

Council 7525 Meeting Minutes

13 January 2022

1. Call to Order

Grand Knight Mike Bullock opened the meeting at 6:55 PM. Present, in person, were 10 officers, and five other members, including the State Deputy. Worthy Treasurer, Three Year Trustee, and Lecturer attended on Zoom, along with two other members. (Worthy Advocate, and Outside Guard did not attend). Total attendance was 20.

2. Opening Prayer

Chaplain Fr. Naples led the opening prayer with the Lord's Prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Grand Knight Mike Bullock led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting (9 December 2021) were transmitted to all members. Motion made by Dick Stevens and seconded by Tom O'Donovan to accept the minutes as provided. All in favor, no opposed.

5. Chaplain's Message

Chaplain did not have any more comments to add to what Bishop Coyne presented to the council prior to the meeting.

6. Grand Knights Report (See the Minutes and the Newsletter.)

- Our Council continues to conduct a First Friday Holy Hour. The next will be on 4 FEB at 3PM.
- Check the Newsletter for opportunities to serve. (Aspire Together, Age Well). SJV needs ushers for weekend masses. Contact Bro. Jeff Lindemann at 985-2122.
- The Website Development Team evaluation ongoing. They recently met with the GK and Webmaster on Zoom. Charlie Brown and Tom Gravelin added that the website is improving based on contributing comments and suggestions.
- Please get your Form 1728a Individual Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity in ASAP.
- The St Joseph Icon is upstairs on the post by the altar at SJV for adoration and intercession. It will be here until 17 JAN 22.

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- We need members to speak to the congregations next weekend at the Masses at our Churches to appeal for new members. Just say a few words from your heart that communicates why you love to be a Knight. Then we should have members willing to speak to prospects after Mass and hand out information cards/Form 100s after the service.
- Two opportunities for exemplification on 18 JAN 22. One at St Joseph sponsored by Burlington Council 279 will be at 5:30 PM. Try to make it and show your support for Cullen Bullard. If you are still a 1st Degree, this is an opportunity to become a 3rd Degree Member. Just let us know to expect your attendance. The second ceremony is in Milton at 7 PM. Details in the Newsletter.
- Our semi-annual audit is due on 15 FEB 2022. Trustees stated they would meet to complete the audit at the next officer's meeting.
- Stand by for opportunities to help us take down the Keep Christ in Christmas signs and put away the SJV creche.
- The Rally for Life march is 22 JAN 2022 in Montpelier, VT. See the Newsletter for details. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine at 9:30 AM (Rosary at 9 AM) followed by a march to the State Capital steps. GK will present a check of \$700.00 to the RTL committee at this time. A luncheon (\$20) will follow at the Capital Plaza Hotel afterward. GK has one extra lunch ticket available.

7. Financial Reports

Financial Secretary:

- Reported that investment account stands at \$519,737.26
- \$780.00 has been received for 3rd degree dues and approx. \$140.00 has been received for 4th degree dues. Second wave of reminders will be sent soon.
- Flowers were ordered for Beverly Newman, Ray Newman's widow.

Treasurer report

- Checking Acct. balance is \$19,944.00.

8. Membership Report

No new members reported at this time.

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9. Other Reports

Insurance Agent (Not Present)

District Deputy (Not Present)

Committee Reports: None

Fourth Degree Report: None

10. Unfinished Business (motions carried over from previous meetings)

1. Installation of our stone in front of SJV - To be completed in the spring.
Will need site work, base preparation, and movement.
2. Sign repair at SJV (and St Jude's)

11. New Business

WARNINGS

Vermont Right to Life Education Fund
01/09/2022

Shall Council 7525 authorize payment of the budgeted amount of \$700 to the RTL Education Fund? Check to be presented at the RTL March on 22 JAN 22 in Montpelier, VT.

Motioned By: Rick Gravelin Seconded By: Dick Labrecque

Discussion: None Motion passed unanimously

Council 7525 Church Bulletin Ads
01/09/2022

Will Council 7525 authorize the expenditure of \$880 for the placement of strategic Ads in the bulletins of St Jude, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and St. Catherine of Siena every week for one year as recommended by the officers?

Motioned By: Dave Martin Seconded By: Ted Barrett

Discussion: Dick Stevens noted that this expenditure will consume 1/3 of the available discretionary funds and questioned if advisable given that this had

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not been successful in attracting new members when attempted several years ago at SJV parish. SJV parish will not be included in this expenditure.

Brad Chenette asked if ad could be included with electronic delivery of weekly bulletin (for free). Fr. Tim stated that this would be possible provided we do not change/add to the printed version of the bulletin.

Call to vote resulted 16 For and 4 Against. Motion passed.

Knights of Columbus Catholic Ministries
Advisory Fund
01/09/2022

At the request of our Bishop, Most Reverend Christopher Coyne, will Council 7525 make a pledge in the sacrificial amount of \$100,000 to the KofC Catholic Ministries Advisory Fund to support Catholic Education, St. Joseph's Residential Care Home and other apostolic needs as advised by a board of fellow Knights?

Motioned By: Jay Benson

Seconded By: Brad Chenette

Discussion: In his motion, Jay Benson recommended a donation of \$50,000.00 in January followed by \$10,000.00 on each of the first day of March, May, July, September, and November.

- Brad Chenette asked if other councils had been approached yet and what their response was. State Deputy stated that only So. Burlington and Winooski had been approached and that other councils would not be approached or notified until the bishop's personal appeal at the next State Convention in May. The intent of this approach will give the bishop an opportunity to ask other councils to join the So. Burlington and Winooski pledges.
- Fr. Tim stated that 2 other councils may be asked to join prior to the State Convention but all other councils would not be made aware of this until the State Convention.
- Brad Chenette also asked how this contribution would be reflected in the charitable funds we report on the annual fraternal survey. The council will be able to claim the initial donation as a "council donation", but all funds disbursed in later years (from interest earned) would be known as a Vermont Knights of Columbus charitable donation.
- A suggestion was made that a photo presentation be made with the bishop but not publish the photo until just before the State Convention.

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Call to vote resulted in 19 For, None against and One abstention.

Camp TKT Chair Tom Gravelin stated that he would call the first meeting for the next Super Bingo. Decision to hold a bingo or silent auction will be made by March.

Jay Benson raised the issue of interment of deceased member Patrick Benner's ashes. Space in the Resurrection Park Columbarium is available for about \$2,000.00 (including engraving). Another suggestion was made to consider the veteran's cemetery in Randolph (free). Bro. Jay stated he would look at that option.

12. Good of the Order

The following members and families were recognized for their service:

Knight of the Month Award; Jeffrey Lindemann.

Family of the Month Award; Charles and Karen Brown.

13. Lecturer's Reflection (optional)

Lecturer gave a short dissertation on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American saint, followed with the song *Prayer of St. Francis*. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the founder of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph in the early 19th century.

14. Grand Knight's Summary

If you need something-call one of us or call the office.

If you are doing good works, let our Program manager, Ted Barrett know about it for our Star Council Award.

Great calendar year! Thank you. Get your Form 1728a in so I can aggregate it before the 31st of January 22.

Please volunteer to speak to your parish congregation next weekend about why you are still a Knight.

State Deputy Comments

- State Deputy stated how proud he was to consider St. John Vianney 7525 as his home council following the strong approval of the bishop's request.

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- State Deputy pointed to a Knights of Columbus ad on the inside cover of the Vt. Catholic Magazine and how it has been instrumental in generating interest in membership in the Order. Ads can work.
- The new Ultrasound van will be at St. John Vianney parish on May 2 at 11AM for a blessing by Bishop Coyne. All are encouraged to attend.
- The theme of this year's state convention is "The Power of Fatherhood"
- Keep up the good work.

15. Closing Prayer

Prayer Requests

Gary Howe and Family, the Family of the late Paul Pouliot, Christopher Haley (homeless veteran), Parker Yvonne Lyon (Granddaughter of Tom Gravelin) and mom and dad Ellen and Garrett, sister Clara Lynn, Patricia Brown, Patricia Stevens, Amy and her mother (22 year old woman fighting cancer at Dana-Farber), Kevin and Chad Limoge, Vickie Linton (relative of DD3), George Stevens, James Read, Richard Waite, Robert Morris, Gene Tofferi, Mike and Pam Audette, Joe Myers and Family, Jeffrey Claude Danis and family, Tom Westropp, Andrew Bolognani, PSD/PGK Don Sutton, repose of the soul of Ray Newman & the Newman family, Ray Miller, Stuart Fath, David Bullock (chemotherapy), Yvonne Gravelin, Harold Ponto, Wally Rooney, PGK Bob Audette, Bob Wilkens, Gerry Malavenda, Ed and Theresa Curtiss, all clergy and religious, victims and families of COVID-19, First Responders, and for new Members to join the Order.

Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney was led by Chaplain Fr. Naples.

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 favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

16. Adjournment

Grand Knight Mike Bullock declared adjournment at 8:18 PM.