

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting
May 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight John Radicone at 7 p.m.

Opening prayer was offered by the Grand Knight

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Grand Knight

Roll call of officers

Chaplain: Father Dan Powell	Excused
Grand Knight: John Radicone	Present
Deputy Grand Knight: Ted Buczacki	Present
Treasurer: Dennis Anspach -	Excused
Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr	Present
Recorder: Tom Carr	Present
Financial Secretary: Bob Richards	Present
Advocate: Bruce Bischoff	Present
Inside Guard: John Krebs	Present
Outside Guard: Joel Harnish	Present
Warden: Jerry Sauers	Present
3rd Year Trustee: Alfred T Stamp Jr.	Present
2nd Year Trustee: William H. Allison	Present
1st Year Trustee: John E. Schuring	Present
Lector: Brandon M. Kreiser	Present

Minutes of the 04/13 General Council meeting. Reading waived. Minutes approved.

Reading of new applications:

Grand Knight report -- John Radicone

Correspondence

The recently received the following:

- A thank you note from Tom and Barbara Carr for being named family of the year.
- A Woman's Concern expressing gratitude for our council's \$1,000 donation this year.
- A final message from our outgoing Grand Knight thanking the council for the honor of leading the council; noting strides made despite the pandemic; thanking the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and leaders of the pig roast and golf outing for keeping the council financial stability; thanking Father Dan for his support of council efforts; noting the council is only three new members shy of Star Council this year, a goal still within reach; thanking past grand knights; and a promise to continue to support the council's new leaders and officers.

Treasurer's report

Grand Knight made the report, saying not much changed (interest not reported because it was so little)

- Regular account: \$12,964
- Relief fund: \$650
- Scholarship fund: \$6,490.88
- Church fund: \$5,539.80

Financial Secretary's report -- Bob Richards

Four bills (all approved by council vote)

- \$43.49 to Dick Savicky for baptismal supplies
- \$154.04 to Dennis Anspach COLA expenses
- \$55 to Bob Richards for stamps
- \$71.77 to John Radicone for supplies

Volunteer hours recorded by FS for April and May

Lector's report -- Brandon Kreiser

Reflection on the Eucharist and the pandemic. With the pandemic driving more people away from the faith, members were encouraged to think of St. Monica and her efforts with her son (St. Augustine, a pagan who became one of the church's greatest theologians) and not give up on friends and relatives who've drifted from the faith and pray to God for their return to the Catholic faith, the only one that holds to Christ's teaching that the Eucharist is his true body and blood. In John, chapter 6, Christ is not ambiguous on the point, saying: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." And repeating it more forcefully when some objected, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life ..."

If you have someone you wish to convince of the truth of the Eucharist, pray for them and note to them that: During the first 1,500 years of Christianity, all believers called the Eucharist the body and blood of Christ. If true presence in the Eucharist is wrong, Christ would have made that clear, instead of doubling down on it in the 6th chapter of John.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Baptismal robes: No report

Pro-life: No report.

Road cleanup: Randy Albrecht said we'll get going again next month.

Degree teams: Exemplification is set for June 13 at 2 or 3 p.m. in the church. Larry Beat encouraged members to attend with their wives and noted that the team will have to get together before the next meeting to prepare.

Grounds: Jerry Sauers noted efforts that mulching in front of the school will be done by the teachers, students and parents of St John Neumann School.

Mulching in the back will be done by the council on 06/05 or 06/19; volunteers needed.

Retention: The Grand Knight said we have 16 delinquencies on dues (as per FS) named by GK with hopes of outreach by those who know them.

Fifth Sunday Rosary: Jack Schuring said all Masses have enough people for the Rosary this month.

Holiday ball: John Radicone said it will be held Jan. 14, at the Eden, probably \$40 per person but the price has not been finalized.

4th Degree: John Radicone said a picnic is planned for Aug, 25 at Council 867.

Membership: Alfred T Stamp Jr. reported efforts being made on at least four potential new members. Transfer member introduced: Steve Nusca, most recently from the Manayunk section of Philadelphia.

Golf tournament: Jerry Sauers said it will be held Oct 8.

Pig Roast: To be held Aug. 15.

Jerry said he wants to hold two BRIEF meetings the same evening for both the Pig Roast and the Golf Tournament. No objection heard. No date set at meeting (since scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending 8 p.m. in the Social Hall).

District Deputy: Dick Reehling offered greetings from state leaders, lauded Council 12532 for having good turnout for meetings and for work details. Also offered thanks and applause to GK John Radicone. Led the Prayer to St. Joseph for the Year of St Joseph.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Safety director:** The Grand Knight suggested naming a safety director. The term of the last safety director lapsed and no one has stepped up for it. It's a matter of taking the course online. Anyone interested should be encouraged to see the Grand Knight.
- **Membership Drive:** The Grand Knight said the council needs to hand out material after Masses as soon as we're able to do so again.
- **Box of Joy:** The Grand Knight encouraged the council to get involved in Box of Joy, an effort that provides small gifts for children, sent to underprivileged Catholic organizations.

NEW BUSINESS

A reading of the nominees for leadership positions for the upcoming 2021-22 council year was conducted. Because there was only one nominee for each position, the election was held at the meeting. All were approved by unanimous voice vote, after being read by Nominations Committee chairman Jack Schuring, as follows.

- Grand Knight: Ted Buczaki
- Deputy Grand Knight: Brandon Kreiser
- Chancellor: Wayne Wagner Jr.
- Recorder: Joe Hainthaler
- Treasurer: Dennis Anspach
- Advocate: Bruce Bischoff
- Warden: Gerald Sauers
- Inside Guard: David Wilson
- Outside Guard: Joel Harnish

The following are not subject to vote:

- 1-Year Trustee: Past Grand Knight William Allison
- 2-Year Trustee: Alfred Stamp
- 3-Year Trustee: Appointed by the Grand Knight (typically the Grand Knight whose term just ended)

The Grand Knight will appoint a Lecturer.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tom Carr mentioned the council's desire to add a picture of Mary next to the altar heart. The Grand Knight noted that Father Dan wants to add a photo of the Holy Family but the place for it is now filled and added that Father is supportive of adding a photo but wants to wait on it to see what changes are made to the altar.
- The Grand Knight noted that the council has a new bulletin board between the two bathrooms and it is up to date. He said he would like one person to be in charge of adding items to it.

Sick and distressed: Prayers were offered for the health and the repose of souls of family members of council members.

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer offered by John Radicone: Our Father and Prayer of Father McGivney

Meeting adjourned at 8:02

Next officers' meeting: June 22

Next general council meeting: June 8, 2021 in the social hall; 6:30 Rosary and 7 p.m. start of meeting

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler