

District 10 – Winter / Spring 2023 Meeting 2/10/23

Introduction & Welcome – RM

Invocation – Fr. Raja

Mission and Focus – RM

- Review - Communication & conduit between Councils and State
- Building Collaboration and Support – Examples – Men’s Retreat & St. Patrick’s Dinner
- To continue to be the “right hand” of the church, working with the priests to serve the community – Support for seminarians, Meetings with priest to determine priorities

Winter Meeting Recap – RM

- Need 93 more members (state wide) by end of fraternal year. DD – one per month.
- **January 25th – deadline for submitting to me – members to transfer to Affiliate Program**
 - Export list out of Member Management to Excel and send this list to me
- Challenge the wives to bring in new Knights – Michigan issued a challenge – paid wives and became the best recruiters.
- Look into Columbiette program to support widows.
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- **Saturday Morning – 1/7/23**
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- Phil Lizotte – Cash Calendars – netted \$16K
- Fr. Aaron – Great that we overturned Roe v. Wade, but much more work needs to be done to change hearts and minds.
 - Continue to pray for the good of the order and our leadership
- Jon Harvey:
 - Will work to improve communications
 - www.maineKnights.com
 - FIA reports – still need to submit 2x for primary categories – state and supreme – Working on it trying to streamline it.
 - Star Tracker report will be on the state website soon
 - 17 districts – each DD responsible for bringing in 2 new members
 - Summary from latest convention
 - Make necessary adjustments to win the game.
 - Membership update: up 3.2% so far in the U.S. Order wide – up 5.8%

- Over 2 MM members world-wide
- Maine – going strong
- New Council in Machias - started by Fr. John
- Keys to recruiting success:
 - Focus on the “why”
 - Faith in Action
 - Use the “I am a Knight card” – See State Warden – can use as bookmarks for missals
 - Explain “what’s in it for me”
 - Hold leaders accountable
 - Work through wives
 - Person who brings in most new Knights (from now through April 1st) goes to Supreme Convention for free – be sure to get “proposer number” gets recorded. Must be a 3rd Degree member.
 - Training is available for training for Councils
 - Encourage Councils to stay engaged in FIA. Promote the ASAP program (Baby Bottle Drive should qualify). Need to get to \$500 for it to qualify
 - Turn clergy and field agents into best recruiters
 - Use incentives to promote involvement and recruiting
 - Online Membership – use this! Free through end of the year “**Blessed McGivney**”
 - Inspire and motivate your Councils
- **Spike Brimmer** – Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation
 - Promote Adoration & eucharistic procession
 - We are called to be Catholic Faith Leaders
 - Evangelization Initiative
 - Blessed McGivney’s vision
 - Cor Meeting:
 - Additional meeting for the council focusing on formation
 - Prayer, Formation, Fraternity
 - We are here to grow in faith and support our church
 - Contact Spike Brimmer FMI
- PSD – Mark Bourgoin – now on the Board of Directors for the Pregnancy Care Centers in Aroostook.
- NOTE: All donations to KofC.org go to the benefit (100% - no management fee)
- “Into the Breach” – 1MM views
- Fraternal Operations Midyear Update:
 - Struggle to get qualified men to take on officer positions. Solutions:
 - Make success achievable
 - Convince men that they can do it
 - Help them succeed

- Reducing the workload:
 - Combined ceremonial
 - Streamlined meetings
 - Affiliate Member initiative
 - Eliminating reports
 - Simpler DD 944 report on Council Health
 - New membership cards
 - more improvements on the way
- Improvements to Online Join process:
 - Video instructions available for online joining
- ASAP program – promote this. For each Council that raises \$500, Supreme adds another \$100
- State recognition award submissions need to be in by March 1 – FIA, State Family of the Year, State Blessed Micheal McGivney Award (to recognize Chaplains). This may replace Chaplain of the Year Award- form SBMMA
- Disaster guidebook has been created – shall be available soon.
- Mother Theresa: No Greater Love – movie available for purchase. K of C owns rights – do not need to get permission to show it.
- State Life Directors
 - Charlie and Courtney
- Community Director
 - Anthony Alfiero
 - Member survey
 - Invite Councils and State Officers to District Meetings
 - Newsletter
 - State Council looking at doing a State run “Coats for Kids”. Get more Councils involved.
 - Review seminarian list – RSVP program
 - District – Financial Planning Meeting -
 - Fill out form 10784 – Supreme – FIA formation
- **Bob Dumond** – Faith Director
 - RSVP – fill out forms to report to support seminarians
 - **Send Bob Dumond an e-mail for updates**
 - Councils that give \$500 – Supreme donates an additional \$100
- **Insurance – Bill Weiss**
 - Call Bill with any insurance / investment questions
 - 21 claims settled in Maine since Christmas
 - New products available, estate planning
 - Fraternal Benefit Nights
 - 7 members / qualified men need to attend to qualify
- State Advocate – Gil Berube
 - 4th Degree – May 20, Sanford

- Safe Environment
- Submit Roundtable report
- Membership Drive – report to State Deputy
- Form 1728 – due at the end of this month (January 31)

Closing remarks – RM

Blessing – Fr. Raja

Discussion on the planning for the Men’s Retreat:

Need help with setup and take down.

- Volunteers?_____

Need to decide on meals:

- Make sandwiches & salads as a group effort _____
- Each council chip in and buy sandwich platters_____
- Each Council buy or make food for 25 – pot luck _____

Bob Michaud to take care of registration and sign in.