**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by GK Mike Bullock at 6:30 PM. Total members present: 17. Thirteen in person and 4 on Zoom. All officers were present except Treasurer, Inside Guard, Trustee Gravelin (excused) and Recorder Michaud (excused).

**2. Opening Prayer**

Opening prayers (Vespers) led by Chaplain Fr. Tim Naples.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance (USA)**

Pledge of Allegiance led by GK Mike Bullock.

**4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Motion to accept minutes of 13 April meeting made by Dave Martin and seconded by Dave Bean.

No changes were requested, and minutes were unanimously approved.

**5. Chaplain’s Message**

The Chaplain thanked all for praying vespers. Pointed out the “Glory Be” was actually different.

Chaplain suggested watching video wherein the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly welcomed all to the convention this year. GK interjected that the link was in the Newsletter. Convention photos are also available at a link in the Newsletter.

Father quoted a survey that found that there is great devotion among young Catholics, between 18 and 45 who tend to be more active. In other words, if these people practiced the precepts of the Church, they tended to do more than the minimum and sought additional opportunities. This may be a group we could target for membership in the Knights.

Supreme re-dedicated the Order to Our Lady of Guadalupe. As a devotee to her, Father Naples was very happy about this.

**6. Grand Knights Report**

See the Newsletter that was emailed to you yesterday. (Newsletter done on Website) for past and future events, information of interest, details about Warnings and opportunities to serve.

St Jude and St Catherine are looking to have us help with BBQs this summer.

Council First Friday Holy Hour: 2 JUN at 1500 (3 PM). Meet at 2:50 in basement to assign decades for scripture Rosary. **New Eucharist focused program from Fr. Naples**

Next home-cooked dinner will be 13 July. Jay Benson will make maple baked beans and Steve Shover will bring potato salad. The Council will provide hotdogs and hamburgers for a BBQ outside.

We are eating pizza and salad at the June Business meeting at St Marks (8 June). We will donate $100 to use the lanes. Wives and girlfriends are welcome-not both.

We need to approve the slate of officers and a budget at that meeting.

The Trustees are working on a slate of officers and an annual budget. All officers have agreed to another year except Chris Johnson (inside guard). Dave Martin to follow-up with him. Pete Gadue volunteered if Chris says “no”. Brad has Budget Info from Treasurer for Trustees to consider. Should have rough number at June Officer Meeting.

Thank you for all condolences and Masses for David Bullock (5 at SJV and 5 at St. Jude) and Andrew Bolognani (5 at his home church)

Officers approved paying for Fr. Zuccaro’ meal at the convention. Money (about $76 to be paid to Mike Rouleau.

DGK reported on convention. Supreme has updated their call center to make it easier to get to the correct party. The State Council decided to pay liability insurance for all Councils considering reduced numbers (Only those who are active). Councils were paying $249/year. Per capita “tax” has increased to $8.25 for each paying member.

Pastors and/or Chaplains may be able to identify potential new members for recruiting.

Membership and Retention. Still need 8 new members.

Only 45% of council members have paid dues this year.

COR (heart) meeting is a new initiative from Supreme. Like a Men’s Night with monthly meetings and prayer. Would meet once a month and can be emceed by anyone in the K of C.

Anchor Award was won by Monsignor Routhier.

According to Fr Naples, Fr John Feltz, who won the first Fr. McGivney Award for Outstanding Service as a Local Chaplain was well-deserving; “50 years a good priest, a veteran, and a great local chaplain to his council”.

Lots of applications this year for state awards, our council didn't get any this year.

**7. Financial Report**

**Worthy Financial Secretary** reported the Morgan Stanley Value of $366,076.54. This was after we took an $11,500 withdrawal to complete this year’s budget and buy Bingo Equipment. Worthy SJV Bingo Committee chair Ray Michaud will begin purchase upon return from vacation.

**The Worthy Treasurer** was not present but reported:

Council Bank Balance: $15,671.64 As of: 05/04/2023

Bingo Checking Balance: $25,204.93 As of: 05/04/2023.

**8. Membership Report** None

**9. Other Reports**

**Super Bingo Committee.**  Worthy FS Charles Brown reported on behalf of excused Super Bingo Chairman Tom Gravelin that the date for next year’s Super Bingo was tentatively set for April 21st, 2024. The date is not locked in.

Anticipated total payment to Camp Ta Kum Ta of $30,000. Our final portion to be $11,200 with large check made out for $30k. Due to busy schedule at CTKT, Don Sutton, Tome Gravelin and Charles Brown will arrange presentation at CTKT soon.

Worthy Warden jay Benson recommended we invest in a new Super Bingo Banner. The current one is worn and difficult to see from the road. Jay will research the cost of the banner for the next Officer Meeting. Sign-A-Rama was suggested vendor.

**Insurance Agent (When Present) N/A**

**District Deputy (When present) N/A**

**~~State Deputy (When Present)~~ N/A**

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

##### Other Business

15 June - Rick Gravelin is looking to do a barbeque at the Pines after their monthly Mass. Will require two members. Dave Martin volunteered to be one.

Bowling alley at ST Marks will get $100 from council. Doors open at 5 PM.

Tootsie Roll Drive - Discussed possible dates, Going back to Als and Dunkin Donuts one day on a Saturday. Mike suggested we could do it in July, with 2 people at hot times. Churches we can go to anytime. Father Tim says anything in August except the first weekend. Ted will email Father about the date.

10 Nov - Craft Fair at SJV. Will need some guys to wrangle tables and chairs for that. More info to follow.

19 Aug - Ted is working on the Special People’s Beach Boy party (Gravelin Brothers are rehearsing) May want to do August 6 to use the SJV BBQ (5 AUG) Tent. Share the cost. Ted will check with the Gravelin Brothers availability.

KTK Bingo - Irene working on thank you letters.

Valerie Parzyck would like the Knights to sponsor and cook a “breakfast for dinner” event on July 20. She is looking for volunteers to cook for the Totus Tuus program. SJV will shop and buy the food. More to follow.

Birthright wants us to sponsor and cook a Chicken BBQ on OCT 7. “Valerie Parzyck (vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org) who is the Director of Birthright, will need to indicate the expected nature and size of this fundraising meal.” More to follow.

We are going to sponsor and cook a fish fry on 16 FEB, the 1st Friday of Lent 2024.

“The Baby Bottle Drive is happening now in St John Vianney Parish. We expect hundreds, maybe $1,000+ to be donated to Aspire Now. The chaplain will report to the Council and invite a submission for the ASAP Program. (Council 7525 already qualified/obtained $100 for Aspire Now through ASAP) The council can claim another $300 if, with our help as Knights, the baby Bottle Drive tops $1,500. “

**11. New Business (new motions)**

ST Catherine’s has a Shelburne Beach BBQ scheduled July 9th. The Worthy Warden is going to pursue possibly using that venue for future events. He thinks this is a great idea due to the nice location and the fact Shelburne is building a brand new $500,000 beach house.

Jay is going to see what it might take to for him as a resident and member of St. Catherine's to use this facility to plan an event like:  a family KofC BBQ, a special people’s beach party, a combined St. Catherine’s BBQ with a KofC family day and a recruiting program rolling in the 3 parishes and prospective new Knights.

Jay talked about doing a special peoples party at St Catherine's or another type of party. Jay is still thinking about how to utilize this area. Tough to use for special people due to wheelchairs and band in the sand. Pete Gadue is on the Health Rec Dept and will investigate utilization.

Betsy Stevens, (no relation to Dick) would like our help moving furniture. Need a pick-up and two people. Dave Martin volunteered. GK said he could if no one else steps forward.

**12. Good of the Order**

Knight of the Month Award; APR: Chris Johnson

#### Family of the Month Award; APR: Tom and Laurie Gravelin

**13. Lecturer’s Reflection (optional**)

St. Rita of Cascia (feast day May 22) and the song *Our Lady of Fatima.*

**9C State Deputy (When Present)** N/A

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

If you need something or know of someone needing a visit, call one of us or call the office.

Make time to visit our Knights who are ill or shut in.

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

We need 8 new members to qualify for Star Council. Do you have the Invitation Cards in your wallet? Do you encourage Catholic Men to Join our council?

Please consider saying the Rosary Daily.

**15. Closing Prayer**

**The following prayer intentions were entered.**

*Arlene, sister of a council member*, Zak Bigelow, Pope Francis*,* Chris Barrett (recently lost wife), Mrs. Jackie Crosby, Michelle Poquette, An Anonymous Member in distress, Niko Limnos and Family*,* Most Reverend Christopher Coyne, Mother-in-law of Ronnie Sweet, Bill Curtin, Rev. Msgr. Peter Routhier, William Cannon and Family, Michael Gravelin*,*Mark and Paulette Noyes and Family (esp. Levi age 5),John O’ Brien, Cheryl Allain, Andy Corologos*,* Claire Myers and Carol Alfred (cancer),Russell Waite*,* Kelly Jackson *(daughter of late PGK Jeff Jackson),* PFN Bill Ladd*,* PGK Bernie Hemond*,* Marilyn LeCount, Cher Racine*,* Dick and Sandy Stevens, Joe Donegan, Beth-Ann Prendergast, Mariette Nadeau, Jeff and Kay Jarvis, Tom Gravelin, Rick Gravelin, Chuck Schifilliti, Gerry Seney*,* Robert Gravelin, Keith Marston, Sue Cottrell, Gary Howe and Family, Parker Yvonne Lyon (Granddaughter of Tom Gravelin) and mom and dad Ellen and Garrett, sister Clara Lynn, Amy and her mother, (22 year old woman fighting cancer at Dana-Farber), Kevin and Chad Limoge, Vickie Linton, George Stevens, James Read, Richard Waite, Gene Tofferi, Mike and Pam Audette, Joe Myers and Family, Jeffrey Claude Danis and family, PSD/PGK Don Sutton, PGK Ray Miller, Stuart Fath, Harold Ponto, Wally Rooney, Bob Wilkens, Ed and Theresa Curtiss, one anonymous brother knight, the people of Ukraine and an end to the war, the Families of all of our faithfully departed brothers, friends and relatives, all clergy and religious, victims and families of COVID-19, First Responders, peace in Eastern Europe, that pregnant women will choose life, and for new Members to join the Order.

Pray also for all the victims who have died in the Ukraine War and for David Bullock and Andrew Bolognani. May they rest in peace. May all the faithfully departed rest in peace and may their families be comforted by the promise of everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Closing prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney was led by Chaplain Fr Tim Naples.

Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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**

The meeting was adjourned around 7:50 PM.