

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting
February 9, 2022

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

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.	Present
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 01/12/2022 General Council meeting was waived. Approved as submitted.

GRAND KNIGHT Report (Ted Buczacki)

Correspondence received by the council. Notes of thanks from:

- Art Bamert Jr., **Lancaster Catholic High School's** director of campus ministry, for accommodating 47 students and 10 adult chaperones, on the bus to this year's March for Life in Washington, D.C. "I did not have to leave a single student home," he said, and offered "a special thank you" to Deputy Grand Knight **Brandon**

Kreiser for helping to coordinate this year's trip and for his help on the march.

- Gabriel Cabral, chairman of the **Knights of Columbus Charities of Kentucky**, sent two notes of thanks:
 - One for the council's \$250 contribution and;
 - One for the \$955 total contributed by council members to helping Kentucky residents recover from the **Dec. 10, 2021, tornado**. "Please be assured," Cabral says, "that 100% of tornado relief funds will be used for exactly that purpose."
- Father Tri M Luong, pastor of **St. Anne's Church** in Lancaster and the church's Christmas Dinner Committee, for supporting the **Christmas dinner**, which fed 345 people, and the distribution, through the council-organized "Needs Tree," of **coats, scarves, hats, gloves, toys for children, and toiletries and gift cards** to each family.
- Kim McDevitt, executive director of Mental Health America of Lancaster County, for the council's **Gifts of Joy program**, which **distributes gifts based on referrals from mental health workers**. This year, almost 375 people in Lancaster County received over 700 gifts for people who "have two things in common: they have a mental health diagnosis, and they will not be receiving any other gifts this holiday season," McDevitt said.
- Debra Almond, activities assistant of the **Lancaster Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (formerly Conestoga View)**, for the \$1,000 the council donated for Christmas gifts for residents.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach)

- **Council general fund:** The 01/11/2022 balance of \$8,253.91 saw outflows totaling \$4,457.85 and inflows totaling \$1,290, for a **current balance of \$5,086.06**. Most of the disbursements were for holiday ball and most inflows from 2022 dues.
- **Church fund:** The 01/11/2022 balance of \$7,679.81 gained 7 cents interest for a **current balance of \$7,679.88**.
- **Scholarship fund:** The 01/11/2022 balance of \$6,491.28 gained 5 cents interest for a **current balance of \$6,491.33**.

- **Relief fund:** The 01/11/2022 balance of \$2,925.13, gained 2 cents interest, for a **current balance of \$2,925.15.**

ACTION ITEM: Motion to give \$500 for **needs-based scholarships**, for a student at **St. John Neumann School** and \$500 for a student at **Lancaster Catholic High School**. Motion **passed unanimously**. It will be a recurring gift. Council has enough for five years.

DISTRICT DEPUTY (Dick Reehling):

- Offered greetings from state leadership.
- Said he was happy that there is a planned degree here on Feb. 27.
- Described Council 12532 as one of the most thriving and active councils in his council.
- Encouraged members to join the **McGivney Guild** in support of our founder. Register at:
<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/ssl-join-the-guild.html>

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (Bob Richards)

Bills:

- \$3,665.71 to Visa to pay for the holiday ball.
- \$250 to reserve Blue Collar Catering's services for next year's golf outing.
- **Motion to pay bills passed unanimously.**

Service hours were recorded.

The Grand Knight noted the council's 2021 totals for charitable giving and hours of service, noting that the numbers demonstrate the council's impact (full report attached).

Charitable disbursements: \$24,170

Hours of service: 3,867

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf outing (Jerry Sauers): First meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday, Feb 16, at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

Pro-Life (Larry Beat) that members:

- Pray for positive outcomes for life in **cases to be decided this year by the U.S. Supreme Court and state courts.**
- Attend the **Pro-Life Stations of the Cross** this Thursday after 9 a.m. Mass if they can.

March for Life (Brandon Krieser): The **Friday, Jan. 21, 2022**, event went well despite cold winds and was especially important this year, given the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision that could throw the issue to the states to decide.

Fifth Sunday Rosary (Ray Horan): Ray said he's "in training." Ted said that Knights should try to get to Masses 30 minutes early for the Rosary to support the effort with their presence in church.

Baptismal Rose (Dick Savicki): During the month of January, presentations were made every Saturday and Sunday and in February, they will be made every weekend except the 13th.

Holiday Ball (John Radicone): Broke down the event costs and spending as follows:

- Receipts: \$2,565.00
- Expenses: \$4,240.71
- Net Cost to Council: \$1,675.71

The committee will begin planning the next one soon.

Baby Bottles (Scott Lee): Collections will be made **Feb. 19-20** and **Feb. 26-27**, with returns accepted **March 5-6**. Volunteers still needed; an email will go out reminding Knights to help out.

COAL Sweepstakes (Buzz Anspach): This year's COAL is offering **16 cash prizes totaling \$65,000**. Members are invited to take tickets to buy or sell to cut mailing costs. (Last year postage cost \$110.) Proceeds benefit the state council's College Scholarships (details online at

<https://kofcpennsylvania.org/scholarships>) and other charitable programs..Tickets cost \$5 each and the council gets \$2.25 per ticket turned into Buzz by the end of March. Winners do not have to be present to collect.

Membership (Al Stamp): Exemplification set for Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. Those who need to make their third degree should be encouraged to come. Refreshments afterward. Knights and wives are welcome and encouraged to come. The more the merrier.

Degree (Larry Beat): First- and second-degree Knights are especially welcome to the degree **Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church.** And other Knights should come to support new members. Wives and children are welcome to come out and show support for God, the church and your community.

Easter candy sale (Ray Horan): This year's fundraiser will offer limited items and require pre-orders for all items sold. Orders taken in church will feature a three-sheet order form, with a copy each for the customer, the council and Miesse Candies. Tables will feature display samples. **Orders will be taken March 5-6 and March 12-13** at church and online on the council website. **Pickups will be March 26-27 and April 2-3** in church for orders made in church and online. Volunteers will be needed for the tables.

The following items will be available:

- **Standing cross** (White, Milk chocolate and Dark chocolate)
- **Large standing bunny** (W, M, D)
- **Fluffy bunny** (W, M, D)
- **Flat Cross** (W, M, D)
- **Soldier bunny** (W, M, D)
- **Eggs** (W, M, D): 1/2-pound and 1-pound packages, in peanut butter cream, coconut cream and vanilla cream.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Deacon in need:** The council is organizing a pass-the-hat effort for **Jerome Kleponis**, a candidate for the priesthood who was paying his own way in seminary at Pope John XXIII in Massachusetts but is now seeking help after a pipe burst in his home and losses were not covered by homeowners insurance. To donate, make checks payable to **K of C Council 12532** with “Deacon” in the subject line.
- **ACTION ITEM:** John Radicone brought up a request to support the **St. John Neumann School Celebrate Community fundraiser** set for Feb 23-25. The council contributed \$500 to this effort last year. Argument against: Not in the budget; council is \$1,200 over-budget on donations. Argument for: Future fundraisers (the golf outing and pig roast, for example) can cover the \$500 for Catholic education, which is important to sustaining the faith. **Motion to donate \$500 approved on a 13-10 vote, with five abstaining. Check cut at meeting.**

Fourth Degree lottery: Larry Beat and John Radicone have tickets for this fundraiser, which offers weekly cash prizes.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki Closed the meeting.

Prayers for the sick and distressed.

Prayer for the canonization of Father Michael McGivney.

Closing Ode sung.

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 8:45 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Is Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:15 p.m.

Next general council meeting: Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.
(following the Rosary at 7:15 p.m.) in the social hall.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Joe Hainthaler

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

JANUARY 1, 20²¹ THRU DECEMBER 31, 20²¹

COUNCIL NUMBER 12532 JURISDICTION PA

Section I. Fraternal Program Activities

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

	CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
a. RSVP Program	1500	32
b. Church Facilities	4250	1968
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	4800	161
d. Religious/Vocations Education		
e. Prayer & Study Programs	83	
f. Sacramental Gifts		
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	1090	112
TOTAL FAITH CONTRIBUTIONS	11723	2273

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Food for Families	500	8
b. Family Formation Programs	590	196
c. Keep Christ in Christmas		
d. Family Week		
e. Family Prayer Night		
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	3425	156
TOTAL FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS	4515	360

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Coats For Kids	1187	38
b. Global Wheelchair Mission		
c. Habitat for Humanity		
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	1205	48
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	1000	26
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care		
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations		
h. Columbian Squires		
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	400	232
j. Athletics		
k. Youth Welfare/Service		
l. Scholarships/Education		
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	200	28
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities		369
TOTAL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS	3992	741

LIFE ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Special Olympics	980	36
b. Marches for Life	1460	49
c. Ultrasound Initiative		
d. Pregnancy Support	1400	31
e. Christian Refugee Relief	100	6
f. Memorials to Unborn Children		
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities		371
TOTAL LIFE CONTRIBUTIONS	3940	493

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Section II. Fraternal Commitment Activities

MEETINGS

1. Regular	12
2. Social	4
3. Special/Committee	42
TOTAL MEETINGS	58

OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITMENTS:

Visits to the Sick	31
Visits to the Bereaved	170
Number of Blood Donations	11
Masses Held for Members	0

Hours of Fraternal Service to
Sick/Disabled Members and their Families **374**

All information provided on this
report is to be from Programs &
Activities conducted January 1st
through December 31st annually.

Submit form to:
fraternalmission@kofc.org

Robert Richards 01/18/2022
Submitted By Date

4291570 Financial Secretary
Member ID

Modified Date



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Section I. Fraternal Program Activities

FAITH ACTIVITIES

- a. **RSVP Program** - direct contributions to students studying to become priests or postulants.
- b. **Church Facilities** - construction, repairs, remodeling, memorial gifts, etc.
- c. **Catholic Schools/Seminaries** - donations, grants, equipment, etc.
- d. **Religious/Vocations Education** - scholarships, CCD, lay apostolate, programs, speakers, films, program materials, etc.
- e. **Prayer & Study Programs** - direct contributions to prayer groups, faith program materials, domestic church kiosk, rosary program, Pilgrim Icon Program, etc.
- f. **Sacramental Gifts** - costs related to gifts presented to congregation.
- g. **Miscellaneous Faith Activities** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Faith Activities.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- a. **Food for Families** - direct contributions to food banks, pantries, soup kitchens.
- b. **Family Formation Programs** - Family Fully Alive, Family of the Month/Year, Consecration to the Holy Family, Good Friday Family Promotion, etc.
- c. **Keep Christ in Christmas** - all contributions to KCIC, Journey to the Inn, Light Up for Christ, Christmas Poster Contest, billboard signs, etc.
- d. **Family Week** - direct contributions to the coordination, promotion, and conduct of this program.
- e. **Family Prayer Night** - direct contributions to coordination and execution of this program.
- f. **Miscellaneous Family Programs** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Family Activities.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- a. **Coats For Kids** - direct contributions to purchasing and distribution of coats to those in need.
- b. **Global Wheelchair Mission** - direct contributions to purchasing and coordination of wheelchair distribution to the needy.
- c. **Habitat for Humanity** - direct contributions to Habitat for Humanity projects, materials, tools, and construction.
- d. **Disaster Preparedness/Relief** - direct contributions to planning and executing disaster preparedness and response, food, water, equipment, etc.
- e. **Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities** - direct contributions to schools, care services, organizations, etc.
- f. **Elderly/Widow(er) Care** - direct contributions to homes for the aged, retired/senior volunteer programs, construction, repairs, remodeling, gifts, etc.
- g. **Hospitals/Health Organizations** - direct contributions to Red Cross, Hospice, heart/cancer funds, equipment, construction, donations, etc.
- h. **Columbian Squires** - direct contributions to the operations and support of the Columbian Squires program.
- i. **Scouting/Youth Groups** - direct contributions to sponsorship, volunteer efforts, projects, 4-H, Big Brothers, CYO, mentoring, etc.
- j. **Athletics** - direct contributions to council sport events, youth sport sponsorships, equipment, transportation, etc.
- k. **Youth Welfare/Service** - direct contributions to substance/child abuse, foster parents, etc.
- l. **Scholarships/Education** - direct contributions to career nights, essay contests, scholarships, tuition, fund raising, etc.
- m. **Veteran Military/VAWS** - direct contributions to veterans, VA hospital support/visitation, memorials, parades, etc.
- n. **Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Community Activities.

LIFE ACTIVITIES

- a. **Special Olympics** - direct contributions to local, state, and national events.
- b. **Marches for Life** - direct contributions to local, state, and nation marches.
- c. **Ultrasound Initiative** - direct contributions to the purchase and placement of Ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy centers.
- d. **Pregnancy Support** - direct contributions to donations, diapers, supplies, baby showers, birthright, etc.
- e. **Christian Refugee Relief** - direct contributions to aid provided to refugee relief, Solidarity Crosses.
- f. **Memorials to Unborn Children** - direct contributions to purchases, fund raisers, donations, construction, etc.
- g. **Miscellaneous Life Activities** - all other disbursements not outline above relating to Life Activities.

Section II. Fraternal Commitment Activities

MEETINGS

- 1. **Business** - discussing or conducting business.
- 2. **Social** - dinners, dances, parties, etc.
- 3. **Special/Committee** - lectures, films, educational, etc.