



## Assembly Meeting Minutes 19 September 2023

### Call to Order:

- FN SK Thomas Herwig opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and singing *God Bless America*.
- SK Wayne Straight led the group in the Our Father

### Attendance:

- Faithful Scribe, SK Thomas Pergola called the roll.

DATE 19 SEPTEMBER 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 <sup>rd</sup> Yr SK Joseph Lazzari	X		
Trustee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr SK James Stone PCK, PFN	X		
Trustee	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr SK Joseph Gangi PGK, PFN	X		

### Reports:

- **Faithful Friar:**
  - NTR
- **Faithful Scribe:**
  - 10 August 2023 Meeting Minutes
    - Reviewed and Accepted as written
  - Bills:
    - NTR
  - Communications:
    - NTR
- **Faithful Comptroller:**
  - 124 members
  - All dues collect
  - Report of Services dues at end of the year, e.g., Eucharist Ministers, users, bingo, etc
    - SK Thomas Anderson requested all SK to email him their hours of services before the end of the year



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- **Faithful Purser:** contact FP for information
  
- **Trustees:**
  - NTR
  
- **Faithful Navigator:**
  - New Master: SK James Duryee
  - Fourth Degree Exemplification:
    - per Master SK James Duryee, Exemplifications cannot be remote; they must be in person per amended guidelines
    - Next Exemplification in Towson, Maryland (14 October 2023)
    - Following Exemplification in Fredrick, Maryland
    - SK James Duryee is working on having a team come to the Eastern Shore for Exemplifications
      - Together Assemblies of Pocomoke, Salisbury and Ocean City would have twenty (20) persons ready to make the step up to 4<sup>th</sup> degree
    - FN SK Thomas Herwig said 'communications' are key so he will reach out to all 3<sup>rd</sup> degree candidates qualified to stepping up
      - FN asked if you are comfortable asking a qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> member to make the step to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, please do and let the FN know
    - GK SK James Matthews will include a similar request in his next weekly update/announcements
    - Current number from Dale Shepard for Council #9053 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights eligible is around one hundred (100)
  - Memorial Mass for Gene Dore
    - 04 November 2023 (Saturday) 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Luke's
    - Several Knights attended his Mass in Catonsville, Maryland
  - Memorial Mass for Veteran's Day
    - 10 November 2023 (Friday) SK Wayne Straight will set out flags
      - Any Knight willing to help, please contact SK Wayne Straight
    - 11 November 2023 (Saturday) 9 a.m. Mass at St. Luke's
      - Short ceremony outside by statue following Mass
      - Breakfast at local restaurant
  - Memorial Mass for deceased Council/Assembly members
    - 16 November 2023 (Thursday) at 4 p.m. at St. Luke's
    - SK Fr. Martin will be the celebrant
    - Invitation to widows
    - SK Joseph Lazzari requested if any Knights know a widow, please contact her and invite her to attend or if you want just email her name to him and he will contact her
    - Community Supper following the Mass (5 p.m.) at Columbus Hall
      - Italian Night theme
  - Christmas Party
    - 06 December 2023 (Wednesday)
    - Details TBD
  - Annual Retreat
    - 3 – 5 November 2023 at Malvern, Pennsylvania
    - POC SK Richard Thomas



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- Theme TBA
- Prayers
  - FN requested that we remember in our prayers
    - SK Thomas Irwin's wife, Susan, as she goes through cancer treatment
    - Peggy O'Malley's brother Patrick
    - SK Don Kyle
- Seas the Day Report
  - SK Wayne Straight reported 12 Knights and wives participated
  - Knights held sign 'thanking' veterans for their service
  - Both SK Wayne Straight and FN SK Thomas Herwig said it was very touching experience
- Old and/or New Business
  - SK Wayne Straight -- Christmas cards for the Military
    - Needs computer help to locate drop-off points
      - SK Kenneth Hidenfelter and SK John Sharkey volunteered
    - Would like help writing notes
    - SK Joseph Gangi suggested make an announcement from the pulpit
  - SK Richard Thomas
    - Blood Drive 16 October 2023 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
    - Wreaths Across America
      - 16 December 2023 (Saturday)
      - 10:30 a.m. at Veterans' Cemetery in Millsboro, Delaware
      - Carpool from Harris Teeters in Selbyville, Delaware
      - Presented motion of purchasing 20 wreaths (20 really equates to 50)
        - SK Joseph Kostelac seconded the motion
  - SK Charles McCready
    - Thanked all Brother Knights who helped ushering at 5 p.m. Mass on Sundays
  - GK SK James Matthews
    - Silver Bar Report
      - \$5,380 total sales
        - \$5,000 to Local Charities
          - \$1,000 – Joseph House
          - \$1,000 -- Seton House
          - \$ 500 – G.O.L.D. of Worcester County
          - \$ 500 – Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health (GCMWH)
          - \$ 500 – St. Peter's Lutheran In From the Cold Program
          - \$ 500 – St. Vincent de Paul
          - \$1,000 – Village of Hope
          - \$ 380 – Council #9053
        - \$ 800 – Council #9053 Cost of Effort
          - \$ 420 Actual Cost to Council (\$800 - \$380)
        - Winner – Debbie Sharkey drawn by Father Jennings
        - Silver Bar donated by SK Richard Lamarre and his wife
      - 911 Breakfast
        - Profit of \$616 donated to Tunnel to Towers
        - SK Wayne Straight mentions that the gross sales (\$911) from the Breakfast



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- Seafood Nights
  - 2022 – 10 weeks profit of \$10,634
  - 2023 -- 9 weeks profit of \$10,972
- SK Wayne Straight's bike ride update
  - 2,800 miles to date
- Knight Gear for Council/Assembly
  - SK Joseph Gangi advised all Knights to visit OCMonogram.com to see the array of fabrics and colors
  - Council/Assembly is not making any profit from these sales
  - Order Forms will be available
- Project/Program Suggestions
  - FN SK Thomas Herwig asked member to provide suggestions for speakers, places to visit and another options which support 'Patriotism'
  - Suggestions from floor
    - Coast Guard Station in OC – SK Richard Thomas
    - Picnic for Veterans – SK Charles Bell
    - Wallops Island and NASA Museum -- SK Kenneth Hidenfelter
    - Camp Henlopen-Fort Miles – SK Joseph Gangi
    - Baltimore writer/author, Christopher Russell, of *Battle of Turkey Thicket* in memoriam of Philip Thomas Hughes – FN SK Thomas Herwig
      - FN will try to schedule it for the 19 October meeting
      - Short business meeting followed by Russell's talk
      - Book Sale -- \$14

### Adjournment:

- SK Wayne Straight led the group in the Hail Mary followed by the singing of The Star Spangled Banner
- FN SK Thomas Herwig announced the next meeting date – 19 October 2023
- FN SK Thomas Herwig ended the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

### 50/50 Winner

- SK Donald McClaine

Respectfully submitted:

SK Thomas Pergola, Faithful Scribe