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Brother Knights.

He is Risen.

He is Risen Indeed Alleluia

Have a very blessed Easter Season as it just began.

April 9th, our next business meeting will also include an exemplification.

Please arrive between 6:30 and 6:45. The exemplification will be held in the small chapel.

We are excited to have 4 or 5 new knights join our council including 3 seminarians. We also have another new Knight from another council joining us.

Let's all come to the exemplification to welcome these new 3rd degree Knights.

Fred Melk
Grand Knight

Sheepshead

The next sheepshead tournament will be on April 20th at SMOT with registration at

10:15 and starting at 11:00.

We have 20 participants already signed up.

Please see GK Melk to help with the event.

Exemplification

We will have an exemplification on Tuesday, April 9 with arrival at 6:30pm and starting at 6:45pm in the small chapel at the SHSST.

We will have the following candidates:

Adrian Dieleman

Fernando Diaz

Rishi Persaud

Jeff Sedlmeier

Kevin Schuk (possibility)

St. Mary's Social Concern Commission

They will have a ministry fair on April 20 and 21 where the Knights will have a table. See Warden Meier

April Activities:



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| 9 | Business Meeting 7:30 pm |
| | Stations of the Cross 6:45 |
| pm | |
| 23 | Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm |

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Business Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

GK Melk opened the meeting at 7:40 pm at SHSST.

Officer	Name	Present
Grand Knight	Fred Melk	Present
Chaplain	Fr. Henry Nguyen	Present
Financial Secretary	Ken Keefer	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	John Ruskiewicz	Present
Chancellor	Larry Wavrunek	Present
Recorder	Philip Voglewede	Present
Treasurer	Gerry Ruedinger	Present
Advocate	Ryan Schreiber	Present
Warden	Bill Meier	Present
Trustees	Mark Ruminski	Excused
	Gary Pluta	Present
	Dave Kunze	Present
Guards	Gary Mayer	Absent
	Russell Kerkman	Present

There were 13 members present. The meeting minutes from the February meeting were approved. The meeting started late due to the Stations of the Cross before the meeting.

CHAPLAIN REPORT

Passed due to the Stations of the Cross before the meeting.

GK REPORT

- Sheepshead
 - The Sheepshead preparation meeting will be in 2 weeks.
 - The tournament was moved to April 20th (instead of April 27th) due to a conflict at SMOT.
 - Please help spread the word and get raffle prizes.
- Membership
 - We will have an exemplification on April 9th before the business meeting at 6:30pm.
 - All are welcome to come welcome the newest members.
- Stipend Checks
 - GK Melk and DGK Ruskiewicz passed out checks to the seminarians.
 - A seminarian thanked the Knights for their continued support of them.
- Tootsie Rolls
 - Warden Meier requested that we have the drive on May 4th and 5th at St. Mary's.
 - SMOT and St. Al's will be scheduled after St. Mary's is finalized.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Ruedinger reported that we have \$13,265.24 in our checking account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Chancellor Wavrunek reported that there was a new member applied online. He is a member of St. Alphonsus. He was invited to the exemplification on April 9th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- State Raffle
 - DGK Ruszkiewicz reported that we have sold approximately \$3080 of tickets with nearly half coming after the masses at SMOT.
 - He thanked for those who helped sell at SMOT: Russ Kerkman, Dave Goehring, Gary Pluta, Ryan Schreiber, Fred Melk, Gary Mayer, Ken Keefer, Richard Doubeck, John Ruszkiewicz, and Simon.
 - Tickets need to be turned in by April 15th.
 - The raffle ticket winners were Gerry Ruedinger, Ken Keefer, and Gary Pluta.
- Charities Committee Report
 - Treasurer Ruedinger wrote a \$200 check for the needy family at St. Al's for student lunches.
 - This donation is the second part that was discussed at last month.
- 40 Cans for Lent
 - Trustee Pluta has collected 2117lbs of food for the SMOT food pantry.

4th DEGREE REPORT

- There will be a 4th degree exemplification on May 11th.
- There are several funerals coming up that they will doing honor guard.

DD REPORT

- Convention Book – Delegate Registration / In Memoriam / Ad Pages
 - \$25 per council is due By March 15th. Treasurer Ruedinger wrote the check.
 - State Officer Resumes are being accepted now.
- The Supreme Convention is August 5-8th in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.
- Online Training is continuing, and many of the training sessions are valuable for everyone. Please consider signing up for one of the following:
 - Council Officer Training
 - Preparing for Hosting Council Elections
 - Conducting Church Drives
 - Advertising Council Events
 - Completing the SP-7 for the Columbian Award
 - Financial Officer Training
 - State Officer Succession Planning
- Upcoming Fraternal Benefit Night – “Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning” will be on April 2nd @ 7:00 PM CT

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- Membership
 - Keep working towards getting new members! While we are bringing more men in than last year, we still have not overcome the rate at which men are dying. The current numbers are:
 - 2022-23 Goal – 400, 2022-23 Total - 307 – 76% of Goal!
 - 2023-24 Goal – 400, 2023-24 Total - 212 – 53% of Goal! (So Far!)
 - The MKE Diocese is #1 in every category of: Member Intake, Member % Goal, Active Districts, Active Councils and Net/Net Membership.
- District News:
 - 3/16 16710 (Heart of Christ Council) St. Margaret Mary is hosting:
 - The Diocese Free Throw Contest. Registration starts at 10:00am, competition starts at 10:30.
 - The Knowledge Contest. Registration is at 11:30, testing at 12:00.
 - 3/16 St. Margaret Mary (Heart of Christ) Council is also hosting their St. Patrick's Day Dinner at 6:30pm, \$20 at the door. Lots of delicious food and prizes!
 - 3/24 St. Joseph (Big Bend) Council is hosting the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 9:00.
 - 4/27 St. Leonard (Muskego) Council is hosting their Trivia Contest at 6:00pm. Details to come, sign-up is highly encouraged as seating is limited. Lots of fun and prizes!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

- FS Keefer reported on the bills:
 - \$51 to WI State Raffle licenses
 - \$4500 to seminarian stipends
 - \$1425 to WI State for raffle ticket sales
 - \$25 to DD Wurster for Convention Ad
- FS Keefer attended a listening session with the Diocesan and State Council members.
- The biannual audit is complete and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A closing prayer was made for ill and ailing members.

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Elections

We need to have a nomination committee. It needs to be the Grand Knight, Trustees and 3 members at large.

It was that that Melk, Pluta, Ruminski, Wavrunek and Ruedinger will be on the committee.

The nominations were:

Grand Knight	Ryan Schreiber
Deputy Grand Knight	John Ruszkiewicz
Chancellor	Larry Wavrunek
Recorder	Philip Voglewede
Treasurer	Gerry Ruedinger
Advocate	Open
Warden	Bill Meier
Trustees	3 rd Yr: Fred Melk
	2 nd Yr: Mark Ruminski
	1 st Yr: Gary Pluta
Guards	Inside: Open
	Outside: Russell Kerkman



Congratulations to the following Brother Knights who are Celebrating Birthdays in April.

Thomas J Adamski
 David J Berka
 Jeffrey P Brozynski
 Rev Timothy J Coday
 Joseph J Dorlack
 Marc E Jensen
 Robert C Kabella
 Richard A Kraemer
 SK Very Rev. James E Lobacz
 SK Rudy C Mishich
 Rev Daniel A Ribeiro
 David R Schlicke
 Frank K Valasek
 Gregory A Ziegeweid

Tootsie Roll Drive

We will be at St. Mary's on May 4th and 5th.

We will be at St. Alphonsus on May 18th and 19th.

We will be at St. Martin of Tours tentatively on May 18th and 19th.



If anyone knows of a Brother who is ill, in distress, or has passed on, please contact the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. Thank you for your help with this important role within the council.