

K Of C Meeting of April 12, 2023

NOTE: The meeting was opened in council hall with prayer by Grand Knight Julian Rios. Meeting attended by 34 members in good standing. All members present reviewed the minutes, as recorded by Recording Secretary SK David Heilman, of the March 8, 2023 meeting. Approved w/motion by PGK Joe Vitale, seconded by Jim Christensen, passed. Fr. Kishore joined our meeting.

Chaplain's Report (Fr. David Burgard): 1.) Happy Easter! Remember Easter is not just a day, but a season lasting (50) days. Contemplate Jesus' dying and resurrection. Help others to enter into the experience and reflection of His resurrection and what a great gift it is to us. 2.) Full churches show us that people are searching for God. As our hearts have been touched, think how we might touch others. All of us are sinners, we are weak, but our Faith and the Resurrection give us Hope and the strength to repent and evangelize to others. 3.) Thank you to all of you who in a "Labor of Love" contributed in anyway to help celebrate this Holy Easter. 4.) Contemplate what has touched/spoken to you during this Lent and Easter season. Continue to reflect and share with others. Pray for the neophytes, all those who have joined fully in our Faith during the Easter Vigil. Congratulate them and "Welcome" them. Welcoming them means a lot and is needed. 5.) Invite and encourage them to join fully in our faith community and share their gifts and talents. Especially invite others to become "Joyful Missionary Disciples". Attend Mass regularly, receive the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and have courage to invite others. Don't discourage, but share your experiences/what your Faith means to you. Invite, but do not "impose" when inviting others to return to church. 6.) Be sure to pray for and welcome our "Confirmadees". 7.) Five (5) seminarians of the AOD were ordained during the Easter celebration. This during our year of Prayers for Vocations. 8.) Next Sunday is "Divine Mercy Sunday", celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. St. Faustina gave us the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer. Many pray this Chaplet for nine days as a Novena ending in celebration with a special liturgy on "Divine Mercy Sunday". 9.) Get a copy of the little "White Book" to help you to grow in your Faith. The book includes practices, information, reflections, and prayers. We need to reengage ourselves in growing our Faith. We pray/work together so the World will see the **"Wonderful Precious Gifts/Faith" God has shared with us.** 8.) Fr. David ended with a scriptural reflection from "Give Us This Day", a daily scripture/prayer guide.

Grand Knight's Report (GK Julian Rios): 1.) No correspondence received. 2.) Officers' Meeting held last Wednesday, 4/5/2023. 3.) Hats have been ordered. 4.) Blood Drives Scheduled: April 5 (30) pints donated, June 7, Sept. 6, and Nov. 22. Thank you to Dave Vanacker for scheduling/organizing. 5.) **Three new 4th Degree Knights**, John Merriman, Elliot Alfredson, and Ed Theisen, were exemplified at St. John Neuman Parish, Canton, Saturday, 3/25. 6.) State Supreme donated \$400 as part of **Assistance and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)** in recognition of our donations and support of Selah's Center of Hope.

Treasurer's Report (Michael Cochran): (as of 3/31/2023 all accounts moved to First Merchants) Checking--\$140,301; Ultrasound--\$14,084; Bingo--\$18,129; Lottery--\$4,468; (No motion required per new protocol).

Report of Admissions (GK Julian Rios): 1.) Robert (Rob) Kidd (St. John, sponsored by GK Julian). 2.) Andrew Kohler (St. Mary, sponsored by Pat Kohler). 3.) William Hernandez (St. Michael, sponsored by Paul Jay. 4.) Garrett Babik (St. Michael, sponsored by Dist. Dep. Ernie Renaud). **Fr. Henry (St. Charles/St. Anne, transfer).** Motion to accept by Harley Aichler, seconded by John Merriman, passed. Need to accept/approve e-members.

New Members (PGK Shawn Piedmonte): 1.) None. ****Blessed Michael J. McGivney Medallion****

Membership/Insurance (PGK Shawn Piedmonte): 1.) **Membership Quota (2022/2023):** 15 - YTD (16) - 107% of our goal. Target is 30 new members for Double Star. Our membership to-date is 480 members. 2.) **Insurance Quota: 0.** FBN: host (2) informational meetings w/minimum attendance of 7 Men, Next **FBN information presented November 29 (On-line) and March 6 (Nick Novak), (34) attended, forms submitted. THIS completes our requirement.** NOTE: Show in lounge, "Viewing Party"—register and log in (do not need to be a member). Log in to Kofcmi.org. NOTE: those who view need to complete survey for credit to our council. (1) New insurance member. (Are continuing to maintain/fully compliant with safe environment requirements {COVID 19}).

Bingo Committee Report (Harley Aichler): Bingo Sunday & Tuesday - every Thursday (sponsored by Erie council). Need volunteers from 5:30 PM to approx. 10:00 PM. (Contact Harley Aichler or Art Bomia III).

4th Degree Report (PGK Sam Liparoto): 1.) Meet Wednesday, 04/19, at 7:00 PM in council hall. 2.) Color Corps—Sunday, 4/16, St. Mary Rockwood (Divine Mercy Sunday), 3:00 PM, assemble 2:45 PM. 3.) Push for more 4th degree members. Exemplifications only in Spring & Fall. See DGK Jeff Couturier for forms. (On-line exemplifications continue. Contact GK Julian Rios.) 4.) Corporate communions being scheduled for this year. Need 4th Degree Color/Honor Guard Members from Council #1266.

Building Association Report (Rusty Krueger): 1.) No Meeting tonight.

Goodfellows (Jeff Rupp): 1.) Next meeting: Wednesday, 4/19, 6:00 PM in Hall #3. 2.) Announced MI Tootsie Roll Drive results: \$12,330 raised/\$11,686 after expenses. Proceeds to be split/donated to Mon-Arc of Monroe, Special Olympics, and Holiday Camp.

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.

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.) BBQ Chicken Dinner: Sunday, 5/7, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM OR gone. \$15. [St. Charles – Dennis Miller]: 1.) No report. Pray for Dennis' recovery. [St. John – Julian Rios]: 1.) 125th Anniversary/St. Joseph (East End) 100th Anniv. June , Fathers' Day. 11:30 Mass w/Bishop Battersby, Celebration in school cafeteria following. 2.) Food Pantry distributions continue 3rd Saturday every month at St. Joe Center for Hope. [St. Michael – (Bob Morley)]: 1.) Friday & Monday Masses at 8:15 AM. 2.) Confessions (re-initiated) Saturday: in vestibule 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM. 3.) Adoration – Fridays, 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM w/Stations at 7:00 PM. 4.) 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 now scheduled. 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.

Field Agent Report (Nick Novak): 1.) (Phone: 810.620.4240/Email: nicolas.novak@kofc.org) FBN's-Supreme offers (10) podcasts until 6/30. Check website for dates/topics/links. Note: Transfers/new members check insurance programs. (Use Tom Jackson as sponsor). 2.) Host FBN "Watch Party"--attend in person & complete "Survey" as record of attendance. Log names & invite family/others. Use as recruitment event. 3.) Need at least (7) persons in attendance - not necessarily members. OR Advertise website link w/dates, topics, via EMAIL, BULLETIN, and/or ANNOUNCEMENTS. If not able to get (7) to attend, provide evidence made "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.) Spring Convention at Mackinaw Island, 5/24-26. 2.) Complete paperwork for Columbian Award. 3.) Recruitment/retention efforts great. 4.) Historical Stations of the Cross (w/relics of all 12 apostles) being installed at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Each council requested to donate \$250 for costs. 5.) "Silver Rose" returned to Robert Bagley. Better communication next year for (8) roses pilgrimage from Montreal to Mexico City Cathedral Our Lady of Guadalupe. Rose will be at May convention. **Remember: "Leave no neighbor behind"** during this time of National Pandemic. Keep safe—follow **COVID Sanctions and Guidelines**.

OLD/Unfinished Business: 1.) **Dave Russey:** Discussed/appealed for help for hungry children and families needing help w/repairs & minor building projects. Offered direction/contact information to organizations/resources including God Works, St. Joseph's Helpers, food closets, and Stephen Ministry. 2.) **Special Olympics.** Scheduled May 5 at Jefferson High School, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Volunteers: PGK Joe Vitale, Bill Terrasi, Dave VanAcker, and David Heilman. 3.) **"Walk for Life"**, 5/13, 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM at SMCC Gym. Expect 350-500 walkers. (3) Speakers at end. Volunteers report to Gym at 11:00 AM. 4.) **Desert Meal:** Need volunteers for setup Friday, 4/14, starting 1:30 PM and take-down/reset Sunday, 4/16, at 11:00 AM.

Financial Secretary's Report/Report of Trustees (PGK Shawn Piedmonte): Bills presented to Trustees: 1.) **Rent:** Paid until June. (included in budget). 2.) **No other bills.**

New Business: (GK Julian Rios): 1.) LCUI (Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative) golf outing. Move to sponsor hole plus (4) member team (\$400 golf/\$100 sponsorship) by Ricky Parker, support by DGK Dr. Jeff Couturier, passed. 2.) Holiday Camp Lunch: Joshua Vance to advise date. David Heilman volunteered dependent on date. 3.) Cathedral of Most Blessed Sacrament Stations Donation: Ricky Parker moved to donate \$250, support by Treas. Michael Cochran, passed. 4.) **NOMINATIONS 2023-2024: GK-** Julian Rios; **DGK-** Dr. Jeff Couturier; **Chancellor-** Lewis Poupard; **Warden-** Jim Christensen; **Secretary-** David Heilman; **Advocate-** Joe Lamour; **Treasurer-** Michael Cochran; **3 Year Trustee-** Terry Durocher; **Inside Guard-** Art Bomia III; **Outside Guards-** Bob Morley and John Merriman. **All nominees accepted the nominations. To be announced next (2) months until election.**

Family of the Month: Nickolas & Christina Craanen (St. Charles Parish). **Knight of the Month:** Patrick Kohler (St. Mary). **Honorary Life Membership:** N/A **Grand Knight Summary:** 1.) T/Y to all who helped w/Tootsie Roll Sale. 2.) Pray for successful Desert Meal fundraiser in support of our Seminarians.

Prayers: Ron Simms, Jim Weisman, Newborn Randy Heilman, Rusty Krueger, Tom Cousineau, Greg Dushane, Gene Poupard, Gene Staelgraeve, Dave Jondro, Dennis Miller, PGK Joe Lamour, Bob Gerhardt, and Hilde (Jim Crawford's Mother-in-law). **50/50 Winner:** \$20.00 to Harley Aichler – pulled by Fr. Kishore.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM live in Council #1266 Hall. ADJOURNMENT: Jim Christensen, seconded by John Merriman, passed.

Respectfully submitted by David Heilman