

Assembly Meeting Minutes 15 February 2024

Call to Order:

- FN SK Thomas Herwig opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. asking the Inner and Outer Sentinel to assume their posts
- FN asked the Faithful Pilot SK Charlie Bell to confirm that all present had possession of proper 3rd and 4th degree membership cards
 - Faithful Pilot certified all present had proper 3rd and 4th degree membership cards
- FN asked SK Joe Zanetti (substituting for the Faithful Scribe SK Tom Pergola) to call the roll
 - Faithful Scribe called the roll

DATE 09 NOVEMBER 2023				
POSITION-TITLE	NAME	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Faithful Friar	Father SK Lance Martin		X	
Faithful Navigator	SK Thomas Herwig PGK	X		
Faithful Captain	SK Thomas Foglesong		X	
Faithful Pilot	SK Charles Bell	X		
Faithful Admiral	SK Joseph Kostelac, PKN, PFN	X		
Faithful Scribe	SK Thomas Pergola		X	
Faithful Purser	SK Richard Thomas	X		
Faithful Comptroller	SK Thomas Anderson	X		
Inner Sentinel	SK Richard Fox	X		
Outer Sentinel	SK Charles McCreedy	X		
Trustee	3 rd Yr SK Joseph Lazzari	X		
Trustee	2 nd Yr SK James Stone PCK, PFN		X	
Trustee	1 st Yr SK Joseph Gangi PGK, PFN		X	

- FN asked the for the Principle of the Fourth Degree from the:
 - Faithful Pilot SK Charlie Bell
 - Patriotism
 - Faithful Captain SK Tom Foglesong (excused)– represented by SK Wayne Straight
 - To respect and obey all lawful authority; to uphold and maintain those whose duty it is to administer the law; to defend and preserve unspotted and unstained, the flag of our country, and the principle for which it stands
 - Faithful Admiral SK Joe Kostelac
 - To maintain Unity; to practice the virtues of Charity and Brotherly Love, to exemplify in all our relations with our fellow men and the State the sublime teachings of Holy Mother Church
- FN asked all to turn to the flag and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by singing the ode *God Bless America* and saluting the Flag
- FN asked SK Wayne Straight to lead the group in the *Our Father*

Introduction:

- FN welcomed and introduced SK Bob Koschen from Cardinal Gibbons Assembly #2522 (Baltimore, Maryland)
 - Cardinal Gibbons Assembly is celebrating its 100th Anniversary (1824-1924)

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Reports:

- **Faithful Friar**
 - Excused-NTR
- **Faithful Scribe**
 - January 11 2024 Assembly Meeting Minutes
 - Copy on table in the rear of the hall
 - Copy distributed via emailed to 4th degree members
 - Anyone who did not receive an electronic version, give name and email address to FS
 - FN asked that after reading electronic version or printed copy, please throw them in the trash.
 - Copy reviewed and accepted as written
 - Bills
 - NTR
 - Communications
 - NTR
- **Faithful Comptroller** (SK Tom Anderson)
 - Membership Stats
 - 120 members as of today
 - 107 members paid for CY 2024
 - 12 members dues outstanding
 - Second 'Dues-Do' notice sent out
 - 22 life members
 - 1 military / disabled member
- **Faithful Purser** (SK Richard Thomas) – contact FP for information
 - Income-Deposit January
 - Bills
 - All paid up to date

FN Special Discussions

- **Charitable Givings from the Assembly**
 - Review Financial Status of Assembly
 - \$11,000 could be used up quickly
 - Incoming (infusion of) funds limited
 - Beer Truck
 - Raffles
 - Conscious Donations/Support
 - Patriotism
 - Flag
 - Military
 - America
 - Treasurers of involved organizations need to have a meeting
 - SK Jim Stone agreed with concept
 - SK Wayne Straight introduced a previous program – Charity of the Month
 - Tip Jar with Charity name
 - Suggestion to review program again
 - SK Wayne Straight suggested World War II (WWII) Veteran Committee a good charity to consider
 - Organization helps to educate young children true facts about WWII
 - Germany, Imperial Japan and Fascist Italy

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- 28 % high school know about WWII
- 13% know USA entered WWII because of Pearl Harbor attack on 06 June 1944
- Little knowledge of Battle Bulge or Operation Market Garden
- SK Wayne Straight read a very informative letter that he received from World War II Veteran Committee
 - Contact Brother Wayne for more information
- Bottom line of special discussion – have a committee get started
 - Committee to determine what constitutes Patriotism
 - Patriotism goes beyond military
 - Fire, Police, EMT and any organization offering service and lives keeping us and our properties safe
 - Volunteers for committee
 - SK Charlie Bell
 - SK Wayne Straight
 - SK Roger Morgan
 - SK Richard Hubbard
 - SK Tom Herwig
 - SK Joe Kostelac
 - SK John Sharkey
- **Veteran Banners on OC Boardwalk – Elks Club**
 - SK Jim Stone introduced Veteran Banners on OC Boardwalk
 - Active or retired military are illegible
 - Cost is nothing
 - Must live in Worcester County
 - Brother Jim has application
 - Submission end date is 22 March 2024
- **Report**
 - FN reviewed the current prayer list
 - SK Tom Foglesong – knee surgery
 - Dottie Tumminello – broken wrist and back issues
 - Dottie thanks everyone for all the prayers
 - Don McClane – back surgery
 - SK Carl Windmiller -- fall
 - FN asked to keep in our prayers those who recently passed
 - SK Gene Dore
 - SK Bill Link
 - SK Lou David
 - SK John Staley
 - SK John McDermott
- **Unfinished Business Faithful Navigator**
 - FN ask SK Wayne Straight to talk about *Operation We Care*
 - FN stated Assembly donated \$250 to Tunnel to Towers
 - FN completed Last Twenty Year Report/Accomplishments (2010 to 2020)
 - Input from several long-time SKs, e.g., Wayne Straight, Jim Stone

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- FN stated
 - “We do more than we think”
 - “Positive look as to who we are”
 - Copies are available
- Upcoming Events
 - St. Patrick’s Day Lunch/Dinner
 - 16 March in Columbus Hall
 - 12 noon doors open
 - Cost \$15
 - Bar open
 - Food ordered – 1st class, seasoned corn beef
 - Need help – sign up sheet on rear table
 - Jack Kelly already signed-up
 - Clean up crew need -- 4 in hall; 2 in kitchen
 - Fr. Jennings okayed flyer inserts into Church bulletin
 - Short paragraph several weeks prior to flyer insert
 - Parade
 - SKs Eddie Mardaga and Richard Thomas – POCs
 - Sign up sheet in back of hall
 - Walk or ride
 - 4 or 5 in car
 - 4 or 5 to carry banner and flag
- Operation We Care – SK Wayne Straight
 - Organization out of Salisbury, Maryland
 - Supply support to troop with concentration overseas
 - Snack foods, tooth brushes, etc. – See list sent out
 - Collection Box in hallway with colored sign
 - Money accepted to defray postage cost
- Ukraine Support – Dan Reynolds
 - Recap of K of C-St. Luke’s support last year
 - Pictures in back of hall – 2 years of war this week
 - Support to troop
 - Drone
 - Power of Prayer
 - Auction/Fundraiser
 - ACH \$60,000 medical supplies
 - Needed supplies – list distributed via email last month
 - Box in hall for donations – goods and money accepted
- Council News – GK Jim Matthews
 - Special emergency Food Drive for Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) – great success
 - 140 bags of food, \$2150 in cash, checks and food cards
 - St. Luke’s 50/50 winner donated winnings to SVdP
 - Next Food Drive in March or April
- FP SK Richard Thomas
 - Blood Drive 27 March 2024
 - MBSS Basketball Challenge 23 February 2024
- SK Jim Stone – St. Luke’s Golf Tournament/Banquet

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- Check with Irish-American club-OC mayor about parameters
- Per SK Wayne Straight K of C lead the largest parade in Savannah
- Exemplification for 4th Degree
- Golf Tournament
 - 29 May 2024 -- Bayside
 - Need 4-some
 - FN Tom Herwig coordinating effort
 - Cost \$125 per person

Adjournment:

- FN asked the symbols of the 4th Degree
 - FP – Flag of our Country
 - FA – Sword
 - FC -- Cross
- SK Wayne Straight led the group in the *Hail Mary* followed by the singing of *The Star Spangled Banner*
- FN announced the next meeting date – 14 March
- FN closed the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

50/50 Winner

- SK George Ward -- \$33.00

Comment:

- FS SK Tom Pergola thanks SK Joe Zanetti for recording these minutes so he could write these meeting minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
SK Thomas Pergola, Faithful Scribe