



Knight's Newsletter

From your Grand Knight

Gary E. Kopp

March - 2023

Grand Knight Report:

Happy almost springtime,

Poker License - The paperwork has been laboriously finished and sent to the State for their approval, again. I am now up to my 10th submission. I have just sent in, hopefully the last requested document, that I just received from Supreme.

Bagels - Bagels are going strong again. Next week end is April 1 & 2, 2023. Please stop by and help.

On April 4th St. Isidore will host a District Fraternal Benefit Night. It will start at 7:00PM and will include food. We will need 10 to attend to get credit for the Founders award. Please plan on attending, as the information is well worth your time.

APRIL 4TH Tom Hegna "Paychecks and Playchecks" <https://tinyurl.com/KofCHegnaApril4>

Council 26th year anniversary on May 19, 2023 – I am looking for a chairman to take this one on. It will be a 26th anniversary and wife's appreciation dinner event.

Rosary Team - Our next Rosary will be on April 20 at 6:00PM. Please join us and stay for Mass and the business meeting after.

Internet & Facebook - Another committee has been put together to study our internet usage. Brothers Gary Starski and Shawn O'Neill have worked on it and a beta test model is going already. Check it out at www.SJVKOC.org

Election of Officers for the next Fraternal year – At the planning meeting, it was decided to close the nominations after the March business meeting. This would allow us a better picture of the candidates that will run for their nominated offices. Please consider your role in the Knights and help move us forward in the next fraternal year. Council Officer duties are listed below.

Discussion – Future pancake Breakfast

○ Council Officer Duties:

- **Chaplain** | A priest chosen annually by the grand knight, deputy grand knight and trustees | Serves as spiritual advisor to the brother Knights and families of that council | Provides his message to members at the beginning of the meeting | The chaplain should attend meetings of the council whenever his schedule allows, as his guidance is a great benefit
- **Grand Knight** | Presides over all meetings | Appoints program and membership directors | Appoints committees as needed | Countersigns checks and orders for payment | Responsible for the council's Ceremonial Team | Maintains working relationships with the council's chaplain, district deputy, insurance agent, as well as with other local service organizations (ie. food pantries, soup kitchens)
- **Deputy Grand Knight** | Assists the grand knight with operation of the council and any other duties assigned to him by the grand knight | In the absence of the grand knight, presides at council meetings | Recommended to serve on the council's Retention Committee Chancellor | Has the duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities | Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties as assigned | Recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee

- **Financial Secretary** | Upon recommendation of the grand knight and the trustees, the financial secretary is appointed for a three-year term that is approved by the supreme knight | The prospective financial secretary must also complete and submit the Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary (#FS-101) | Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, the financial secretary is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000. Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office | Collects money, in the form of dues, from members. Responsible for sending billing notices and initiating retention measures by providing a list of delinquent members to the grand knight to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues | Ensures that the council membership records are updated and that new members sign the constitutional roll | Receives from the Supreme Council Headquarters honorary and honorary life membership cards for distribution to qualified members 8 | Files various reports and membership/ insurance transactions with the Supreme Council Headquarters | Responsible for completing and submitting the proper 990 for the council (U.S. only) | Keeps the seal of the council and affixes the same to membership cards, resolutions and other official documents as necessary
- **Recorder** | Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council and maintains all correspondence of the council
- **Treasurer** | Handles council funds | Receives money from financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts | Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council | Under Section 130 of the Laws of the Order, the treasurer is automatically bonded in the amount of \$5,000 when reported on the Election of Officers form (#185). Additional bonding may be provided at a cost of \$7 per thousand by contacting the supreme secretary's office | Appointed by the grand knight | Responsible for providing suitable educational and entertaining programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings
- **Advocate** | Acts as parliamentarian for the council | Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and parliamentary procedure | When needed, will seek legal assistance from the state advocate
- **Warden** | Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property | Sets up council chambers for meetings and exemplifications | Oversees inside and outside guards Inside/outside Guards | Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance.
- **Trustees** | Consists of grand knight and three other elected members | Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits | Trustees are elected for terms of three years. At the first election of a new council, three trustees shall be elected, one to hold office for one year or until the next regular election, one for two years or until the second next regular election, and the other for three years or until the third next regular election, as determined by lot among themselves. Thereafter, at each succeeding election, one Trustee shall be chosen for a term of three years.

- **Knights of Columbus – Officer Nominations – As of February 2023**

- Nominations to remain open until the March business meeting.
 - Note – As of now, no one has accepted their nomination.
- Nominations will be closed at the March meeting, then reopened in April

- **Grand Knight:**

- Mark Ferri
- Anthony Russo
- Eric Crudo
- Tom Weisner

- **Deputy Grand Knight:**

- Eric Crudo
- Shawn O'Neill
- Michael Chopp
- Jeff Asquith
- Robert Valcke

- **Treasurer:**

- Michael Colaluca

- **Warden:**

- George Barthel

- **Chancellor:**

- Deacon Larry Ruehlen
- Robert Valcke

- **Recorder:**
- Robert Valcke
- Anthony Russo
- **3 Year Trustee:**
- Gary Kopp
- Shawn O'Neill
- Gary Starski
- **Advocate:**
- Charlie Bachorski
- **Guards:**
- Phillip Dillard
- John Nichol
- Tom Weisner
- Gary Starski
- Robert James
- Vince Garofalo
- Thomas Garofalo
- Danny Champine

Minutes 11772 Business Meeting
February 16, 2023
Recorder, R. Valcke
rjv1029@gmail.com

- Call to order at 7:02PM by G.K. Gary Kopp
- Opening Prayer, Pledge & Officer Attendance
- The Meeting Minutes from January 19,2023 were presented and a motion was made by Anthony Russo to accept the minutes as recorded and 2nd by Vince Garofalo, the minutes were approved as recorded.
- Chaplin Report, Rev. Jim Grau:
 - No report excused absents.
- Grand Knight, G. Kopp Reported:
 - Thank You notes, letters and donation requests for assistance from the various charitable organizations were read.
 - DAVL Annual Vocations Dinner will take place on April 23rd at Zuccaro's Banquet Hall. The Council has purchased a table of 10 anyone interested in attending contact our Grand Knight, Gary Kopp for details.
 - Check the Knights Bulletin Board located in the church entrance hallway for Council & District activities.
- Deputy Grand Knight / Program Director, Eric Crudo - No Report
 - Faith Director, POSITION OPEN - No Report
 - Community Director, Robert Valcke - No Report
 - Family Director, Mark Ferri - No Report
 - Life Director, Mike Chopp - No Report
 - 4th Degree, R. Valcke reported next Exempt will be held on March 25, 2023, contact Bob (rjv1029@gmail.com) for more information and registration forms.
 - Insurance - New Agent, Absent excused
- Membership: Phil Dillard
 - No Report

- Treasurers Report: M. Colaluca
 - Account Balance as of January 31, 2023 is \$44,572.16
- Financial Secretary Report: G. Stump's
 - Bills were read to the membership and presented to the Trustees for approval.
- District Warden Report: Mark Kovasity
 - Current events and activities from and around the District were shared with the membership.
 - Our Warden concluded his report with a light hearted joke, something to do with Dolphins...no I meant Seals.
- Old Business:
 - Charity Poker Fundraiser: The council is looking for a Chairman to organize this activity. The first event will take place in July 2023 at "THE VAST" located at 24 Mile & Van Dyke.
 - Gary Starski our website creator has announced that our website is open for your evaluation and input. The site can be viewed at www.sjvkoc.org direct your comments or suggestions directly to Gary at gjs62857@yahoo.com.
 - The Rosary Team will conduct our next Rosary for Mothers-In-Need on Thursday, April 20th at 6:00pm prior to Mass and our monthly Business Meeting all are invited to attend.
 - Our Vocations Dinner held on February 11th was a tremendous success raising over \$5000.00 dollars. Thanks to the 26 Knights who volunteered and to Ed & Dianne Hughes who donated the "Bumpy Cake" & other deserts.
- Trustees Report:
 - The Trustees approved the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,593.30. A motion to pay the bills was made by Dcn. Larry Ruehlen and 2nd by Vince Garofalo, the membership approved unanimously.
- New Business:
 - A Motion was made by Mark Ferri for the council to absorb the expenses incurred from the Desert Meal (spaghetti dinner) in the amount of \$472.05. After a brief discussion the motion was presented and 2nd by Carl Grew and approved by the membership.
 - Nominations for Council Officers were opened this evening. Our Grand Knight, Gary Kopp decided to give everyone an opportunity to nominate someone or nominate themselves.

The schedule for our elections is :

March Business Meeting -2nd Nominations

April Business Meeting - 3rd Nominations

May Business Meeting - Final Nominations & Elections

June Business Meeting - Last Meeting of the Fraternal Year

July Business Meeting - New Officers take office.

If you wish to nominate yourself or another Brother Knight please forward your nomination to our Elections Chair, Tom Weisner tomweisner@yahoo.com

Current Nominations are attached.
- Good of the Order
 - Prayers for those on our Prayer List with special intentions for the MSU Shooting Victims.
- Knight of the Month - Michael Chopp
- Family of the Month - Bob & Barb Valcke
- Meeting Ended 8:30pm

Calendar:

Council Programs / Events	Responsible Director	Director Name	Chairman Name	Date to Office	Bulletin Date	Resource Needed	Notes
Wooden Crosses	RTL	Michael Chopp	George Barthel			Work Shop	TBD Date - Rectory basement?
Bagels	Community Director	Phil Dillard	Phil Dillard	8/8/2022	Aug 20, Aug 27	Gathering Space - Pulpit	April 1/2, May 6/7
Membership Drive		Phil Dillard	Phil Dillard	2/20/2023	Mar 11/12, Mar 18/19	Gathering Space - Pulpit	March 18/19
Fraternal Benefit Night	Bob Bovenschon						April 4th - 7:00PM at St Isidore
Rosary	RTL	Michael Chopp	Michael Chopp	3/13/2022	3-4-2023, 3-11-2023	Church	4/20/2023 - 6:00PM
Road Clean Up		Bob Valcke	Bob Valcke	4/3/2023	Apr 15, Apr 22		April 29th - 9:00am at SJV
Diaper Drive -	Family Director	Mark Ferri	Mark Ferri	4/10/2023	Apr 22, Apr 29	Gathering Space - Pulpit	May 6/7th - SJV
Wife's Appreciation / 26th Year Council Ann	Program Director	Eric Crudo	Eric Crudo			Rectory basement	May 19, 2023 - Rectory basement
Rosary	RTL	Michael Chopp	Michael Chopp	6/19/2023	7-8-2023, 7-15-2023	Church	7/20/2023 - 6:00PM
Charity Poker	Community Director	Bob Valcke	TBD				July 21-24
Charity Poker	Community Director	Bob Valcke	TBD				August 18-21
Charity Poker	Community Director	Bob Valcke	TBD				October 6-9
Rosary	RTL	Michael Chopp	Michael Chopp	10/16/2023	11-4-2023, 11-11-2023	Church	11/16/2023 - 6:00PM
Charity Poker	Community Director	Bob Valcke	TBD				December 1-3
Color Corps Request	Grand Knight	4th Degree Chairman	N/A				TBD / Grand Knight Request
Council Bulletin	Grand Knight	Gary Kopp	Eric Crudo				Monthly - Advertising
11772 Blue Shirt Order Form	Grand Knight	Phil Dillard	Gary Kopp				Shirts Order Placed Quarterly Jul-Oct-Jan-Apr
Council Planning Meetings	Grand Knight	Gary Kopp	George Barthel				First Thursday of the month - Rectory Basement
Council Business Meetings	Grand Knight	Gary Kopp	George Barthel				Third Thursday of the month - Rectory Basement
2021/2022 Directors	Name	Phone Number	e-mail Address				
Grand Knight	Gary Kopp	586-873-6906	GK117762@mikof.org				
Program Director / DGK	Eric Crudo	586-945-0267	PD11772@mikofc.org				
Membership Director	Phil Dillard	248-761-2455	oldmandillard@gmail.com				
Faith Director							
Community Director	Bob Valcke	586-940-2104	rv1029@gmail.com				
Family Director	Mark Ferri	248-470-2058	ferri.mark@gmail.com				
Life Director	Mike Chopp	586-212-4947	mmchopp@wowway.com				

Knights Supporting the Relics



March–2023–Prayer Request Let us offer prayers for our Brothers, Family, and Friends

This list is updated monthly at our business meetings. All prayer requests that are older than 3 months that have not been updated will be removed.

- *Sandy Pedrotte—wife of Don Pedrotte
- *Kevin Powers—son-in-law of PGK Bob Valcke
- *Selenia Starski—granddaughter of Gary Starski
- *Jackie Rys—Brother Knight
- *Kristen Ruehlen—daughter-in-law of Deacon Larry Ruehlen
- *Dale Ebejer—sister-in-law of Mike Cipperoni
- *Thomas Priemer—Brother Knight
- *Jessie Celestini—friend of John
- *Deacon Larry Ruehlen—Brother Knight
- *Deanne (Dee) Gardonio—friend of Mark Ferri

Deceased Individuals

- George F Fischer—Brother Knight 10/22
- Barb O'Neill—mother of brother knight Shawn O'Neill 10/22
- Mrs. Patricia Tuerff—mother-in-law of Clifford Wasmund 10/22
- Lorraine Kozlowski—wife of brother knight Joseph Koalowski 10/22
- Mrs. Anne Scapini—mother of brother knight Michael Scapini 12/22
- Mr. Robert Forbes—son of Robert Forbes 12/22
- Mary Ann Garofalo (Vince Garofalo's Brother Mike's wife) 2/23

March Special Days:

Birthdays in March:

Frank	T	Balabuch
Danny	C	Champine
Charles	F	Gietzen
Gary	E	Kopp
Henry		Masiwchuk Jr.
Donald	H	Pedrotte
Raymond	T	Pierce Jr.
Richard	K	Rosen
Patrick	A	Tuscany
Jamie	R	Vroman

K of C March Anniversaries:

Ronald	W	Wood
Joseph	P	Michael
Ronald	L	Seguin
Robert	J	Forbes
Roger	J	Sienko
Frank	T	Balabuch
George	F	Fischer
Jerome	A	Pellerito
Dominic	A	Grillo
Gary	R	Roosa
Maurice	M	Cerra
Michael	R	Lesnau
Earl	G	Brown
Dale	E	Kain
Peter	J	Lucido
Charles	F	Gietzen
Charles	D	Mok
Daniel	P	Johnson
Michael	A	Reo
Jason	B	Powers
Dale		Kaminski
Ernest		Govea
Adan		Beltran
John	A	Lajiness
Anthony	J	Oddo
Joshua	D	Kirkbride
Nicholas	M	Nightingale
David		Biske
Joshua		Biske
Orlando		Visocchi

Gary E. Kopp

Grand Knight

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