

The meeting was called to order by GK Bruce at 7:00 p.m. GK Bruce opened with a prayer and then pledge to our flag. Roll call of officers was taken and noted they all had their jewels on. The minutes from the previous meeting were up online for review from the membership. GK Bruce reported that Fr. Dave told him he will try and be at more meetings now that summer is approaching.

Under GK report Bruce reported that there will be a blood drive on May 20, we welcomed three new members and one transfer. Bruce asked about the fraternal benefits night video cast. Marty responded that he is working with Phil to make sure we got credit for it and reported that other councils are having an issue with credit also. It was reported that we are on track for the Star or Two Star Council award for this year. Marty reported that the membership drive at St. Mary's with Larry went great with the possibility of two new members.

Program director John W. gave an update on our program status with the tracker.

It was reported that there will be a live exemplification in July for those wishing to get a higher degree.

Jim W. gave a report on the website. He moved some things around on it and streamlined a few others, but you still cannot order pizza from Domino's from it. Great job Jim.

John W reported that there will be a 4th degree meeting on May 10.

DD Marty C. reported that the Convention is this weekend and that we have a contested race for the State Secretary. It should be quite interesting.

Treasurer Nick was absent from the meeting due to a family ailment. Recorder Tom R. gave his report. We are financially sound and in the black.

GK. Bruce thanked everyone for helping with Nick's farewell refreshments after mass last Sunday and that this weekend is first weekend, and we will again be serving coffee and donuts after the masses and that we have ordered 400 carnations to be given out to the ladies after all the masses in honor of Mother's Day.

Our next social meeting will be a Mexican Dinner with a program from Social and Learning Institute. Jerry T. is in charge of the dinner. It was also reported that Rory Neary would like to talk to us about a donation for her upcoming teaching trip abroad.

GK Bruce also reported that June 3 is our turn to work the Soup Kitchen. He has yet to hear back about the painting of houses at Sharing Meadows that same weekend. Updates will follow.

Al T. gave a report that we have donated over 7,300 lbs. of food to the food pantry. He has sent in the report to Supreme for the Food for Families Program. We should get back from Supreme a donation of \$500 and as we have done in previous years our council will match it with a total donation of \$1,000 going to the St. Mary's Food Pantry.

Al T. also reported on the nominating committee. All current officers have said they would stay on for another year. The first reading was held at this meeting.

GK Bruce gave a report on the upcoming Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend. Mark's will deliver the plants on Friday at 9:00 a.m. to Queens. Last year we sold over 320 items so please sign up online if

you can work at the sale. Bruce also reported that parishioner Gary Marsheski will be setting up his Hot Dog Stand on Friday to enhance our Plant Day Sale.

GK Bruce also reported on the Porta Pit Sale. The planets are aligning and everything is going good so far. We are having tickets printed for presale of the dinners to sell after the masses. Brice reported that the Cluck and Oink will be held on Saturday August 26.

Paul A. made a motion up for discussion to provide up to \$200 to buy items from the rummage sale for needy families. It was decided that this falls under GK Bruce discretionary fund, so he all decided to do it without the vote.

GK Bruce also brought up that the Knights have once again volunteered to cook for the Totus Tuos Group of teenagers in June. Lucia Bim-Merle gave a talk on the Corpus Christi walk on June 11. Tom R. volunteered to chair this committee from the Knights. The walk will be 2.5 miles and make four stops ending at St. Mary's Church for prayer and reception at the Scholl Center.

Under Good of the Order please prayer for the repose of the soul of Fr. Killian who passed away over the weekend, Marge Gosnell after her surgery, Dwayne and Deb Hogan and their health issues, Dave Bays son's girlfriend who was in an accident, Carol P., Father Ian, and Kay Storey.

The meeting closed in prayer led by GK Bruce at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Your humble Recorder Thomas W. Root