**1. Call to Order**

Grand Knight (GK) M. Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**2. Opening Prayer**

GK M. Bullock led attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

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

GK M. Bullock led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Business Meeting**

Worthy Deputy GK D. Martin motioned to approve the December 12th meeting minutes. Worthy Treasurer S. Shover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Note: each member received the minutes by email before the meeting.)

**5. Chaplain's Message**

No message for tonight's meeting. (Worthy Chaplain T. Naples was absent but joined us later by Zoom as he had a scheduling conflict working with the Rice High Students regarding the youth trip to Peru.)

**6. Grand Knights Report**

See the Newsletter and Business Meeting Minutes for additional details.

GK M. Bullock recognized and thanked Brother Joe Pranys for providing the bowtie pasta dish with sausage, bread, and butter. Worthy Deputy GK D. Martin provided salad, and GK M. Bullock provided dessert for the pre-meeting fellowship meal.

At the last officer meeting we decided unanimously to table the Fish Fry Initiative due to staffing concerns to support multiple weeks during lent.

Leonard Robear will turn 97 on January 14th. GK M. Bullock proposed meeting at 1:15 PM at the St. John Vianney parking lot and carpooling to visit Worthy Brother L. Robear, sing Happy Birthday, and have cake.

There are no warnings tonight. The Assembly will meet after this meeting concludes.

Please submit dues and Form 1728as ASAP if not already done.

**7. Financial Report**

Worthy Financial Secretary R. Michaud noted that sending dues notices by USPS mail results in a better response rate than sending email messages. The Morgan Stanley Account Value was $454,641.03 as of December 31st, 2024. MS value as of the meeting date was $469,998.26.

Worthy Treasurer S. Shover provided paper copies of the December expenses and income summary and the quarterly budget status. See the appendices at the end of the meeting minutes for report copies. As of December 31st, the checking account balance was $15,159.97.

**8. Membership Report**

Thanks to all who continue to recruit new members. We need just one more to meet the quota this year!

**9. Other Reports**

Camp Ta Kum Ta Super Bingo--Super Bingo to benefit Kids with Cancer will be MAR 30, 2025, at the Essex Jct. Fair Grounds. The first planning meeting is Monday, JAN 13, at 6 PM at Zachary's Pizza.

Saint John Vianney Bingo Committee—next Bingo night is January 16th (the third Thursday)

**10. Unfinished Business**

Worthy Treasurer S. Shover attempted to send a listing of the K of C Widows' addresses to Worthy Lecturer B. Prendergast. He will send the list again.

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

Worthy Warden Jay Benson offered to provide the main course of scalloped potatoes, ham, and Caesar salad for the February business meeting. The Worthy Treasurer offered to provide the desert.

Worthy Chancellor T. Barrett mentioned a past practice of the K of C Council member of the month being awarded the opportunity to direct $100 to a charity organization of his choosing. Expect a warning for this proposal at the February business meeting. The proposal will backdate the re-establishment of the $100 award to January 2025.

**12. Good of the Order**

The following were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in December 2024:

Knight of the Month: Mike Audette

## Family of the Month: Ted and Kathy Barrett

**13. Lecturer's Reflection**

Worthy Lecturer Bernie Prendergast spoke to us about the faith and virtue of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and sang the song *Count Your Blessings* instead of the promised song *One Day At A Time.*

**14. Grand Knight's Summary**

We need your help to make our events in the service of Christ successful. How do you plan to 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)

Use CARE when approaching potential new members.

Please consider saying the Holy Rosary Daily.

**15. Closing Prayer**

Council prayer list.

*Lois Fontaine, all victims in New Orleans,*Barbara Chenette (mother of Brad Chenette)*,*Fr. Naples, Tom F.,Edward Zuccaro (Hospice-Father of Rev James Zuccaro), Candice Bullock (wife of GK), Wyatt Jean (grandson of GK), Marlene and Barbara O'Connor (recently widowed friends of Charles and Karen Brown, SK Ali Nasab, Jacobi Roulette, 11 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 *Jimmy Munro, cousin of GK, Cecile Auger (mother of Marie Cookson), Al Danis (Uncle of Jeffrey Claude Danis),*Theresa McAvinney (wife of PSD Dan McAvinney), Rhey Plumley, Rosario V. Cannizzaro, and Steve Milizia. 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. Naple 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 7:15 PM.

Attendance: seventeen members attended the business meeting, including six Zoom participants. All officers except Worthy Advocate Pete Gadue and Worthy Inside Guard David Bean were present. All absent officers were excused unless otherwise stipulated.

**Appendix 1 – Treasurer Report for December**

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**Appendix 2 –Council Spend Plan Quarterly Report**

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