

**Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting
March 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	Excused

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the 02/09/2022 General Council meeting was waived. Approved as submitted.

GRAND KNIGHT Report (Ted Buczacki)

Correspondence received by the council. Notes of thanks from:

- **Lancaster Catholic High School** for the council's recent \$500 donation to the school's tuition assistance program; which will be used to provide a Catholic education to "a young person who would otherwise be denied the chance to experience this extraordinary education," often for reasons beyond their control.

- From **Cross Catholic Outreach** for participating in the **Box of Joy** program, which “helped deliver Christ’s love” at Christmas to “more than 61,400 (poor) children.”

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach)

- **Council general fund:** The 02/08/2022 balance of \$5,086.06 saw outflows totaling \$1,989.58 and inflows totaling \$3,421.50, for a **current balance of \$6,517.98**. Most of the disbursements were for the St. John Neumann School and Lancaster Catholic High School scholarship funds (\$500 each) and the \$500 donation to the SJN school fundraiser; most receipts were from dues (\$1,341.50) and COAL ticket sales receipts (\$970). Received \$110 in donations from members for Deacon Jerome Kleponis; a check was cut and will be given to District Deputy Dick Reehling.
- **Church fund:** The 02/08/2022 balance of \$7,679.88 gained 6 cents interest for a **current balance of \$7,679.94**.
- **Scholarship fund:** The 02/08/2022 balance of \$6,491.33 gained 5 cents interest for a **current balance of \$5,491.38**; a transfer of **\$1,000 for scholarships** was made to the general fund.
- **Relief fund:** The 02/08/2022 balance of \$2,925.15, gained 2 cents interest, for a **current balance of \$2,925.17**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (Bob Richards)

Bills:

- **\$58 to Bob Richards** for **stamps** to send out dues notices and membership cards.
- **\$21.40 for business cards** promoting our Knights council to pass out during Easter candy sales.
- **\$200 to Brandon Kreiser for Easter candy sales expenses.**
- **\$19.21 baptismal roses.**
- **\$138.97 for golf outing expenses**
- **\$81.15 to Al Stamp for reception refreshments** after the **Feb. 27 degree** held here at St. John Neumann.
- **\$1,000 to A Woman’s Concern.**

Motion to pay bills passed unanimously.

Inflows: \$430 dues collected this month, turned over to Treasurer; 20 members have not paid.

Service hours were recorded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf outing (Jerry Sauers): Five or six sponsor spots left open.

Brandon Krieser said he will add a page to the website to send people to sign up online.

Pro-Life (Larry Beat) noted:

- The **50th anniversary of A Woman's Concern**; mentioned this pro-life organization's banquet fundraiser on April 20.
- That **carnation sales for Mother's Day are back**; approved by Father Dan; Larry said he can get the flowers for 60 cents apiece from Costco; proceeds to benefit A Woman's Concern.

Corporate Communion (John Radicone): No action yet; will check dates with the Eden Resort; looking at May.

Easter Candy Sales (Brandon Kreiser): So far, so good for this fundraiser: \$335 in cash purchases, \$1,038 in credit card sales; \$702 in online sales. Raised about \$2,100 during the first week. Weekend coming up is the last to place an order.

Lenten meals (Jack Schuring): This is unlikely this year; uncertainty about being allowed to do it prevented planning.

Baptismal Rose (John Radicone): Three or four this past month.

Baby Bottles (Scott Lee): About 320 bottles given out; collected 190 for A Woman's Concern. Need to get the word out, from the pulpit perhaps, to return bottles even if they're empty as this will save A Woman's Concern the cost of replacing them for future fundraisers.

Grounds (Jerry Sauers): A work detail is set for **9 a.m. Saturday, March 26**. Will trim hedges, mulch the front area of the church to spruce up the grounds ahead of Palm Sunday and Easter. Troop of St. George, a Catholic version of Boy Scouts, is offering volunteers.

COAL Sweepstakes (Buzz Anspach): Payments for 203 tickets received thus far. Must have them back to Buzz by March 24 to get stubs and money to the State Council.

Fourth Degree (John Radicone)

- **Meeting for members: Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.**, following a Rosary at 7:15 p.m., at **Our Mother of Perpetual Help** in Ephrata.
- **Charter Night Dinner, open to prospective members: Saturday, April 2, following the 5 p.m. vigil Mass** at OMPH in Ephrata. Deadline to register is March 25; contact John Radicone or Larry Beat.

Degree (Brandon Kreiser): Degree held **Sunday, Feb. 27, at St. John Neumann Church** brought in three new brother Knights to our council. **Larry Beat:** Honoree was Brandon Krieser. The event offered a chance to socialize afterward; new members had family members present.

NEW BUSINESS

- **A Woman's Concern banquet (Ted Buczacki):** Set for Wednesday, April 20, 6:30-9 p.m. at Lancaster Bible College; \$1,000 budgeted for council to be a sponsor of this 50th anniversary dinner. Deadline for donation is March 20. Budgeted item. No need for a vote. The Grand Knight will send out an email blast to invite members who want to go.
- **Action items (Brandon Kreiser):**
 - **Rosary rallies:** Deputy Grand Knight sought to gauge interest in a large-group Rosary in the parking lot of St. John Neumann, led by the council for parishioners. One is planned for October,

a nationwide Rosary for the Catholic Church; we could also hold one once a month. A signup sheet was distributed at the meeting asking who would attend once a month or once a year.

- **Eucharistic Miracles exhibit:** Deputy Grand Knight also sought to gauge interest in working with a national group to present the display again at St. John Neumann. Signup went out for that as well.
- **A proposal to amend bylaws (requiring a two-thirds vote of those in attendance at general council meeting):** The Deputy Grand Knight proposed amending the bylaws to prevent the general fund from falling below \$3,000 for any unbudgeted item; any proposal that would do so would not be eligible for a vote by the council.
 - **Discussion:** Intent is to protect the council from not being able to pay its bills or to have seed money to hold fundraisers. Questions raised included: (1) Has the council ever been in danger of not being able to pay its bills? In response, Treasurer Buzz Anspach stated that he can't recall that happening but he is a bit worried about it, given recent votes to spend money not budgeted. (2) Why \$3,000? Answer: It was proposed at the most recent officers' meeting.
 - **Counter proposal (Jack Schuring):** Set the minimum balance at just above the level at which the council account would face finance charges.
 - **Next step:** The Deputy Grand Knight will rework the proposal that will go out via email to members before the next meeting for a possible vote.

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 8:35 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Is Tuesday, March. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. (following the Rosary at 7:15 p.m.) in the social hall.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Joe Hainthaler