

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting
January 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:37 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

Chaplain: Father Daniel F.X. (Dan) Powell	Excused
Grand Knight: Theodore (Ted) Buczacki	Present
Deputy Grand Knight: Brandon M. Kreiser	Excused
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	Excused
Inside Guard: David Wilson	Excused
Outside Guard: Joel P. Harnish	Present
Warden: Gerald N. (Jerry) Sauers	Present
3- Year Trustee: John Radicone	Excused
2-Year Trustee: Alfred T. Stamp Jr.	Present
1-Year Trustee: William (Bill) Allison	Excused

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the 12/14/2021 General Council meeting was waived. Approved as submitted.

GRAND KNIGHT Report (Ted Buczacki)

Correspondence received by the council:

- A thank-you note from Father Dan for his vestment gift
- A thank-you note from Deacon Michael Oles for his vestment gift

- A card from Father Michael Culkin, thanking the council for his vestment gift, wishing the council best wishes for Christmas and 2022
- A thank-you note from the Early Education Center's executive director and CEO for the council's donation of \$1,000.
- A thank-you note from Off the Streets, for the council's \$1,1000 in donations of checks and gift cards.
- A thank-you letter from Communities of Schools of Pa., for the council's donation of \$275 in Walmart, and \$470 in Target gift cards.
- A thank-you note from Jessica Knapp, executive director of Communities of Schools, for the council's Coats for Kids donation of 48 coats.
- A card from Mental Health of America of Lancaster County, wishing the council happy holidays.
- A card from A Woman's Concern, wishing the council a blessed Christmas,
- And a card from the Lancaster Early Education Center, wishing the council happy holidays.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach)

- **Council general fund:** The 12/13/2021 balance of \$11,115.82 saw outflows totaling \$6,435.91 and inflows totaling \$3,574, for a **current balance of \$8,253.91**. Most receipts were from the holiday ball, totaling about \$2,000. Member donations of **\$995 to the general fund for victims of the tornadoes that tore through Kentucky** on Dec. 10 were donated in a council check to Kentucky State Charities Inc.
- **Church fund:** The 12/13/2021 balance of \$7,679.74 gained 7 cents interest for a **current balance of \$7,679.81**.
- **Scholarship fund:** The 12/13/2021 balance of \$6,491.23 gained 5 cents interest for a **current balance of \$6,491.28**.
- **Relief fund:** The 12/13/2021 balance of \$2,925.11, gained 2 cents interest, for a **current balance of \$2,925.13**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (Bob Richards)

Bills:

- \$116 to Bob Richards for stamps to mail 2022 dues notices.
- \$343 to the State Council for the council's annual assessment.
- \$82.94 to Jerry Sauers for a plaque advertising bricks for sale for SJN's outdoor Stations of the Cross.
- **Motion to pay bills passed unanimously.**
- Dues bills went out Monday; can be paid by mail or online via the council website at www.knights12532.com/membership-dues/.

Service hours were recorded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Al Stamp): Got a signature for a new member, Frank E. Monihan, a transfer from Council 313 from Bethlehem. **Motion to accept Frank as a new member approved.**

- Still working on new members: McGivney 2020 free membership initiative extended until June 2022. Recruited Kevin Gurwich at baptism and John P. Groff has joined.
- Degree chairman Larry Beat asked if he should **set up a degree exemplification** for new members. Late February suggested because we have some members to bring in.
- Jack Schuring noted that there is a \$250 an incentive available to the council if we can recruit five new members.

Pro-Life (Larry Beat)

- Pro-Life Stations after the 9 a.m. Mass this Thursday, Jan 14.
- March for Life: See details below.

March for Life (Ted Buczacki): Ten seats are still available for Knights wishing a seat on the bus for this event set for **Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.**

Pro-Life Mass at St, John Neumann at 7:30, with the bus to depart the

church at 9 a.m., arrive in Washington at noon, with departure for home at 2:30 p.m., a dinner stop at Hunt Valley Mall and arrival back at SJN approximately 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Ball (Ted Buczacki): The Grand Knight thanked John Radicone and Ron Dell for organizing this year's event and noted the search for a potential new site for next year given the rising prices at the Eden Resort. Bent Creek is interested in hosting next year. If anyone has any other suggestions for local sites, let Ted or another officer know.

Fifth Sunday Rosary (Ron Eluk): The next fifth Sunday is Jan. 29/30 2022. Only one person signed up for Sunday at 7:30 a.m.; another is needed **Ray Horan** has stepped up to run the program moving forward.

Baptismal Rose (Al Stamp): Two held recently went well.

Grounds (Jerry): The plaque seeking sponsors of bricks for the Stations of the Cross will go up in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Future fundraisers discussed:** Fundraising challenges such as possibly not being able to hold indoor food events such as pancake breakfasts or Lenten fish fries because of COVID were discussed. It was agreed that new ideas are needed.
 - **Easter candy sales:** This is seen as a possibility even with COVID. Ray Horan suggested a reduction to two or three items sold at the front and back of church each weekend; it was agreed that a decision will have to be made on this one soon.
 - **Brainstorming ahead:** Asking Father Dan if Mother's Day carnation sales can be resumed and other ideas will be discussed at future officers' meetings in order to come up with proposals to present to Father Dan. The Grand Knight said all

members are welcome to attend officers' meetings if they have ideas or want to lead a fundraising effort.

- **Council's tax status:** Bob Richards was asked about the council's status and stated that the council is a nonprofit but that, no, donations to the council are NOT tax-deductible while donations to Supreme are tax-deductible because of differing statuses with the IRS.
- **Baby bottles (Ted):** 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. **Scott Lee** will organize it.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Indoor Golf Outing benefiting St. John Neumann School (Ted Buczacki):** Sponsorships costing \$200 to \$1,000 available. IT will be held Friday, Jan. 21 (same day as March for Life), and Saturday, Jan. 22 (date of the Mass of the Order of Malta) at the Lancaster Indoor Golf and Training Center, 1400 Manheim Pike, Lancaster. Individuals can participate at \$75/golfer, \$300/foursome. The event starts at 8 a.m. both days. Treasurer Buzz Anspach noted that the council has already spent \$2,500 on sponsorships/donations out of a \$1,200 budget for them.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki Closed the meeting.

Prayers for the sick and distressed.

Prayer for the canonization of Father Michael McGivney.

Good of the Order:

Prayer for the repose of souls of two members' relatives and for healing for another.

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 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: Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. (following the Rosary at 7:15 p.m.) in the social hall.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Joe Hainthaler