

The September 1, 2021 Meeting of Knights Council 3928 was called into session at 8:06 pm.

Attendance.... Meeting held in the hall. 26 Members in attendance.

Chaplin's Report.... Father Dillion was not able to make the meeting. On his behalf, Vinny mentioned that this last Sunday a lot of parishioners came in unsure about the mask policy. Right now, masks are recommended but not mandated. Please spread the word if you can to avoid any confusion.

Grand Knight Report.... Received a thank you card from Father Dillion for his welcome gifts. GK Nelly announced that he wants to continue to build on his "Make Someone Smile" initiative. He will be looking to see if we can record via photographs some of the smiling faces at our events to show the positive work we are doing. Pictures of smiles can be sent to Nick Rinaldi and Chris Dill so we can publish them. GK Nelly is also looking via a motion to add "Make Someone Smile" to the back of one of the Knight's shirts. GK Nelly thanked all the members for their hard work and dedication to make the carnival so successful. Finally on that note, Joe would like to have a Carnival Volunteer Appreciation dinner in September.

Financial Report... Chris presented his report which is available on request. Checks paid to Mike Tufano, Joe Myers, Zuse printing.

Membership Report... 195 members. Three new this year. Waiting for one more member to work through the First-Third degree process.

Other Reports...

Carnival - Bill Benzi provided an update on the carnival announcing that the council eclipsed our best year by 150%! The 2021 Carnival Total Revenue of \$136,359. Bill detailed that credit card sales played a very large role in this success. Some of the price increases for food, wrist bands and other items also helped to increase overall revenue income. Bill thanked all the volunteers who helped to make it a huge success. He also credited the entertainment, not only as a great added feature, but also for the cross promotion they provided to the council.

Details on net profit will be available once all the expenses have been settled.

Mike Tufano sent his thanks out to his co-chair and the host of other members who have made this carnival an amazing success.

Sal Candelora addressed the council and suggested a meeting be set up to discuss Carnival successes as well as areas for improvement. He pointed out that this would be a more beneficial way to address issues than to try and hash it out in the middle of the carnival. On that point, Vinny followed up reminding everyone that next Wednesday (7pm) there will be a Home Association meeting to be held at the hall. Vinny said this could be a beneficial time for everyone to come together to discuss carnival items as well as some pressing issues facing the Home Association. It would also be a great way for some of the regular Council meeting attendees to attend a Home Association meeting who could use more support. Mike Tufano made a motion to have a Carnival Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers. Motion was approved. Details of the dinner will be finalized during next week's Home Association meeting.

Program Director.... No report.

Faith... No report.

Family... No report.

Community... No report.

Life.... No report.

Report of the Fourth Degree - Allyn reminded all the members that the Fourth Degree is the Patriotic arm of the Knights. He updated the council on the latest online event as well as some of the other events that the Color Guard was involved in. If anyone has any questions on the fourth degree, please contact Allyn Temple.

District Deputy Report (Rich Falcone):

- No report

Unfinished Business:

Silver Rose - Was reportedly scheduled for October 12th at St George. GK Nelly is still looking for information on this and how we can solidify being scheduled for October 12th. Allyn will reach out to confirm this date and that St George.

Catholic Men's Conference – Saturday September 25th at New Britain Stadium. All day event ending with a vigil mass. Joe Myers addressed the Council on some of the details and his support for all to attend. \$45 per person, tickets on sale online. Joe can provide more details if you're interested. If the council can get 10 members to go we would apply this trip towards one of the Star Council requirements!

Parish Picnic – Sunday September 26th at Jacobs Beach 1-6pm. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Water, Soda, Games, Egg Toss, and music will be provided. Everyone should please bring Sides, Desserts, and masks for the unvaccinated. Please RSVP to Fran Wainer at fwainer@stgeorgeguilford.org

Under New Business:

- Teen Essay Contest – GK Nelly is interested in once again holding a Teen Essay Contest for members of our parish. Five winners (8th grade – 12th grade) would be awarded prizes up to \$50 for the winners. Motion made by Steve Heinz and approved. Details on the contest will be worked out in the coming months.
- Make Someone Smile Contest – Tabled until next month's meeting to allow for more consideration and discussion concerning the details of this contest.
- Make Someone Smile Shirts – Tabled so a vendor and pricing can be investigated so that a detailed motion can be made.

Good of the Order –

Knight of the Month was – Mike Tufano

Family of the Month was – Sal Candelora

Thoughts & Prayers - Mike Tufano thanked everyone for the gift basket and thoughts following his recent medical procedure. Mike Stretch asked everyone to pray for one another as we battle covid. Allyn asks for prayers for Fourth Degree member Larry Kramer. Brother John Conroy. And Brother Vinny Ruiz's mother..... we send them all our prayers.

Closing Prayer was offered at 9:12 PM