

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann General Council Meeting: July 12, 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.

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

Opening Ode was sung.

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the 06/14 General Council meeting was waived. Approved as submitted.

Grand Knight report -- Ted Buczacki

Correspondence: A letter from Jill Hartman, executive director of A Woman's Concern, addressed to Larry Beat, thanking the council for its pro-life witness and emphasizing the need for continued work. Specifically mentioned was the \$839.49 raised by this year's Mother's Day sale of carnations at St. John Neumann. It expressed gratitude on behalf of the staff for the council's prayers, donations, volunteer support and "continued assistance in strengthening our prolife witness as we move forward."

TREASURER REPORT (Ted Buczacki for Buzz Anspach)

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,730.31 as of 06/13 saw outflows totaling \$70.50, inflows of \$675 (Golf Outing, mostly sponsors) and a current balance of **\$6,334.81**.
- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$2,680.06 as of 06/13 gained 2 cents interest for a current balance of **\$2,680.08**.
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,491.53 as of 06/13 gained 5 cents interest for a current balance of **\$5,491.58**.
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.24 as of 06/13 gained 3 cents interest for a current balance of **\$3,375.27**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Bob Richards)

Council approved paying two bills:

- \$525 for insurance.
- \$330.98 to **State Council** for annual assessment.
- \$419 to **Supreme Council** for semiannual assessment.
- \$213.09 to **Joel Harnish** for Pig Roast supplies.
- \$4.24 to **Neffsville Florist** for Baptismal roses.
- \$500 advance to **Jerry Sauers** for Pig Roast supplies.

Motion to pay the bills **approved**.

Service hours recorded.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dick Reehling)

The District Deputy:

- Extended greetings from new 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 provide \$5 million nationally to help women and their children after giving birth, to emphasize that the Knights are prolife before and after birth.
- Noted that Supreme has set a goal is to raise \$100,000 for Special Olympics nationwide this year. Jugs to each of the councils to raise at least \$400 per council.
- Welcomed new member Emmanuel Reyes, a neighbor of the district deputy, joking that he helped to lower the average age of the council. (More about Emmanuel under “Membership” below.)
- Mentioned the state council’s golf outing set for Aug. 20 in Carlisle, \$75/golfer. See this link for details:
<https://kofcpennsylvania.org/golf-tournament>

- Asked: How can we get more men to join the Knights of Columbus? It's very simple. Find men who come to church but who are not Knights and: Ask them.
- Noted that Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said recently that: Knighthood takes courage; leads us to live sacrificially. Perfect love drives out fear. In the Eucharist we are empowered to live as Christ did.
- Noted that officers of the council are invited to a meeting at St. Philip's on Wednesday, July 27, for Knights council officers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Al Stamp): Brandon Kreiser introduced newest (and youngest) member, Emmanuel Reyes joined just a year out of Manheim High Township School. Might bear fruit from recruiting efforts at parish picnic.

Pig Roast/Golf Outing (Jerry Sauers):

- Meetings set for Wednesday, July 13, one after the other, half hour each in the Social Hall at SJN.
- Pig Roast (meeting 7-7:30 p.m.): It's crunch time for making decisions.
- Golf Outing (meeting 7:30-8 p.m.): Event is set for Oct. 14: Letters to sponsors will go out soon; please reach out to sponsors you know.

Grounds (Jerry Sauers): Noted that the most recent workday saw a lot of volunteers, who got a lot of work done around the pavilion and sheds; threw out a good deal of unneeded items; overall, it went well.

Special Olympics (Jerry Sauers): \$3,800 raised for Special Olympics in recent fundraiser at Funk's; \$800 from council 12532.

Box of Joy (John Radicone): Will get supplies by the end of August and start work in September; details will be provided at the next meeting.

Pro-life (Dave Edgar):

- Following the Supreme Court victory in striking down Roe, we need to continue to work at changing hearts to combat federal efforts to expand abortion access; to defend churches and pregnancy centers that are being vandalized nationwide; and to remain vigilant as

Planned Parenthood is going to try again to open an abortion clinic in Lancaster County.

- Now more than ever, we need to support A Woman's Concern; Off the Streets; Food Bank; St. Vincent DePaul Society, and other life-affirming missions.
- Pro-Life Stations this Thursday, 07/14, followed by prayer and discussion in the pavilion.
- John Radicone noted that the council sold 100 tickets this past weekend for A Woman's Concern's car raffle, said he will get more tickets as more people expressed interest in them. Tickets, \$50 each, three for \$125, can be purchased online at <https://www.friendsofawc.com/product/taos-raffle-ticket/>

Baptismal Rose (Al Stamp): One so far this month.

Soccer Challenge (Ron Dell): Requested use of the soccer field at Lancaster Catholic High School on one of last two Sundays in September; no answer yet from the school's Athletic Director. Ron is still seeking a co-chair to help answer inquiries.

Football Sweeps (Ron): Ron said he will bring tickets next month.

Fourth Degree (John Radicone): Two applications set for approval. Meeting is next Tuesday in Columbia.

Road cleanup (Randy): Probably next month. Will try to get PennDOT signs restored recognizing the council's work.

5th Sunday Rosary (Ron Harper): Next one is July 30-31; volunteers needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jerry Sauers said that Tonianne Bertel, the parish nurse and health minister said she can accept donations of prescription medications (as long as they are not expired and not narcotics), for donation to those in need. Tonianne can be reached at the parish office at 717-569-8531 or via email at tbertel@sjnlancaster.org.
- Friends of A Woman's Concern are seeking sponsors for its Legacy of Life Gala set for Dec. 3, 2022, at Rock Lititz for a celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary, with '70s music, dinner and

information about the organization's mission. For more information, visit <https://www.friendsofawc.com/events/legacy-of-life/>.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Reehling requested a donation of \$50 or \$100 from the council in support of the State Council Knights in Action's **Quo Vadis effort promoting vocations**. In June, Quo Vadis days gathered young men at events to encourage them to consider the priesthood. By voice vote, the council: **Approved donating \$50.**

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Prayers for the sick and distressed:

The Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, August 9, at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. (Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler