

K Of C Meeting of May 10, 2023

NOTE: The meeting was opened in council hall with prayer by Grand Knight Julian Rios. Meeting attended by 28 members in good standing. All members present reviewed the minutes, as recorded by Recording Secretary SK David Heilman, of the April 12, 2023 meeting. Approved w/motion by PGK Joe Vitale, seconded by Louie Poupard, passed.

Chaplain's Report (Fr. David Burgard): **1.)** Happy Spring! We are entering into the second half of the Easter season leading up to Pentecost where we learn from Acts of the early Christians' struggles and joys. Check Apps for daily Mass readings for Luke's writings and Acts of the Apostles. **2.)** Continue celebrating the Resurrection and initiation of new members into our faith community with the First Communions and Confirmations of our children. Congratulate the children and their parents--welcome them and ensure they feel connected to our parish family. Behind each child is a family that may feel disconnected, this is an opportunity for evangelization. Don't take our Faith for granted and assume these families are as strong in Faith as we are. **3.)** Family of Parishes (FOP) continues to move forward with strategic planning on how best to implement and grow our Faith community with evangelization to all segments of our parish family (internal and external) including children, young adults, divorced, and the sick/elderly who may not be able to receive the sacraments on a regular basis. Sixteen (16) representatives from all (5) parish families have been working with the AOD and Bishop Battersby to develop a list of actions and processes to reach all parishioners. We need everyone's help to institute a change in our culture to better welcome and engage our Faith community. **4.)** This culture change requires the interest, care, patience, and involvement of all our parishioners. We will not get it "perfect" at every step, but we will learn and move forward together. **5.)** Some of the issues/groups to be addressed include: **a.)** Another Adoration Chapel, **b.)** Vocations including religious (priests/deacons/Lay leaders), divorced and single members and those working through annulments (need to feel important and needed). **c.)** Focus on youth/young adults programs (retention after Confirmation and high school/college Graduation); **d.)** Seniors who are not able to attend Mass/have physical disabilities; **e.)** Deeper understanding of our Faith and sacraments in preparation for First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage, especially followup. **f.)** We need to better address how best to reach out and re-engage inactive members, especially teens and young adults by working with/through their peers. **g.)** Improve how we celebrate Mass and worship including music, homilies, and addressing Social Justice and Environmental issues. **h.)** Make greater effort to incorporate/collaborate change within our (5) parish families. **6.)** We celebrate Pentecost Sunday May 28. You may choose to pray a Novena 5/19-5/27 and also concentrate in your prayers on the "Fruits of the Spirit". Pick (3) to concentrate on growing and incorporating into your daily routine/activities. **7.)** May is the month we dedicate to our Mother Mary. "Salve Regina" is an ancient prayer recognizing and honoring the special place Mary has in our Church and our lives. Pray the rosary and ask for our Mother's guidance until we see Face to Face "What we believe and take in Faith" when we reach "...at the hour of our death".

(GK Julian Rios): **1.)** Correspondence received: **a.)** T/Y from Drew Langton for \$19,000 Donation to seminarians from Desert Meal. **b.)** T/Y from Right to Life for \$1,000 donation 4/27/2023. **2.)** Officers' Meeting held last Wednesday, 5/3/2023. **3.)** Blood Drives Scheduled: June 7, Sept. 6, and Nov. 22. Thank you to Dave Vanacker for scheduling/organizing. **4.)** Need to complete Form SP7 for Star Council. Note: "Walk for Life".

Report of Admissions (GK Julian Rios): **1.)** None. (3) Applications in queue.

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 481 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, 05/17, at 7:00 PM in council hall. **2.)** 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.) **3.)** 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 (Joe Lamour): **1.)** Next meeting: Wednesday, 5/17, 6:00 PM in Hall #3.

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. **Mothers' Day Brunch—5/14 (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)** full breakfast including Mimosas in honor of Mothers. Donations.

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 great success/served 362 dinners from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

[**St. Charles – Dennis Miller**]: 1.) **Barn Mass (Bless Seed)** - Tuesday 5/16 @ 6:30 PM- Cricket and Anne Fleming, 4080 Heiss Rd., -bring dessert to pass. [**St. John – Julian Rios**]: 1.) **125th Anniversary/St. Joseph (East End) 100th Anniv. June 18, Fathers' Day.** 11:30 Mass w/Bishop Don Hanchen, Celebration in school cafeteria following. 2.) Card Party-6/2. 3.) Food Pantry distributions continue 3rd Saturday every month at St. Joe Center for Hope. [**St. Michael – (Bob Morley)**]: 1.) 5/13-5:00 PM, Confirmation Mass. 2.) Friday & Monday Masses at 8:15 AM. 3.) Confessions (re-initiated) Saturday: in vestibule 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM. 4.) Adoration – Fridays, 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM w/Stations at 7:00 PM. 5.) 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) 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), 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.) Detroit West Officer Training-6/3, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon @ St. John Neuman, Canton. 2.) No Officer Installation planned. 3.) Supreme requests "Pass the Hat" for ASAP donations at Convention. 4.) 5/13--Monroe "Walk for Life"/Ius Vitae request volunteers in Pro-Life/K of C shirts to walk. 5.) Request volunteer Warden to replace PGK Joe Vitale. (2 Yr. commitment). 6.) Form SP7 complete by 6/30. 7.) Consider purchase of funeral palls for 3rd/4th Degree Member Funerals. Available from English Co.-\$399/\$499 respectively. **Remember: "Leave no neighbor behind"** during this time of National Pandemic. Keep safe—follow **COVID Sanctions and Guidelines.**

OLD/Unfinished Business: 1.) T/Y to all Special Olympics volunteers-5/5--PGK Joe Vitale, Bill Terrasi, Dave VanAcker, and David Heilman. 2.) "**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. 3.) **State Convention-5/24-26** scheduled. GK Julian Rios and Treasurer Michael Cochran to attend. Dist. Dep. Ernie Renaud and DGK Dr. Jeff Couturier to attend as part of Color Guard. 4.) Toledo Mud Hens outing – 8/11, plan to reserve (30) tickets same as last year. 5.) Men's Prayer Breakfast (MPB) using K of C video "Into the Breach" program for leadership/discussion. 6.) **Desert Meal Final Results:** Financial Secretary (PGK Shawn Piedmonte) reported (233) attendees/raised \$23,231/expenses \$7,500—**Total Donation (includes \$2,000 from K of C Council)--\$19,000.**

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.) Holiday Camp Lunch: Joshua Vance to advise date. David Heilman volunteered dependent on date. 2.) **Supreme requests ASAP ("Pass the Hat")** – council already contributed. 3.) "Walk for Life"- PGK Shawn Piedmonte proposed \$1,500 donation, supported by Deacon Tracey Esper, passed. (No resolution required—Ultrasound Budget. 4.) **Denise Roberts:** Sponsoring **Dance Class** to support "**Coats for Kids**" like last year. 5.) **Joe Boggs:** Requests use of **Hall #1 & #2 10/23** for special speaker about "**Transgressors and Sexual Mis-identity**". 6.) **NOMINATIONS 2023-2024 (2nd Call):** 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/nominations closed. Last call next meeting-6/14.** 7.) **BLDG, ASSOC.** **NOMINATIONS: President:** Rusty Krueger, **Board Members:** Steve Richardville, John Merriman, Jeff Langton, John Patrick, and Tim Bolger. 8.) **Desert Meal Donation Amount review requested:** Unanimous vote to **donate \$19,000 as proposed.**

Family of the Month: Doyle & Lillian Williamson (St. John Parish). **Knight of the Month:** Ed Drabek –nominated by Dennis Miller in recognition of **MI Drive leadership** (St. Charles). **Honorary Life Membership:** N/A **Grand Knight Summary:** 1.) Happy Mother's Day & Memorial Day—Stay Safe!

Prayers: Rusty Krueger, Tom Cousino, Greg Dushane, Gene Poupard, Gene Staelgraeve, Mary Crawford, PGK Joe Lamour, Theron Parker (Brain issues), Sam Liparoto (medication changes), Eric Miller (stomach issues), and Hilde (Jim Crawford's Mother-in-law). **50/50 Winner:** \$22.00 to Doug Kuras.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM live in Council #1266 Hall. ADJOURNMENT: Michael Cochran, seconded by PGK Joe Lamour, passed.

Respectfully submitted by David Heilman