/\$250), 11/11--\$8.00. [St. Charles - Dennis Miller]: 1.) Rosary Garden: Dedication 10/13, 6:00 PM. [St. John - Julian Rios]: 1.) Card Party- 11/3. 2.) Food Pantry distributions continue 3rd Saturday every month at St. Joe Center for Hope. [St. Michael - (Bob Morley)]: 1.) T/Y for Corporate Communion attendance. 2.) Rosary M-F, 6:30 PM. 3.) Friday & Monday Masses at 8:15 AM. 4.) Remembrance Mass: 10/28. 5.) Confessions Saturday: in vestibule 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. 6.) Adoration - Fridays, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. 7.) Michael's Men meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday in SMCC Chapel 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. [St. Mary - David Heilman]: 1.) Wednesday 12:15 Mass -- Rosary at 11:40. 2.) Fred Fedorowicz requested volunteers to act as "Point People" to help organize and schedule volunteer workers for Friday "God Works" meals. Meals now being served in PLC. 3.) OCIA Tuesdays, Heritage Hall: Sharing Meal at 6:30/program**

until 8:00 PM. **4.) 5<sup>th</sup> Friday: K of C Godworks Meal:** prep/cook 4:00 PM, serve 5:30-6:30 PM, cleanup 6:00-7:00 PM.

**Field Agent Report (Nick Novak):** **1.) (Phone: 810.620.4240/Email: [nicolas.novak@kofc.org](mailto:nicolas.novak@kofc.org))** **2.)** Host (2) FBN meetings to meet insurance/benefits requirement for “Star Council”. **3.)** Need at least (7) persons in attendance - not necessarily members. Advertise website link w/dates, topics, via EMAIL, BULLETIN, and/or ANNOUNCEMENTS. If not able to get (7), provide evidence “Sufficient Effort” to encourage attendance. **[Borelli Agency]** **4.)** Check savings programs/consider moving investments (portion only) to help mitigate market downturns. No fees charged and K of C assumes risks for market reversals.

**District #131 Report (4 Councils) Worthy District Deputy Ernie Renaud):** **1.)** State District Deputy received 2nd place award Circle of Honor for recruiting, Texas was 1st. Now in 6th place. **2.) Supreme Council** requests better communication. **3.)** Training for GK’s and Membership Directors online webinar. **4.)** Worthwhile to check statues and relics at cathedral. Request to donate \$250/year for maintenance by Chairperson Walter Winkle. Council named on plaque. **5.)** State Deputy Tribute Banquet 2/24. Request representation from each council. **6.)** Need to schedule Silver Rose ASAP. **7.)** Address schedule for “Shroud of Turin” display. **Remember: “Leave no neighbor behind”** during this time of National Pandemic. Keep safe—**follow COVID Sanctions and Guidelines.**

**OLD/Unfinished Business:** **1.)** Joe Boggs Monday, 10/23, Jason Evert Seminar, expect 350-400 attendees. Need help with tables/chairs setup. **2.) 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, 4/27, 2024,** proposal--declined/proposed September 28, 2024 (Last Saturday) **5.) 6.) Retreat January (9 weeks)--**Proposed by Joe Boggs. **See New Business.**

**New Business: (GK Julian Rios):** **1.)** Discussed request to **host 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification March 2024 first weekend. Date already contracted for Gunshow. Not able to accommodate request.** Propose last Saturday September 28, 2024. **2.)** Consider request by **Joe Boggs to rent Hall for Monday nights - 9 week Seminar - starting End of January.** Need more details. **3.) Tootsie Roll Sales:** 10/14-15 St. Michael.. Captains contacted by PGK Jay Jondro. For SMCC St. Andre Besette program. **4.) “Coats for Kids”:** 28 boxes ordered. Distribution scheduled Saturday, November 18. **5.) “Shroud of Turin”:** Belleville, July 27-August 2. Could “piggy-back”, schedule next. Must pick-up and move. **6.) PGK/Clergy Dinner:** 12/9/2023, Scott Walls cater. **7.) Selah’s Center of Hope “Duelling Pianos” Fundraiser 2024/1/27 @ Laroy’s Hall:** Donation request by Barb Boggs; Gold Level-\$5,000 includes Table of 8, VIP Seating, Emcee recognition, Social Media recognition, and Name/Logo on event website, entryway signage, and event program. (Funds from Ultrasound Account). Motion to donate \$5,000 by Michael Cochran, second by Jim Christensen, passed. **8.) State Bowling Tournament Ad:** DD. Ernie Renaud to address 4th Degree: Move to donate \$20 towards \$100 ad by John Merriman, second by Ricky Parker, passed. **9.) Event Funding Account:** DGK Dr. Jeff Couturier proposed **adding separate account for funding events (Hall Rental): Ex. FOP Meeting, Jason Evert Presentation, Rescue Project (7 weeks), & fundraisers. TABLED to next meeting for further discussion.** **10.) Ultrasound Account Donation Request Envelopes:** PGK Shawn Piedmonte proposed placing donation envelopes in pews at all parishes to help replenish the Ultrasound Account. **11.) Catholic Answer Bibles for OCIA Candidates and Catechumens:** Purchase (30) bibles @ \$12 each (not to exceed \$360) moved by David Heilman, second by PGK Joe Lamour, passed. **12.) Recruitment at Churches:** John Merriman noted need to increase effort to promote/solicit members at all parishes ASAP.

**Family of the Month:** Dale and Laurie Loveland (St. John). **Knight of the Month:** Bob Stefanski. **Grand Knight Summary:** **Thank you Knights for all you do! New Members:** Dennis Bomia, Nicholas Shook, John Krause.

**Prayers:** Rusty Krueger, Greg Dushane, Jon-David Heilman, Gene Staelgraeve, PGK Joe Lamour, Howard/Hilde (Jim Crawford’s Mother-in-law), Gene Poupard, Ron Thomas, Michael Miller, Howard Sieb, Dave Jondro, and Olga Karpenko. **50/50 Winner:** \$25.00 Robert Kull.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM live in Council #1266 Lounge. ADJOURNMENT:** Michael Cochran, seconded by PGK Joe Lamour, adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted by David Heilman**