Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2017

Call to Order (Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter)

- The Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Grand Knight.

Warden's Report (Worthy Warden Jerry Battisto)

- All members in attendance have cards. 32 members in attendance.

Opening Prayer

- Our Father was recited by all present.

Pledge of Allegiance (Worthy Warden Jerry Battisto)

- Was recited by all.

The Opening Ode

- Was not sung.

Roll Call of Officers (Worthy Recorder Terry Quain)

- The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P – Present, A – Absent, E – Excused)

  Chaplain (Fr. Brandt) – E
  Grand Knight (John Nimmerichter) - P
  Deputy Grand Knight (Jim Rowland) - P
  Chancellor (Chuck Touey) - P
  Recorder (Terry Quain) - P
  Financial Secretary (Dave Guay) - E
  Treasurer (John Russo) - P
  Advocate (Les Reazor) - P
  Warden (Jerry Battisto) - P
  Inside Guard (Jerry Heiler) – P
  Inside Guard (Nick Branton) - E
  Outside Guard (Jeff Beck) - E
  Outside Guard (John Supplee) – P
  3 Yr. Trustee (Jim Banks, PGK) – E
  2 Yr. Trustee (Sam Whitehouse, PGK) – P
  1 Yr. Trustee (Frank Louis Jr, PGK) - E

Chaplain's Message (Worthy Chaplain Fr. Brandt)

- Fr. Brandt is recovering after surgery, which went well. We will keep him in our prayers.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Worthy Recorder Terry Quain)

- The minutes from the previous meeting were reported as emailed and posted on the web site. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ed McEwan and seconded by Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Jim Rowland. The motion was voted on and passed by majority vote.

Report of the Admission Committee (Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey)

- One new candidate, Keith Dasher, was sponsored by Worthy Trustee Jim Banks.

Balloting for Membership:

- A motion to vote in the candidate was made by Worthy Trustee Sam Whitehouse and seconded by Worthy Recorder Terry Quain. The motion was voted on and passed by majority vote. We hope to have a degree ceremony in September.

Grand Knight's Report (Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter)

- With August upon us, the brothers need to remember to sign up to help with the Parish Festival, especially set-up, parking, and tear-down. Also, additional men are needed to cover the roles for our upcoming degree ceremonies. Our membership quota for 2017 is ten new members. March for Life will be in January. Fraternal Survey is due in December and helps us attain Star Council award. We did receive the Star Council Award for 2016-17.

Treasurer's Report (Worthy Treasurer John Russo)

- Worthy Treasurer John Russo presented the Treasurer's Report for July. Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Brother David Tulli and passed by majority vote.

Communications (Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter)

- A thank you note from seminarian Chris Massaro was read by the Grand Knight, thanking the nights for their financial and prayerful support. Worthy Outside Guard Jeff Beck and Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter showed the video from their Haiti trip at the last District Deputy's meeting, and it was very well received. It will also be forwarded to the State Council.

Financial Secretary's Report (Worthy Financial Secretary David Guay)

- Worthy Treasurer John Russo presented Worthy Financial Secretary David Guay's report for the month of July. Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Brother Phil McGavin and passed by majority vote.

Chancellor's Report on Vocations (Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey)

- Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey had a piece on vocations placed in the newsletter at Monsignor Bonner High School. The Augustinians will be professing vows in San Diego this Saturday, which can be watched live. Also, the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA is well worth a visit.

<u>Service Program Committee Reports</u>

Program Director (Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Jim Rowland)

Church Director (Brother Dennis Wright)

- The Knights will have a table at this year's Church Festival.

Youth Director (Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey)

- Soccer season has begun. The schedule will be out soon.

Culture of Life Director (Worthy Advocate Les Reazor)

- The March for Life in Philadelphia will be on the third Friday in January. Last year we rented a van and many Knights attended.

Community Director (Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro)

- Soup Kitchen – Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Jim Rowland – no one is yet signed up to bring dinner to St. Mary's in Phoenixville in August. It is during our Church Festival so we may send pizza instead. Brother David Tulli reported that 54 pounds of food and supplies were taken to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville. Additional information is on their website: www.dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org
- Coffee & Donut Social – the next social will be this Sunday. Additional help is needed for set-up and clean-up.
- Malvern Retreat Recap – Several Knights from our council attended and had a great experience. It is always the third weekend in July.
- School Supply Drive for God's Kitchen – There is a container in the Chapel for school supplies.
- Coats for Kids – Will also be starting later this year and helps us towards Star Council.
- Adopt a Highway – Is planned for Saturday, August 12th at 9am. Help from Knights and family members will be appreciated for about an hour on Saturday morning.
- Electronics Recycling – will be offered on Sunday August 13th at the church.

Council Director (Brother Dwight Hood)

- A meeting for the Car Show will be held next Tuesday at 7pm. We currently have 11 vehicles registered. The Car Show is on September 23rd from 11am to 3pm.
- Football Ticket Fundraiser – Last month we had a great return on the football tickets. Football season is just around the corner. Brothers are encouraged to continue selling tickets for this effective and easy fundraiser.
- COAL Ticket Fundraiser – People taking the books to sell do not need to turn in the money until the books are sold.

Family Director (Brother Scott Houde)

- Council Picnic Recap – Our recent Council Picnic at Beck's was a very enjoyable day and a chance to share fellowship. Thanks to those who attended and those who helped out.

Membership Director (Worthy Trustee Jim Banks, PGK) – no report.

Public Relations Director (Brother Pat Somers) – no report.

Degree Development Team (Brother Nick Branton) – no report.

Old Business

- Golf Outing (Worthy Trustee Sam Whitehouse) – Proceeds from the Golf Outing were split with the Parish. We had 154 golfers in attendance.
- Music Ministry Microphone Donation (Brother Charlie George) – Unsure of the current status. The full choir will be traveling to the Cathedral in September and may need financial assistance for the bus.

New Business

- CYO Girls Volleyball Teams (Brother Tim Beehler) – There will be four teams this year. There is equipment needed that they don't have. They are looking to purchase six volleyballs & cart, a ref stand & pad, and a set of pole pads. This will total ~$1400, and they have already raised $800 from a bake sale. Brother Tim Beehler made a motion to

donate $500 towards their expense. The motion was seconded by Brother Scott Houde and passed by majority vote.

- Reading Fightin' Phils baseball tickets – Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro has free tickets for their game on Wednesday August 16th.
- Vacation Bible School (Worthy Chancellor Chuck Touey) – VBS had 40 to 50 kids this year. It costs them $40 each. It should be free, and might attract more kids if it were. Can this be subsidized by our Council? Chuck will bring more information for further discussion.
- Festival Ramp – Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Jim Rowland made a motion to donate up to $200 to cover the cost of a ramp that is being built coming out of the far doors for the Festival. The motion was seconded by Worthy Lecturer Frank Buttaro and passed by majority vote.

District Deputy's Report (Worthy District Deputy Jack Gilmore)

- Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter reported that Jack is having a meeting on Sunday in Stowe that we are invited to.

Fourth Degree Report (Worthy Advocate Les Reazor)

- Next Fourth Degree meeting is on August 10th. Next Steak Fry is on August 16th. You don't have to be a Fourth Degree to attend. Cost is $12 and they give you your own steak to grill. Congratulations to Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter for his promotion to Faithful Pilot, and to Worthy Trustee Jim Banks for his promotion to Faithful Captain. This week at the Supreme Convention in St. Louis. The Fourth Degree uniforms are being modernized. A blue blazer, tie, and beret will be used going forward. More details will be forthcoming.

Field Agent Report

- Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter reports that our Field Agent, Joseph Grayeske, is still looking for a Field Agent in our area to be assigned to St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Good of the Order

- Worthy Grand Knight John Nimmerichter read aloud the list of those in need of prayer who are sick, in distress or deceased.

Closing Prayer: The Hail Mary was recited by all in attendance.

Closing Ode: Was sung

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Recorded by: Terry Quain