Prior to the business meeting, several members participated in fellowship and partook in the Curry Chicken meal and fund raiser organized by Fr. Paul and Fr. Tim.

**1. Call to Order**

GK Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

**2. Opening Prayer**

GK Bullock led the council in the Lord’s Prayer.

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

GK Bullock led the attending Brothers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Worthy Warden Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8th Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Worthy Faithful Navigator Audette.

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

**5. Chaplain’s Message**

Worthy Chaplain Fr. Naples was absent as he was working the Curry Chicken dinner and the follow-on Bible Study series.

**6. Grand Knights Report**

Next Officer Meeting is October 3. Prior to the officer meeting, there will be an Officer Installation Ceremony from 5:30 to 6:00 PM and then pizza before the commencement of the officer meeting at 6:30 PM.

Next Holy Hour will be Friday, October 4, 2024, at 3 PM.

Next business meeting dinner is October 10, 2024, after Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Worthy Financial Secretary Ray Michaud has two candidates. The exemplification team needs to be ready to perform their respective parts and roles.

COR Formation is September 21 at 10 AM with Coffee and donuts at ST. John Vianney (Church Basement).

Chittenden County Right to Life dinner is also on September 21st (Saturday) beginning at 5:30 PM. Worthy Warden Benson has Brother Rick’s notes for planning the food purchases and organizing the meal. Worthy Warden Benson and GK Bullock plan to pick up the food on Friday before dinner. Worthy DGK Martin will need assistance setting up tables and chairs on Friday, the 20th. We need helpers who can arrive as early as 2:00 PM on Saturday, Sept 21st to assist in food preparation. Let GK and/or DGK know if you can help.

Bingo is on September 19 at St. John Vianney’s Parish Hall. We need workers.

The diocese is offering Eucharistic Ministry (EM) training on 22 SEP at 3:30 PM at St Jude taught by Josh Perry. There is EM training for those bringing the Eucharist to shut-ins on SEP 24 from 1-3 or 6-8 PM at St. John Vianney’s Church. Registration required.

**7. Financial Report**

Worthy Financial Secretary previously reported the Morgan Stanley Value at $439,305.69.

Worthy Treasurer Steve Shover presented an August summary report of expenses and incomes. The ending balance as of September 4 was $17,853.32. The full treasurer’s report is located as an Appendix below.

Worthy Treasurer Shover described an intent to drop the Comcast Internet/Phone subscription and proposed to piggy-back onto the SJV Church’s subscription to Burlington Telecom. He proposed a monthly $50.00 donation to the church for access and thought this could take effect in/about November.

It was noted that we would lose the dedicated phone line when the Comcast subscription ended. GK said he would ensure that the website was changed to list his name and phone number as part of the contact information. Accordingly, the GK endorsed the efforts to reduce social media expenditures to features that the council uses.

The worthy Treasurer also noted that we were paying Pay Pro Blog approximately $80, inquired if any knew its use by the Council, and proposed dropping this expenditure for the future. Worthy Treasurer also reported the discontinuing of the remote access subscription as he prefers using the council’s computer in the council office as opposed to remote access off location. Remote access to financial data and accounts isn’t deemed necessary going forward.

**8. Membership Report**

The council has a goal of recruiting seven new members for the year (July 1st to June 30th). Thanks to GK and Worthy Warden Benson, we already have three new members. Thanks to Worthy FS Michaud, we have at least two more new members programmed for exemplification at the October business meeting.

To continue the recruiting of new members, the council has a planned membership drive this weekend (September 14 & 15) at St Jude and OLMC.

**9. Other Reports**

Worthy PGK and Trustee Tom Gravelin, recent District 3 Deputy, presented the council with the Columbian and Founders Awards for last year.

Last year’s Camp Ta-Kum-Ta (CTKT) Super Bingo Chairman weather Tom explained that we could work on prepping and re-staining the chapel after Oct 6th when the camp closes for the season. It’s estimated that 10 gallons of (Thompson or equivalent) Water Seal was needed. CTKT will provide the lift. We will need a paint pump sprayer to do the front and several brushes to do the sides. Attending members decided to work on the chapel, Oct 8th (Tuesday), weather permitting, with a start time of 11:00 AM. (No rain date was set.)

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

The K of C stone installation needs a bid for completion.

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

The Council received a $300 donation from the family of Bill Ladd with the stipulation that the money be used in memory of the Past Faithful Navigator. Three proposals have been discussed by the officers. The different suggestions included the following:

1. Pay for a game at the Super Bingo next year in memory of SK Bill Ladd.
2. Pay for supplies to re-stain the Chapel at CTKT.
3. Use some of the money to pay for Jay’s expense to add spaces for Faithful Navigators on the plaque. (Estimate: 9 frames @ $35 and birch wood material @ $40-65)
4. Donation to Saint Anne Shrine in his memory
5. Updating the Deceased Members Plaque

Sir Worthy Stevens made a motion to use $100 to update the PFN board and apply $200 towards the Deceased Members’ Plaque. Worthy Trustee T. Gravelin seconded the motion.

Discussion focused on the need to explore options and obtain cost estimates to update the boards and the plaques. Worthy Warden Benson thought there might be a possibility of skillfully grafting extensions to the existing plaque(s) if material could be matched versus buying new plaques or boards.

Motion voted on and passed.

**12. Good of the Order**

The following were recognized for outstanding accomplishments and contributions for August:

Knight of the Month: Jay Benson, Joe Pranys, and Fr Tim Naples

## Family of the Month: Bill and Michelle Bessette

**13. Lecturer’s Reflection**

Worthy Lecturer Bernie Prendergast spoke to the council about the life and virtues of St Robert Bellarmine (SEP 17) and sang *Our Lady of Fatima*.

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

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 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.  (Take a photo, please)

We will have a new quota for new members to qualify for the Star Council next year.

Please consider saying the Holy Rosary Daily.

**15. Closing Prayer**

The council included the following list of intentions during the closing prayer.

Jacobi Roullet, Great-Grandson of Mike Audette, PGK Louis Lauzon of St Marks, Nathan Cookson, Kenneth Limoge, SK Joe Groleau (in hospital), a friend of Fr. Naple's whose daughter was recently diagnosed with leukemia, Mike and Pam Audete, 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 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, that pregnant women will choose life and for new members to join the Order.

For all the faithfully departed and their grieving families, especially Toni Hill, a devoted parishioner and Lector at St John Vianney, Beverly Newman, devoted wife of the late SK Ray Newman, Mary Robear, beloved wife of SK Leonard Robear, SK Richard Gamache, Council 297, and SK Norbert Vogl, Assembly 1148. 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.

Attending members recited the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney as they prayed for the sick or distressed.

**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**

GK Bullock adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Attendance: twelve members, including one Zoom participant, attended the business meeting. All officers except DGK Martin, FS Michaud, Inside Guard Bean, Outside Guard Kalter, Chaplain Naples, and Trustee Chenette were present. All absent officers were excused.

**Appendix – Council Treasurer’s Report**

