

Minutes for Council Meeting, November 8, 2023

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Call to Order – Mike Less, GK - *Meeting called to order at 7pm.*

Opening Prayer – Deacon Paul - *led the opening prayer.*

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Less, GK

Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting – October 11, 2023 Council Meeting - Mike Less, GK - *Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the October 11th meeting as distributed and posted on the website.*

Lecturer's Report - No Report - PGK Tony Trippe (Excused)

Grand Knights Report - Mike Less, GK - *following items were presented by GK Mike Less:*

- Next Council Meeting - Wednesday DECEMBER 20th at Fado Pub and Kitchen in Bridge Park - 6652 Riverside Dr. for the annual Knights Christmas Party starting at 7PM - one drink per person on the Council
- February Meeting will be on TUESDAY FEB 13th vs. normal schedule of WED FEB 14th.
- Christmas Cards for our Seminarians - sign, stamp, \$25 gift card, mail by December 8th.
- Met with Fr. Black
 - Invited him to address one of our council general meetings as an introduction - will schedule a time
 - He likes that we participate with other organizations in the parish and in the community (i.e., Social Action, Men's Ministry, Dublin Food Pantry)
 - Possible Eucharistic Revival / Procession opportunities - and Knights participation
- Chapter:
 - Veteran's - Last Honor Flight for the year - Thursday Nov 9th at Airport
 - There is a State Newsletter that is available - see me for e-mail
 - Congratulations to our Worthy District Deputy Eric Yang who is being filmed at the St. Peter's Council December 14th Meeting for a Supreme feature.
- Correspondence:
 - Thank you note from Mommies Matter for donation
- Thank you:
 - To all who attended the Memorial Mass; helped with our diaper drive and helped collect, sort and package Thanksgiving Food Drive boxes this past month.

Membership Report – Mike Less, GK - *following were identified as potential new or transfer members with noted status. Motioned was made, seconded and approved for new Knight John Roperti to join the Council. New transfers - Jerry Moro, Calvin Steber were approved.*

- Candidates: Jason Sung (no response since initial meeting in June); Andrew Murray (no response since Parish Picnic); and Kevin Ledford (no response to information sent); online Adam Dufault (awaiting exemplification)
- Ministry Weekend: Tom Balduf (wrong e-mail; voicemail full)
- Ministry Weekend Sign-ups: Otis Marshall, John Roperti (meet 11/5), Michael Sourek

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- Transfers: Mike Doll, Richard Mitchell, Calvin Steber (Navy from Norfolk), Jerry Moro (from St. Joan of Arc) and Mike Ueber (from Arizona - former member)

Officers' Reports

- Chaplain – Deacon Paul Zemanek - *Deacon Paul noted the new Faith Formation study - with the Flyers that were distributed during the meeting.*
 - *New Jesus and the Eucharist Study flyers available; December 6 - January 31*
 - *Noted that Fr. Black is looking to expand Adoration and Rosary some - initial plan is to add the Rosary prior to Vespers during Lent. Knights have volunteered to lead the Rosary on Sunday December 10th at 4:30pm in the Church. Need 5 Knights with families if available.*
- Recorder – Mark Muresan - *No report (absent).*
- Financial Secretary – Nick Foley - *noted the following:*
 - Tax return due November 15th has been submitted
 - Yearly dues billings - in-work
- Treasurer – Steve Miller - presented the following account balances:
 - Accounts: *Operating \$6,463.62; Scholarship \$23,855.56; Saving \$18,691.95.*
- Warden – Keith Wagner (Absent - Excused)
- Trustees – PGK Tim Solack, PGK Tom Ozello, PGK John Willi - *no report.*
- Deputy Grand Knight – Joe Moore, DGK (*absent*)
 - GK Mike Less noted: *Next Planning Meeting - TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28th, 7:00pm; Hendricks Hall - changed due to Thanksgiving Holiday - will be held after the Manger Scene setup*

Program Reports – Joe Moore, DGK - following items were presented by program directors:

Faith: PGK Mike Sliclen

- Roses for Mothers - Baptisms - *needs help at the. November 26th event*
- Coffee & Prayer - 1st and 3rd Saturdays - *noted as on-going*
- Cornerstone Retreat - registration is open; retreat is at Maria Stein Jan. 26-28
- Tuesday Nov 28th - Manger Scene Setup (inside and outside) - please sign-up
- Tuesday Jan 9th - Manger Scene Takedown (inside and outside) - please sign-up
- Sunday Jan 28th - Clergy Appreciation Dinner

Family: John Greco - *new Family Director noted following events:*

- Pancake Breakfast Sunday - November 12th - Vince Mazza - please sign-up to help - need help for the 11:00am Mass in particular - *please sign-up on sheets being distributed.*
- Father / Daughter Dance - Saturday April 6 in the Gym - Committee - John Greco

Community: John Willi, PGK - *noted the following items:*

- Need a new Free Throw contest lead; contest is scheduled for Sunday Feb 4th - please see John Willi or Mike Less

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- Bourbon online auction is open - last items from the Scholarship Raffle - as *PGK Terry Miller noted the auction is open and underway - Jonathan Bauer donated the items for the auction. Terry encouraged members to distribute to friends / relatives for more interest.*

Life: Nick Little (*absent*) - GK Mike Less presented:

- In-person diaper drive - collected just over \$1,000 in cash and donations

Committees:

- Savings & Scholarship - CD Savings Option Plan - *no report*
- Fraternal Committee - Top Golf held October 24; Euchre Tournament - January and/or February - working date for the hall - likely a Tuesday evening - *Vince Mazza reported that Top Golf was fun and will be repeated; Euchre tournament is in-planning for January / February; bowling may still occur; Ohio State Hockey is in-planning; finally if you have suggestions please contact Vince Mazza or Matt Curran.*

Input from Members: *none made*

4th Degree Report - SK Dan O'Conner - *presented the following:*

- *Assembly 2727 Meetings are 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at St Brigid's - Hendricks Hall - Carr Room - although next event is Christmas Party first Wednesday of December in the Immke room.*
- *4th Degree Knights please see Pilot report for Honor Guard/Color Guard events - several new items on the list including the transfer of the Safe Auto Nativity scene to the Cathedral*
- *Honor Flight - tomorrow at the airport - 8:30am - this will be the last one for the year - great event - lots of people show up to welcome veterans back.*

District Deputy Report – DD #36 Eric Yang - *provided the following report:*

1. ***The National Vocation Awareness Week, November 5 through 11. Please pray for the seminarians currently in formation and please pray for an increase in vocation to the priesthood and religious life.***
 - *I would like to make you aware of the Serra Club <https://serrainternational.org/> that supports our priests and religious (both men and women), and promotes vocations. There are two clubs here in Columbus <https://serracolumbus.org>*
2. ***First turn in for Support Our Seminarians is December 15.***
3. ***Please make your reservations for the 25th Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on January 28th, 2024 at Villa Milano.***
4. ***November Webinar will be on Thursday, November 16 at 8:00 PM EST: "Midyear Review: Succeeding or Struggling?" In this webinar, presenters will talk about where councils should be at midyear.***
5. ***With regards to growth, Columbus continues to lead in the state. Thank you for all your efforts in growing our Order.***

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- *please reach out to prospects as soon as possible to welcome them, get them to an exemplification, and transfer them to your council. If you need an eMember to stay in the tab longer than the 90-day period and they are reaching the end of that period, please let me know.*

Insurance Field Agent – Matt Tangeman

Worthy Field Agent Matt Tangeman thanked us for prayers for his successful surgery - he is recovering well; also asked that we work to recruit members - and that he is always available to talk to Knights or prospective Knights about the benefits of the Knights Insurance.

Chancellor Report – Vince Mazza

No additional report beyond the Fraternal events.

Unfinished Business – Mike Less, GK - presented the following plan for the investment of Scholarship and Savings funds for the next year based on the motion made from October. Noted that no funds are being spent - we are moving into different accounts. No comments or questions were raised on the approach.

- *Investment:*
 - *Scholarship: \$17,500 in 13-Month CD; \$2,500 in 6-Month Money Market; rest (~\$680) in the current Scholarship - savings account.*
 - *Savings: \$10,000 in 13-Month CD; \$8,000 in 6-month Money Market; rest (~\$690) stays in current Savings - savings account*
 - *Remainder of the funds stay in the current checking account.*

New Business – Mike Less, GK - presented the following new program to be conducted in conjunction with the other Men's Ministries at the parish. More information to come following contact with Catholic Men's Ministry: (CMM)

- Fr. Black received a request from Catholic Men's Ministry (CMM) asking St. Brigid's to host the CMM Conferences at the Kasich Center in February of 2025 and 2026; while shadowing St. Paul's in 2024. 40-50 men for needed for Friday and Saturday of the last weekend in February.

Good of the Order – All - following recognition was made for Knights and families:

- Recognition for members and others
 - Knight of the Month (October) Award Nominations:
 - Thanksgiving Food Collection: PGK Bill Sabatino
 - Diaper Drive: Nick Little
 - Roses for Mothers: PGK Mike Slicen
 - Memorial Mass: PGK Michael Slicen
 - New Family Director: John Greco
 - Family of the Month (October) Award Nominations:
 - Thanksgiving Food Collection: Keith Brodman and son; Mike and Joane Less, Gene and Donna Kanzigg, Jeff and Maureen Zimmerman, Bill and Mary Cay Sabatino, and Patrick and Trina Soller

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- Recognized Knights/Volunteers of the Month (October):
 - Memorial Mass: Tony Trippe, Tim Solack, Keith Dunnigan, Bill Sabatino, Graham Guthrie, Michael Less, John Willi, and Joseph Moore
 - Diaper Drive: Gene Kanzigg, Dan Haines, Mike Less
 - Thanksgiving Food Collection: Deacon Paul, Tim Solack, Vince Mazza, Jeff Novotny, John Mangiola, Joe McCaw, Mike Murphy, Brian Uhler, John Greco, John Willi, Dennis Clum, John Mc Millen
 - Roses for Mothers: Dennis Clum, Mike Less

Grand Knight's Summary – Mike Less, GK - *presented the following summary:*

- After-meeting social - refreshments until 8:45PM - need to be out by 9:00pm
- Remember sign-up sheets and attendance sheet

Closing Prayer (*including intentions for sick or distressed members*) - GK Mike Less listed the following intentions for the closing prayer. Including the additions in *Italics* as identified by members in attendance:

- For vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life
- Peace in Ukraine; the Mideast and other war-torn areas
- Persecuted Christians
- Unemployed / Under Employed Brother Knights
- Those impacted by the pandemic, health care workers and first responders
- Brothers / Family Members that are ill - Terry Flanagan, Ron Myer, Matt Tageman - surgery, Harry Miller - Hip Robert Sliclen - knee, Josh - cancer; *Bob Tangeman (Matt's father) - in the hospital*
- Friends that are ill - Bill & Lynn Waldron; John Moore
- Deceased Family Members -*Dr. Marion Franken - not a family member but an older adult who the Knights have assisted in the past - rest in peace*
- Any Others - upcoming Karios weekend; *Daniel Colby - new Transitional Deacon*

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favors we have presented. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by GK Mike Less.