

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

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:35 p.m.

The opening prayer was offered by the Grand Knight.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Grand Knight and the Opening Ode was sung.

**Roll call of officers**

<b>Chaplain: Father Daniel F.X. (Dan) Powell</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Grand Knight: Theodore (Ted) Buczacki	Present
Deputy Grand Knight: Brandon M. Kreiser	Present
Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach	Present
Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr	Present
Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler	Present
Financial Secretary: Robert V. (Bob) Richards	Present
Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff	Present
<b>Inside Guard: David Wilson</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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
<b>1-Year Trustee: William (Bill) Allison</b>	<b>Excused</b>

**Minutes:** The reading of the minutes of the 11/09/2021 General Council meeting was waived. Approved as submitted.

**GRAND KNIGHT Report (Ted Buczacki)**  
**Correspondence received by the council:**

- A **thank you from A Woman's Concern**, expressing gratitude for the council's recent \$200 contribution and ongoing support of the organization's mission to defend and promote life.
- A **thank you from the School District of Lancaster**, recipient and distributor of the five dozen coats the council contributed to **Coats for Kids** this year.
- A **thank you from Box of Joy**, for our council's significant effort as the biggest contributor of boxes (417 through SJN this year) among all Knights of Columbus councils in Lancaster County.

### **TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach)**

- **Council general fund:** The 11/08/2021 balance of \$12,398.79 saw outflows totaling \$1,797.97, inflows totaling \$515, for a **current balance of \$11,115.82**. Most disbursements were for Coats for Kids. A check to Mom's House came back to the council as the organization is no longer a viable concern.
- **Church fund:** The 11/08/2021 balance of \$7,679.68 gained 6 cents interest for a **current balance of \$7,679.74**.
- **Scholarship fund:** The 11/08/2021 balance of \$6,491.18 gained 5 cents interest for a **current balance of \$6,491.23**.
- **Relief fund:** The 11/08/2021 balance of \$2,925.09, gained 2 cents interest, for a **current balance of \$2,925.11**.
- The council's SJN **capital campaign has contributed \$13,800 to date** (NOT counting \$3,000 extra donated in 2019) toward the council's **total commitment of \$25,000**. The council's **next payment of \$5,000** is due in April.

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY (Bob Richards)**

#### **Bills:**

- \$102.91 to Dick Savicki for the baptismal rose.
- Assessments to Supreme back as of January 2022.
- The council is donating **\$3,573 toward the paving of the Stations of the Cross** out of a total project cost of \$4,500. An Eagle Scout fundraiser, donated to SJN, paid the balance.
- \$1,360 to Elite Coach for the March for Life bus reservation.

Service hours were recorded.

### **District Deputy (Dick Rheeling)**

- Extended greetings from state leadership.
- Noted that this is **the year of St. Joseph** and that we need to follow his example and **be men of faith and lead our families in faith**; make a point of attending church faithfully, to show what's important to us. A father's influence is significant to children remaining faithful to their faith into adulthood. A Swiss study published in 2000 shows the masculine influence is significant: <https://www.romancatholicman.com/dad-takes-faith-god-seriously-will-children/>
- Referred to Matthew Kelley's call to **pray for Father McGinley's canonization** and use his example to make a difference in our world.
- Wished council members a merry and blessed Christmas.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** John Torino, an active Knight in his former Long Island council and an Honorary Life member, is seeking to transfer to Council 12532. **Motion to accept John as a new member approved.**

**Baptismal Rose:** Al Stamp and John Radicon will take over this important council ministry.

### **Pro-Life (Larry Beat)**

- Two words that are very, very important in promoting the pro-life cause: **respect** for all life and **responsibility** for our actions. Larry called this a good topic for the Christmas dinner table this year.

### **Holiday Ball (John Radicone):**

- **Date:** Friday, Jan. 7, 2022
- **Location:** The Eden Resort

- Only 53 signed up to attend so far; hoping for more; have until Dec. 31 to get numbers to the Eden.

**Christmas tags (Ron Dell):** Over \$12,000 collected for this year's Christmas tags, sent out to eight agencies, all grateful for the money and gift cards they received.

**Football Sweeps (Ron Dell):** The council received the \$600 bonus and has seen two winners from our council so far with two more weeks to go.

**Fifth Sunday Rosary (Ron Eluk):** The next fifth Sunday is Jan. 29/30 2022. Ron said he **needs a successor before the January dates** because he will be out of the area and unable to coordinate it.

**March for Life (Brandon):** The march is **Friday, Jan. 21, 2022**. Two buses will leave from St, John Neumann Church, one for Lancaster Catholic High School, one for SJN and we can can a third if needed. Brandon urged that it is time for the silent majority to stop being silent and stand up for life, given that a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the issue is expected this coming summer.

**Grounds (Tom Carr):** Sign near the Stations of the Cross inviting people to purchase more memorial bricks has fallen into disrepair because of the weather. Tom proposed a new, sturdier sign, at a cost of \$125, offering memorial bricks and trees for sale. **Motion for \$125 for a new sign was approved.**

**Cleanup (Jerry):** Shrubbery near the Stations is being removed through a federally funded program to clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

**Fourth degree (John Radicone):** Fifty-seven attended the holiday ball on Saturday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Letter of protest:** The council voted to approve an emailed letter to the administration of Catholic University objecting to a portrait of George Floyd in the arms of Mary titled “Mamma,” with Floyd in the role of Jesus in imitation of Michaelangelo’s The Pieta. Edited by Father Daniel Powell and Grand Knight Ted Buczacki, the letter emailed by the council calls the portrait, up for a month on campus, “blasphemous” and states that no flawed human being should be put in the place of Christ. The letter, read in its entirety before the vote, calls for removal of the portrait and states that the council will suspend donations and scholarships to Catholic University until this wrong is redressed.
- **Donation request:** The Grand Knight noted that the **Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is asking for another donation** from the council given a \$50,000 match that’s available. The **council decided against donating again this year.**
- **Tornado victims:** K of C Charities emailed the council seeking donations to Kentucky State Charities Inc. for victims of the Dec. 10, 2021, tornado. The Pennsylvania State Council donated \$1,000. Discussion of the motion offered by Tom Carr included concern raised by Treasurer Buzz Anspach that the donation was not in the budget. **Motion approved to send \$250 to this cause from the general fund. Additional contributions can be made by members through the council** by putting “Kentucky Relief Fund” in the memo line of checks made out to K of C Council 12532.
- **Ad goof:** Lancaster Catholic High School gave St. James Council our council’s ad space in its recent program. The high school sent an apology, offering that next year, Council 12532 can purchase a half page ad for \$500, instead of the usual \$800 cost for such an ad.
- **February meeting night conflict:** Pope Francis has called for a parish town halls in all parishes. The February 8, 2022, for this event in the Harrisburg Diocese is the night of our general council meeting.

Father Dan has asked that we not hold our meeting that night. The council will discuss bumping it to another night.

- **Baby bottles:** The Grand Knight said that Father Dan Powell OK'd a collection after the first of the year and that we will coordinate dates with the parish secretary.

## **CLOSING**

**Grand Knight Ted Buczacki** Closed the meeting.  
Prayers for the sick and distressed.

### **Good of the Order:**

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**  
Closing Ode was sung.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.**

**Next officers' meeting:** None this month. Next is Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:15 p.m. in the church.

**Next general council meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. (following the Rosary at 7:15 p.m.) in the social hall.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Joe Hainthaler