**1. Call to Order**

Grand Knight M. Bullock called the attending council members and the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Worthy Deacon Patrick LeDuc led attending members in The Lord's Prayer.

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

Those in attendance then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

 **Exemplification**

Grand Knight M. Bullock then suspended the meeting to conduct the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for two new members.

The attending council members welcomed the two newest members, Jim Clark and Mike Pasqual.

The Exemplification concluded with a report from the Insurance Agent, Worthy Dave Giuliani. The report included an explanation and reminder of the services and K of C insurance he offers.

After the insurance agent's report, GK M. Bullock reconvened the meeting.

**4. Approving Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Worthy Treasurer Steve Shover motioned to approve the November 14th, 2024, meeting minutes. Worthy Trustee Tom Gavelin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Note: each member received the minutes by email before the meeting.)

**5. Chaplain's Message**

Worthy Deacon Patrick LeDuc read us today's gospel from the first Chapter of Luke and spoke about the scriptures relating to the Advent Season and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**6. Grand Knights Report**

See the Newsletter and Business Meeting Minutes for additional details.

On Sunday, DEC 15, from 1 to 3 PM is our Special People's Party. Remember, please come and mingle with our special people and their caregivers. Please let Ted Barrett know what you can bring. (802) 458-1351 or tedbarrett79@gmail.com. GK made a special appeal for help and food items for the party.

Ted asked for help supplying soda, spritzers, and juices for drinks, sandwiches, and desserts. Ted anticipates approximately 60 persons who provided RSVPs to attend. Tom committed to bringing bags of ice. The Gavelin Brothers will provide music once again this year. Dave Martin will go to Costco on Friday to pick up additional food items. Mike Audette will provide 6 lbs. of pasta. Dave Martin is ordering a six-foot sub from the Mill Deli. Dick Stevens and Dave Bean committed to bringing boxes of chips. Ray Michaud signed up to bring a veggie platter.

The earliest time for the Special Party setup is 11:00 AM due to the Family First Formation using the Hall earlier in the morning. The Council members plan to provide a $30.00 gift card to Rudolph (Josh).

Our Council Christmas Party and Yankee Swap are also this Sunday at 6 PM. We are looking for potluck donations for food. Please let Dave Martin know what you can bring. (802) 881-8646 or facilitiessjv@gmail.com

Our Lenten Fish Fry initiative is still being explored. We have an estimated investment cost of $5,000. Jim Clark will break this down and we will discuss our options. Then, we will vote at our next meeting.

Thanks to all who continue to recruit new members.

**7. Financial Report**

Worthy Financial Secretary Ray Michaud reported the Morgan Stanley Account Value at $470,365.87 as of COB December 11th, 2024. Note: This account earned $81,798.73 in interest during 2024, which covers more than the withdrawal of $20,000.00 from the 2024 budget.

The Worthy FS also reported that the collection of $30.00 dues for 2025 has started and that he received dues from a dozen or so members already.

Worthy Treasurer Steve Shover provided his report regarding expenses that occurred, and income realized for November. The balance in the checking account is $15,276.46, and the Camp TA Kum Ta account is $2,693.46. Worthy Treasurer mentioned that this is the last time we will see a Comcast internet subscription charge due to the new access arrangement with the St. John Vianney Parish. Henceforth we will contribute $50/month for use of the Parish Internet. (Refer to the addendum at the end of the minutes for the full report.)

**8. Membership Report**

With the addition of two of the newest members to the council, the council has five new members for the year and is two new members away from meeting the seven-new-member goal by June 30th.

**9. Other Reports**

See the Insurance Agent report under the Exemplification, Paragraph 4.

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

The fryolator initiative—Jim Clark will provide notes and proposal details to GK for consideration.

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

Before the business meeting, a "warning" to the council was made: To consider "adding great-grandchildren to the eligible applicants for the Archie Myers Memorial Scholarship."

Faithful Navigator Mike Audette motioned that "the council adds the following wording to include great-grandchildren be eligible applicants for the Archie Myers Memorial Scholarship." Worthy Chancellor Ted Barrett seconded the motion.

Discussion covered the concern that the scholarship applies to offspring, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Knights in good standing. This rule already exists but was not necessarily enforced in the past. This was an oversight.

Attending members voted on the above motion, and it passed unanimously.

Dcn Patrick volunteered in his capacity as a professional who provides student financing that kids today often pursue higher education at a trade school or other non-accredited institution. (He added that scholarships below $1,000 are often not worth a student’s time to apply for) Steve Shover motioned that the word "accredited" be removed from the council scholarship rules and policy. Mike Audette seconded the motion. Again, the attending members voted on the above motion, and it passed unanimously.

Worthy Lecturer Bernie Prendergast still needs the addresses of the widows so he can send mass cards out. GK will follow up with Worthy Trustee Charlie Brown to ensure Worthy Lecturer receives those addresses.

**12. Good of the Order**

GK recognized the following members for their outstanding contributions and accomplishments during November:

Knight of the Month: Dcn Patrick Leduc

## Family of the Month: Ted and Kathy Barrett

**13. Lecturer's Reflection**

Our Worthy Lecturer, Bernie Prendergast, read to the attending members about the faith and virtue of St. Albert the Great and sang the song *Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above.*

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

Make time to visit our Knights who are ill or shut in, including the Brothers Leonard Robear and George Stevens. They are both at Burlington Health and Rehab. Brother Leonard Robear would like an invite and ride to the Spring Super Bingo on March 31st, 2025.

If you are doing good work, let our Program manager, Ted Barrett, know about it for our Star Council Award.  (Take a photo, please)

Remember to use CARE when approaching potential new members.

Please consider saying the Holy Rosary Daily.

GK Mike Bullock thanked Brother Ray Michaud and others for providing the evening meal to attending council members before the meeting.

**15. Closing Prayer**

**Council prayer list.**

*Ann Gardner (hospice-mother of Marie Cookson) Barbara Chenette (mother*

*of Brad Chenette),Father Timothy Naples, Tom F.,* Edward Zuccaro (Hospice-Father of Rev James Zuccaro), Candice Bullock (wife of GK), Wyatt Jean (grandson of GK), Joan Lajeunesse,Marlene and Barbara O'Connor (recently widowed friends of Charles and Karen Brown, Paul Bouchard (father of Ray Bouchard), SK Ali Nasab, Jimmy Monroe, cousin of GK with Melanoma, Robert Morris, nephew of GK, Jacobi Roullet, 9 Mo old 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 Audette, 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, hurricanes (especially Helene and Milton) 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 *Theresa*

*McAvinney (wife of PSD Dan McAvinney), Rhey Plumley (Age Well), Rosario V. Cannizaro, and Steve Millizia.* May they rest in peace and may their families and all the families of the deceased be comforted by the promise of everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Worthy Chaplain T. Naples led the council members in the closing prayer using the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney and remembering those on the council prayer list.

**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 M. Bullock pronounced the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Attendance: seventeen members attended the business meeting, including four Zoom participants. All absent officers were excused unless otherwise stipulated.

**Addendum**

