**1. Call to Order**

Worthy Deputy GK Dave Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Worthy Chaplain Fr. Naples led the council in Vespers.

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

Worthy Deputy GK Martin led the council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Worthy Trustee Brad Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11th Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Worthy Trustee Tom Gravelin.

Minutes were previously transmitted to all members by email. No changes were made, and the minutes were approved.

**5. Chaplain's Message**

Worthy Chaplain provided a summary regarding his attendance at the Supreme Convention in Quebec City, from which he just returned.

**6. Grand Knights Report**

See the Newsletter and last meeting minutes for details.

Next Holy Hour will be Friday, Sept 6, 2024, at 3 PM.

Next business meeting and dinner is Sept 12, 2024. The meeting commences after dinner.

COR Formation is on Aug 17 at 10 AM, with coffee and donuts at St. John Vianney.

Bingo is on Aug 15. It is a Holy Day of obligation, so workers should consider attending Church during the vigil.

Officer Installation for District 3 may be on Aug 25 at St. Anne's Shrine. If not Aug 25th, then probably in SEP. More to follow.

AUG 24 BBQ for St Jude Round Table Parish. Need worker bees.

**7. Financial Report**

Worthy Financial Secretary Charles Brown reported that Morgan Stanley value was $412,461.25 o/a Aug 6, 2024.

The worthy Treasurer-elect Steve Shover provided a paper copy of a July summary report of expenses and incomes. The starting balance as of Jul 1 was $20,675.10, and the ending balance as of Jul 29 was $17,971.11.

**8. Membership Report**

No new information was reported. For this membership year, four new members have joined Council 7527. These four new members count towards the assessed goal for seven new members for the year.

**9. Other Reports**

CTKT Super Bingo—Worthy Trustee Tom Gravelin described the presentation of the $36,000.00 check to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta leadership and the chance to see the Camp while the kids were there. He mentioned that the day of the check presentation was "backwards day;" thus, the kids were having breakfast for their evening meal. The Camp Chaplain provided an onsite tour and explained that the spiritual aspects were a significant part of the healing process and the Chapel's role in the Camp experience. Worthy Gravelin noted that the Chapel will need sanding and painting soon, which might be a good project for the council.

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

None discussed. Lingering issues include

1. The council and the assembly buying an Ad in the Nov Commemorative Edition of the magazine in honor of Bishop McDermott. Deadline is Aug 24.
2. The K of C stone installation.

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

**FY'24 Budget--**Worthy Trustee Tom Gravelin made a motion to approve the $17,500 proposed budget (as prepared by the Trustees) for FY'24 (Jul 1, 2024, to Jun 30, 2025). Worthy Navigator Mike Audette seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued. The crux of the discussion centered on the internet line costs that aggregate to total costs of nearly $3K. The Worthy Chaplin Fr. Naples provided insight that hard-wire high-speed internet is not necessarily needed anymore. He plans to discontinue live streaming services due to royalty fees and permissions required to transmit music during the services. It was also reiterated that Worthy Treasurer-elect Steve Shover is looking into the internet service provider subscription and looking at various options to reduce those expenses.

The motion was brought to a vote, and the budget was approved.

**Proposed Charity Event--**Attending members discussed Worthy Recorder Ray Michaud's suggestion of sponsoring a raffle for Vermont Flood Victims. A prominent concern was the level of effort that would fall on the limited number of active members and the prevailing thought of each member needing to sell 30 to 50 tickets to make the 50/50 worthwhile and a meaningful contribution. Another thought was to possibly dedicate a portion of the SJV Bingo night proceedings and possibly donate the funds to VT Catholic Charities. The question was which month would that be and if the SJV Bingo Chair would support it. The Bingo Chair was excused from attending this month's business meeting. Without his input, Worthy Trustee Brad Chenette made a motion to table further discussion until the Chair could provide input. Worthy Advocate Pete Gadue seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Special Peoples Winter Party--**Worthy Chancellor Ted Barrett announced that the date for the Special Peoples Winter Party would be Sunday, Dec 15, 2024. Note that Family First Formation is also that day, and they would have the parish hall tied up till 11:00 AM. So 11:00 AM would be the earliest available to start setting up. Also, we will need to confirm who would fill the role of Santa Claus for this year.

**12. Good of the Order**

The following individuals were recognized for outstanding accomplishments:

Knight of the Month: JULY Dcn John Magnier

## Family of the Month: JULY Roger and Cindy Fay, Jr.

**13. Lecturer's Reflection**

Worthy Lecturer Bernie Prendergast spoke to the life and virtues of St. Pope Pius X (Aug 21) and sang the song Bless This Church.

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

BLUF: (Bottom Line Up Front!) We need your help to make our events in the service of Christ successful. Will you answer the call?

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

Please 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. (Take a photo, please)

We will have a new quota for new members to qualify for the Star Council next year. We are exploring recruiting drives at our Churches.

Please consider saying the Holy Rosary Daily.

**15. Closing Prayer**

Prayer List:

*SK Joe Groleau (in hospital), a friend of Fr. Naple's whose daughter was recently diagnosed with leukemia,* Mike and Pam Audete*,* Toni Hill, Bishop John McDermott, Timothy O'Neill, Fr. Jeremias Tigga, Ben Fine (son-in-law of Ray Michaud), PGK Ray Miller,  General success of Catholic Radio, Mason and Elizabeth Bullock, Richard Labrecque, Leonard and Mary Robear, Chris Johnson, Arlene Michaud (Ray's sister), Gail Couillard, Marilyn LaCount, Friend of David Gravelin, Anthony Naples, Andre Ricard (Assembly 1157 Newport), Zak Bigelow and family, Pope Francis, Mrs. Jackie Crosby, An anonymous member in distress, Niko Limnos and Family, Mother-in-law of Ronnie Sweet, William Cannon and Family, Michael Gravelin, Mark and Paulette Noyes and Family (esp. Levi age 7), John O' Brien, Cheryl Allain, Claire Myers, Kelly Jackson (daughter of late PGK Jeff Jackson), PGK Bernie Hemond, Dick and Sandy Stevens, Beth-Ann Prendergast, Mariette Nadeau, Jeff and Kay Jarvis, Tom Gravelin, Chuck Schifilliti, Gerry Seney, Robert Gravelin, Keith Marston, Sue Cottrell, (23 year old woman fighting cancer), Kevin and Chad Limoge, Vickie Linton, George Stevens (Assembly 2106), James Read, Gene Tofferi, Jeffrey Claude Danis and family, Stuart Fath, Wally Rooney, Ed and Theresa Curtiss, one anonymous brother knight, the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and an end to the wars. All clergy and religious. All victims and families of COVID-19 and flooding. First Responders, police, and firefighters. For a just solution in the Middle East, pregnant women will choose life and for new members to join the Order.

For all the faithfully departed and their grieving families, especially *Raymond "Michael" Viens (brother of Paulette Noyes), Jeanne Groleau (wife of SK Joe Groleau), Andrew Corologos (Bingo volunteer for 30 Years), and Bill Curtin (Uncle of Kay Jarvis and past roommate of Don Sutton).* May they rest in peace and may all the families of the deceased be comforted by the promise of everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**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 (our sick or in distress). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**16. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Attendance: Thirteen members, including 4 Zoom participants, attended the business meeting. All officers, except the Worthy Indoor and Outside Guards, Worthy Warden, Worthy Treasurers (both the incoming and outgoing), and Worthy Grand Knight, were present. All absent officers were excused.