

**Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting
September 14, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:34 p.m.

The opening prayer was offered by the Grand Knight.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Grand Knight.

The Opening Ode was sung.

Roll call of officers

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| Chaplain: Father Daniel F.X. (Dan) Powell | Excused |
| Grand Knight: Theodore (Ted) Buczacki | Present |
| Deputy Grand Knight: Brandon M. Kreiser | Present |
| Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach | Present |
| Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr | Excused |
| Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler | Present |
| Financial Secretary: Robert V. (Bob) Richards | Present |
| Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff | Present |
| Inside Guard: David Wilson | Present |
| Outside Guard: Joel P. Harnish | Present |
| Warden: Gerald N. (Jerry) Sauers | Present |
| 3- Year Trustee: John Radicone | Present |
| 2-Year Trustee: Alfred T. Stamp Jr. | Present |
| 1-Year Trustee: William (Bill) Allison | Present |

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the 08/24 General Council meeting was waived. Approved as submitted.

GRAND KNIGHT Report (Ted Buczacki)
Correspondence:

- The council received a **thank you letter from Lancaster Catholic High School** for the council again being a sponsor of its Business Alliance effort by purchasing \$500 worth of ads in the school's sports programs.
- The council received a **thank you letter from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank** for its response to the food bank's Hunger Action Month appeal.
- The council received a **thank you letter from A Woman's Concern** for its financial support and for helping the organization share its message of life and family.

March for Life: The Pennsylvania March for Life around the Capitol in Harrisburg will be held at **noon, Monday, Sept. 27**, following a **Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 9 a.m. and a rally at the Capitol at 11 a.m.** It is the first day of state lawmakers' fall legislative session. **Knights are being asked to volunteer to manage the crowd**, directing those parking, seeking shuttles from the Farm Show complex and generally getting around. Organizers need 30 volunteers; have only five so far.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach)

- **Council general fund:** The 08/10 balance of \$11,500.34 saw outflows totaling \$4,740.88 (mostly Pig Roast expenses and donations from the event), inflows of \$7,644.07 (mostly Pig Roast proceeds and Golf Outing sponsorships and golfer registrations), for a current balance of **\$14,403.53**.
- **Church fund:** The 08/10 balance of \$5,539.95 gained 5 cents interest for a current balance of **\$5,540.00**.
- **Scholarship fund:** The 08/10 balance of \$6,491.03 gained 5 cents interest for a current balance of **\$6,491.08**.
- **Relief fund:** The 08/10 balance of \$2,500.03, with donations of \$425 in memory of Ron Fox and 2 cents interest, for a current balance of **\$2,925.05**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (BOB RICHARDS)

Bills:

- \$34.90 to John Radicone: Payment for a medal.
Service hours recorded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Roast/Golf Outing (Jerry Sauers)

- **The Pig Roast, by the numbers: 293 meals served, \$1,927 in proceeds raised, with donations distributed to:**
 - \$667 to the church capital fund
 - \$200 to Boy Scout Troop 84 (which helped at the event)
 - \$200 to Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors
 - \$200 to Mom's House
 - \$200 to A Woman's Concern
 - \$490 to the church.
- **21st Annual Golf Outing, Friday, Oct. 8, at Four Seasons Golf Club:** Committee to meet Sept. 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. Only 25 or 26 sponsors paid so far, hoping for at least 40. Sponsorship forms are in the K of C mailbox in the church for anyone who needs one to sign up a sponsor.

Christmas Giving Tags (Ron Dell): Whether the council will be seeking gift cards or wrapped gifts this year is yet to be determined; Ron said he will touch base with Father Dan before the next meeting to determine that.

Pro-Life (Larry Beat)

- Larry noted the momentum for pro-life legislation in other states such as Texas and Mississippi. Can we do it in Pa.? March for Life is an effort in that direction. He also urged that members please be involved in at least one activity for life to show support for the unborn.
- Carpool sheet distributed at the meeting for the March for Life in Harrisburg on Sept. 27. Larry urged Knights to attend, saying we need

to make a strong showing to emphasize the importance of the issue to our lawmakers.

- Telling members to check the bulletin for further details, Larry mentioned:
 - 40 days for life beginning 09/22.
 - Vigils at St. Anne's
 - Pro-life Stations of the Cross at SJN

Vocations (Charlie Letteer): The council has traditionally supported three seminarians per year. One previously supported is still a seminarian. The council is being asked to support two more this year.

Holiday Ball (John Radicone):

- **Date:** Friday, Jan. 7, 2022
- **Location:** The Eden Resort
- **Cost:** \$50/person; beer and iced tea included; other drinks at cash bar.

Fifth Sunday Rosary (Ron Eluk): The next will be held Oct 30-31.

Baptismal Rose (Dick Savicki): Going well this month. Presented on recent Saturdays and Sundays to mothers.

Admissions (Al Stamp): A new parishioner, John Chester, is interested in joining; Al will reach out to him. Reaching out to others.

Degree team (Larry Beat): Hoping for candidates for the next degree Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. at SJN. Time moved later because of baptisms earlier in the day.

Soccer challenge (Ron Dell): Canceled this year because notice from Catholic High School was not in time to advertise. Perhaps next year we can set up portable goals on church grounds and hold it at home.

Football sweeps (Ron Dell): \$10 per ticket; four random teams for 10 weeks. 25 chances each week to win from \$10 to \$400 per week. Ron needs ticket stubs and money back at the October general council meeting. Last year, this fundraiser raised \$1,400 for the council.

Mom's House (Dick Savicki): We have collected food for Mom's House in October in the past. Dick said he will find out if the organization wants food or food cards this year.

Fourth Degree: Will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, in Carlisle, in person and virtual. Applications must be in by Oct. 2. Ticket chances available, \$10 each.

NEW BUSINESS

- Open positions: Lecturer (Volunteer sought), Program Director (Volunteer sought), Faith Director (Deacon Oles), Vocations (Charlie Letteer); Community Director (Volunteer sought) and Health Services (Volunteer sought).
- Volunteers sought to provide Welcome Breakfast for RCIA. Is held each Sunday. Link to sign up will be sent out via email.

Action items

- **Action item:** Supreme seeking Knights of Columbus Charities seeking donations for persecuted Christian communities in the Middle East. **Council voted to provide \$100.**
- **Officers installation** will be held in the church **Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.** Suit or jacket and tie is the dress code.
- SJN sponsors Cross Catholic Outreach, Box of Joy program, sponsored by the Bishop. The effort, to be concluded by Oct 30, will include delivering a pulpit message before Mass, handing out boxes to parishioners along with lists of items for children in Haiti and other needy areas in the Caribbean. Project leader in council sought to lead this effort. One or more Knights sought to help organize the hand-out and collection of boxes after Masses. **Larry suggested a committee of three to lead the effort: John Radicone, Larry**

Beat and Bill Henry volunteered; they will need Knights to pitch in on the distribution and collection of boxes.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki Closed the meeting.

Prayers for the sick and distressed.

John Radicone reported that Al Gillis was back in the hospital and not doing well, suffering an Infection of the intestines.

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**

Closing Ode was sung.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 7:15 p.m. in the church; this month's meeting will not be held because the installation will take its place (see above for details).

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7:15 p.m. in the social hall.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Joe Hainthaler