

Assembly Meeting Minutes 09 November 2023

Call to Order:

- FN SK Thomas Herwig opened the meeting at 6:31 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 confirmed all present had proper 3rd and 4th degree membership cards
- FN SK asked 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
 - 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 recite the Pledge of Allegiance, sing the ode *God Bless America* and salute the Flag
- SK Wayne Straight led the group in the *Our Father*

Reports:

- **Faithful Friar**
 - Excused-NTR
- **Faithful Scribe**
 - 19 October 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - Distributed via emailed to 4th degree members
 - Reviewed and Accepted as written
 - Bills
 - NTR



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- Communications
 - NTR
- **Faithful Comptroller** (SK Tom Anderson)
 - All dues up to date -- 123 paid members
 - Lost one member, SK John McDermott
 - Notice of 2024 dues
 - Distribution in December
 - **FN Report**
 - Last week and next week several funerals/memorial
 - John McDermott Mass 03 November
 - Gene Dore Memorial 04 November
 - Joe Mulholland Mass 06 November
- **Faithful Purser** (SK Richard Thomas) – contact FP for information
 - Motion to purchase 7-months CD
 - Interest Rate of 4.71% at PNC Bank
 - FN asked for a vote on purchasing a CD
 - Motion seconded by SK Bruce Coons
 - Voting – all ‘yeahs’
- **Color Corp/Honor Guard Discussion**
 - Color Corp must have **new** uniform
 - Old Color Corp uniform **NOT** coming back
 - Wearing partial uniform not allowed; penalty of expulsion from the Order
 - Council and Assembly each offer \$100 to subsidize purchase of new uniform
 - SK Chuck McCreary is the only Knight to purchase new uniform
 - Suggestion for Council and Assembly to reimburse him
 - SK McCreary does not want reimbursement
 - Discussion about new uniform
 - Majority of members against it
 - FN would like to see a mixture of new uniform and tuxedo
 - Several minutes discussion why and why not the new uniform
 - Honor Guard can wear tuxedo with social baldric and white gloves
 - Majority agreed to Honor Guard vice Color Corp
 - Honor Guard at request of family can stand guard during wake/funeral
 - FN Tom Herwig to summarize discussion and create sign-up sheet for Honor Guard purpose
- **Deviation from Officer Reports-Current Happenings -- Faithful Navigator**
 - FN asked SK Wayne Straight to report on:
 - Veterans Day Memorial Mass and Ceremony
 - Mass 9:00 a.m. 10 November
 - Ceremony outside following Mass
 - SK Tom Anderson this year’s honoree
 - Christmas Cards for Service Members
 - Write a personal note
 - Bike Ride for Tunnels to Towers at 3400 miles on target for 4000 miles
 - FN reported on Retreats
 - Two held 03 to 05 November
 - Malvern (Pennsylvania) – three attendees
 - Loyola on the Potomac – four attendees



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- FN talked about Christmas Party
 - SK Joe Gangi -- collecting money and keeper of floor plan/seating
 - Round and Square Tables (8 and 12 people per table)
 - Party 06 December (Wednesday) from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Columbus Hall
 - DJ secured
 - Basket of Wine Raffle with a limited number of Restaurant Gift Cards
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Extra gift cards continue to draw after 50/50
 - Accepting gift cards in any amount
 - Presented the Menu
 - \$45 per person
 - Christmas Tie Contest
 - Count of attendees needed by 27 November
- Memorial Mass
 - 16 November at 4 p.m. at St. Luke's
 - Fr. Martin - celebrant
 - Spouses of this year's deceased invited; will be given rose
 - Tuxedo with social baldric or Suit dress of the day
 - GK Jim Matthews presented list of deceased members with SKs to announce 'absent'

Sir Knight

SK Chuck Burnett
 SK Deacon Joe Cararro
 SK Jim Crabill
 SK Neil Foote
 FN Tom Herwig
 SK Eddie Mardaga
 SK Steve Mastbrook
 SK Tom Pergola
 SK Jim Stone

Deceased

SK John McDermott
 Fr. Aigner
 SK John Staley
 SK William Taylor
 SK Bill Link
 SK Eugene Dore
 SK Joseph Colantuoni
 SK (Lawrence) Joseph Mulholland
 SK James Ebel

- Ring one bell for each name
- Dinner to follow at 5 p.m. at Columbus Hall (following Deceased Knights' Mass)
 - Spouses our guests for dinner
- Wreaths across America
 - 16 December 10 a.m. at Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro, Delaware
 - Carpool from Harris Teeter on 54 at 9 a.m.
 - Park on right of parking lot
- Planning trip to Veterans Memorial Park, Ocean Pines (Berlin), Maryland more to follow

● Grand Knight

- Need help tearing down and setting up hall
 - Tearing down -- 10 November at 9:30 p.m.
 - Setting up -- 11 November at 5:45 p.m.



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Adjournment:

- 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 – 06 December 2023 (Christmas Party)
- FN closed the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

50/50 Winner

- SK Joe Zanetti

Respectfully submitted:

SK Thomas Pergola, Faithful Scribe