

Assembly Meeting Minutes 14 March 2024

Call to Order:

- FN SK Thomas Herwig opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. asking the Inner and Outer Sentinels to assume their posts and all Faithful Officers to take their positions
- FN asked the SK Wayne Straight, substituting for the Faithful Pilot for SK Charlie Bell, to confirm that all present had possession of proper 3rd and 4th degree membership cards
 - SK Straight certified all present had proper 3rd and 4th degree membership cards
- FN asked Faithful Scribe SK Tom Pergola to call the roll
 - FS 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 (absent)– represented by SK Wayne Straight
 - Patriotism
 - Faithful Captain SK Tom Foglesong
 - 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 Saluting the Flag and singing the ode *God Bless America*
- FN asked SK Wayne Straight to lead the group in the *Our Father*

Meeting Opened for Transaction of Business:

- FN declared the Assembly Meeting as officially opened for transaction of business.

Reports:

- **Faithful Friar**
 - Excused-NTR

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- **Faithful Scribe**
 - Reading/Status of the 15 February 2023 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
 - Minutes reviewed and accepted as written
 - Bills
 - NTR
 - Communications
 - NTR
- **Faithful Comptroller** (SK Tom Anderson)
 - Membership Stats
 - 120 members as of today
 - 10 members in arrears
- **Faithful Purser** (SK Richard Thomas) – contact FP for information
 - Bills
 - All paid up to date
 - FN comments Assembly has approximately \$11K

FN Committee Reviews

- **Follow-up on Veterans' Committee (SK Charlie Bell's Suggestion)**
 - Volunteers for committee
 - No meeting scheduled to date
 - Schedule meeting before next Assembly Meeting (11 April 2024)
 - Kick off meeting with ideas to reach out to the public
 - EMTs, firemen, veterans, community support organizations
 - More alternatives and productive ideas in the Veterans' Arena
 - SK Wayne Straight to touch base with Veterans' Group in Milford
- **Other Committee Reports**
 - FN no other committees

FN Report

- FN looking ahead—what's in front of us
 - St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - Email sent to all members and will send notice of parade again via email
 - SK Richard Thomas
 - Meet 10 a.m. at Columbus Hall
 - Carpool to staging site
 - Two cars and truck
 - If rain, parade is cancelled
 - GK Jim Matthews
 - Ocean City Police will be out in full force this weekend
 - No tolerance for drinking and driving
 - Corned Beef Luncheon and Dinner
 - Starting at 12 noon
 - Set-up starts at 10 a.m.
 - Thirteen already volunteered to help

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- FN looking for more help
- SK Richard Thomas will bring in round table after Bingo
- Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will have raffle table
 - Ten members sitting together
 - Five Hundred Dollar raffle-no conflict with K of C event
- Corned Beef Dinner or Corned Beef Sandwiches \$15
- Ladies will help at register and serving line
- Operation We Care – Collection for Our Troops
 - Collection Bin at entrance of Columbus Hall
 - No time limit for collection of items
 - Playing Cards
 - Snacks
 - Incidentals
 - List of items on bin, distributed via email and on Operation We Care website
 - Full bin will be delivered to Operation We Care in Salisbury
 - Checks accepted – make payee Operation We Care
- Ukraine Program
 - Member designed –SK Dan Reynolds
 - Need medical products, underwear, socks – list distributed via email
 - Dr. Zarif of AGH getting big ticket medical items
 - Checks accepted
 - Make check payee Dan Reynolds
 - K of C can't write donation checks to non 5013c programs/efforts
- Reminder of Veteran Banners on OC Boardwalk
 - Active or retired military are illegible
 - Cost is nothing
 - Must live in Worcester County
 - Assembly POCs FN Tom Herwig and SK Jim Stone
 - Brother Jim Stone has application
 - Submission end date is 22 March 2024
- Golf Tournament 29 May 2024
 - Have 3 foursomes
 - Could use 4 more golfers
 - Titleist Bag donated for silent auction
- GK Jim Matthews Report –Next Food For Families Drive
 - 13-14 April 2024 at St. Luke's
 - Need additional help
 - St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)
 - Well stocked after Emergency Food Drive – amazing effort from all donors
 - Will close down during summer months
 - FN will check with SVdP for its specific need
 - GK will check to see which specific organization needs food

Unfinished Business Faithful Navigator

- No admissions/new members
- Parade
- SK Wayne Straight suggested/requested

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- Two flag carriers and two banner carriers for St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Parade Attendees were 'Street Clothes' with K of C Emblem

New Business

- Fr. Jennings Presentation -- time as Chaplain for Police in Kent County
 - Presentation open to both Assembly , Council and Parishioners
 - On a Wednesday **TBD**
 - Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - Invite Council and Assembly members, Ladies Aux and parishioners
 - FN to talk to Kevin about food
- Ladies' Bingo – 17 April 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in Columbus Hall
- Community Supper – 24 April 2024
- GK Report
 - Working on 3rd Degree Report
 - Ladies holding Lenten Service
 - 20 March 2024 at 1 p.m. in Columbus Hall for 1 hour
 - Open to all (Knights)
 - Easter Party
 - 10 a.m. Easter Sunday
 - In Columbus Hall
 - Good turn for Fr. McGivney Founder's Day Mass
 - Over 30 Knights
 - Fr. Jennings homily was on point
 - Over 20 Knights attended breakfast at Country Side
 - FC SK Tom Foglesong Report
 - Call from Brother Harry Davis requesting prayers for his wife in the hospital
 - FC thank all the Brothers for their prayers and thoughts after his recent surgery

Adjournment:

- FN asked the emblems of the 4th Degree
 - FP – Flag
 - 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 – **11 April 2024**
 - Reading of Slate of Officers for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year
- FN closed the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

50/50 Winner

- SK Eddie Mardaga -- \$15.00

Respectfully submitted,
SK Thomas Pergola, Faithful Scribe