

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

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:36 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

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
3rd Year Trustee: John Radicone	Excused
2nd Year Trustee: Alfred T Stamp Jr.	Excused
1st Year Trustee: William H. (Bill) Allison	Excused

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the 07/12 General Council meeting was waived. Approved as submitted.

- **Grand Knight report -- Ted Buczacki**

Correspondence: The council received a thank-you note from Knights in Action for its \$100 sponsorship of Knights in Action's 2022 golf outing in support of the Diocese of Harrisburg's annual weeklong residential summer camp for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Camp Kirchenwald in Lebanon County. The donation led to a sponsorship sign for the council at the event, which raised a total of \$9,270 for the camp experience.

- **A welcome:** The Grand Knight welcomed new council member Martin White, who is also new to the Knights. The council welcomed Martin with a round of applause.

TREASURER REPORT (Ted Buczacki for Buzz Anspach)

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$6,334.81 as of 07/11 saw outflows totaling \$2,278.85 (including \$713.09 in Pig Roast expenses, \$500 for the council's liability insurance, and assessments of \$419 to Supreme and \$330.98 to the State Council), inflows totaling \$1,110 (mostly Golf Outing receipts) and a current balance of **\$5,165.96**.
- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$2,680.08 as of 07/11 gained 2 cents interest for a current balance of **\$2,680.10**.
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,491.58 as of 07/11 gained 5 cents interest for a current balance of **\$5,491.63**.
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.27 as of 07/11 gained 3 cents interest for a current balance of **\$3,375.30**. Grand Knight reminded members to let him know if they know of a Knight in need.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Bob Richards)

Council approved paying the following bills:

- \$201 to credit card company for supplies purchased on the council card.
- \$100 to **Neffsville Flower Shop** for Baptismal Roses.

Motion to pay the bills **approved**.

Service hours recorded.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dick Reehling)

The District Deputy:

- Extended greetings from State Deputy Mike Kish of Coatesville and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and all of the leaders of the state council.
- Mentioned Aid and Support After Pregnancy, aka ASAP, an effort by Knights to raise \$5 million nationally to help women and their children after giving birth, to emphasize that the Knights are prolife before and after birth.
- Noted two chances for officers to participate in a one-hour virtual training session: [Wednesday, Aug. 17, 7 to 8 p.m.](#) or [Wednesday, Aug. 31, 7 to 8 p.m.](#) Click the link to register for the online training

conducted by Territorial Growth Director Ralph Rossi's team for K of C officers throughout Pennsylvania.

- **Leadership opportunity:** Reminded members that the Special Olympics is a special focus this year, with a goal to raise \$100,000 nationwide. **The District Deputy recommended that a member step up and chair this effort for the council to come up with fundraising ideas.**
- Mentioned the State Council's golf outing set for Saturday, Aug. 20, in Carlisle. (Council members can attend but, if you do, don't tell Jerry Sauers because he expects your help at the Pig Roast if you're in the area that weekend.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Baptismal Rose (Dick Reehling): Al Stamp, John Radicone and I will be taking it over as Dick Savicky is not well.

Pig Roast/Golf Outing (Jerry Sauers):

- Ready to go on Pig Roast, need to push the sale of tickets after Mass this weekend. Helpers also needed:
 - **Saturday, Aug. 20:** for about two hours of prep work beginning at 9 a.m.; lunch afterward at Highland Pizza.
 - **Sunday, Aug. 21:** Setup begins between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. event runs noon to 3 p.m. Should be done by 4 p.m. Troop 84 will be helping out.
- Aug. 24 will get together with caterers for the Golf Outing.

Pro-life (Dave Edgar) noted:

- Kansas' voters rejection of amending state constitution to remove a right to abortion [declared by the state Supreme Court in 2019](#).
- Indiana's governor having signed a law outlawing most abortions at 20 weeks.
- An Indiana organization called Whole Woman's Health Alliance will close its clinic in South Bend when the state's new abortion law takes effect Sept. 15.
- Pro-life Stations of the Cross will be held as usual this week, the 2nd Thursday of the month, after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Seminarians (Charlie Letteer)

- Noted that three seminarians sponsored by the council are now priests.

- Stated he will get two new names for seminarians for the council to sponsor.

Soccer Challenge (Ron Dell): Joel Harnish volunteered to co-chair the event tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 25**, with setup at 3 p.m., and the challenge running 4 to 6 p.m. Still awaiting word on a site from either Lancaster Catholic High School or Manheim Township Soccer Club; both expressed interest in offering a site and a leader of the soccer club is excited about getting the word out to its teams' members to participate. **Could be a big event, needing many council volunteers** if the soccer club drums up interest.

Football Sweeps (Ron Dell): Brought tickets to the meeting; cost is \$10 each; members invited to purchase their own and take some to sell to others. The **deadline for ticket stubs and money will be the Oct. 11 general council meeting.** Ted will have tickets at the next meeting.

Membership (Ted Buczacki): We have a possibility of three candidates for exemplification. The goal is to hold a degree as soon as October.

5th Sunday Rosary (Ray Horan): Thanks to those who led it and those who attended.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2022-23 budget, put together by Bob Richards, includes the following:
 - **A \$3,000 contribution from the Church Fund** to fulfill the council's \$5,600 commitment; Discussion of continuing it after the 2022-23 fraternal year will await planning for next year's budget.
 - The **Corporate Communion and Breakfast and Holiday Ball** will be combined into one event this fraternal year with a projected to cost \$400. It will be a single event at the Eden. The two events were in the red several thousand dollars for the 2021-22 fraternal year.
 - **\$1,186.90 for Coats for Kids:** That amount, below the \$1,200 budgeted, will provide 10 dozen coats to the School District of Lancaster. Ordering them early (before next month's general council meeting) doubled the number of coats; check was cut at this council meeting after the budget was approved.

- It was clarified that the Mother's Day carnation sale is budgeted to be net neutral because all proceeds are to be donated (likely again to A Woman's Concern).
- **Action item: 2022-23 Council 12532 budget approved** on a unanimous voice vote.
- Potential **Fourth Degree exemplification Oct. 8 in Carlisle.**
- Deputy Grand Knight **Brandon Kreiser** plans to get materials from **America Needs Fatima** to participate in a **nationwide public Rosary on Saturday, Oct. 15, beginning around noon at St. John Neumann.** The goal of the Rosary Rally is to get parishioners to join in prayer as "a public act of reparation for [the] sins [such as laws favoring abortion and same-sex marriage] hurled against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Your public Rosary will console God."

OLD BUSINESS

- Members reminded of the Monday, Sept. 19, **Pennsylvania March for Life** (details available online at marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/) to be held outside the state Capitol. The Harrisburg Diocese is an event sponsor and will hold a Mass and adoration beforehand at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Harrisburg.
- **A Woman's Concern** has two fundraising events coming up: **Oct. 1 car raffle**; and **Dec. 3 Legacy of Life Gala** at Rock Lititz (for details, visit: www.friendsofawc.com/events/legacy-of-life/).

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Prayers for the sick and distressed: Dick Savicki and Al Stamp's wife, Beca.
The Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, August 23, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. (Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler