

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann General Council Meeting: October 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:31 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by the Father Norbert.

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	Present
Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach	Excused
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	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 H. (Bill) Allison	Excused

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the 09/13 General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki)

- **Correspondence:**

- **A handwritten thank-you note from Marie Quinn,** widow of Brother Knight Edwin Quinn, thanking the council for its generosity in providing her a ticket to the Pig Roast and for remembering the widows and for our charitable events.
- **A thank-you letter from Pa Wounded Warriors Inc.** by Maj. Gen. Gerald Sajer and a handwritten note on it from Helen Sajer, president, for the council's Pig Roast donation of \$200. It

was especially appreciated amid a 40% drop in donations due to COVID.

- **A thank-you letter from Lancaster Catholic High School**, signed by Joseph Sahd (2001), director of advancement, and Mandee L. Sahd-Havrilla (1993), annual fund director, for the council's purchase of a \$500 ad in the school's Business Alliance Program for the 2022-23 school year, in support of extracurricular clubs, campus ministry, athletics, fine and performing arts and more, and overall for supporting the school's mission of providing a Christ-centered education.
- **A thank-you note from A Woman's Concern** executive director Jill B. Hartman for the council's recent \$200 donation. Handwritten note near her signature said, "So grateful for all you do for us. God Bless."

TREASURER REPORT (Ted Buczacki)

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$7,668.45 as of 09/12 saw inflows totaling \$2,225 (including \$2,175 in Golf Outing receipts) and outflows totaling \$568.04 (including \$500 for the LCHS program donation and a \$50 donation to Special Olympics), for a current balance, as of 10/08/2022, of **\$9,325.41**.
- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$4,480.12 as of 09/12, a gain of 3 cents interest for a current balance, as of 10/08/2022, of **\$4,480.15**.
 - **Discussion:** The **Grand Knight** noted that the **final payment on the council's pledge** will be due this spring; asked how much, **Financial Secretary Bob Richards** said approximately \$5,600. When it was noted that the church fund will need between \$1,100 and \$1,200 to satisfy the pledge, **Jerry Sauers** said the golf Golf Outing should cover it. The Grand Knight noted that while covering the pledge is important, it does not have to be the end of the council's support of the church's capital campaign.
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,491.68 as of 09/12 saw a gain of 5 cents interest for a current balance, as of 10/08/2022, of **\$5,491.73**.
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.33 as of 09/12, a gain of 3 cents interest for a current balance, as of 10/08/2022, of **\$3,375.36**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Bob Richards)

No bills to pay.

Service hours recorded.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dick Reehling)

The District Deputy:

- Extended greetings from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Mike Kish of Coatesville and all of the leaders of the state council.
- A [training webinar](#) will be held **Thursday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m.**, covering changes to the online join process that make it easier for candidates to join; also will review recent changes to the Charter, Constitution, and Laws (CCL) that affect your council's bylaws.
- **Purpose-driven retirement strategies webinar** will be held **Friday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m.** Council can get points toward the Founders award if eight members attend. Register at: <https://bit.ly/3extPYHKNIGHTSPURPOSEDRIVENRETIREMENTOCT282022>
- Recommended seeing **Mother Teresa: No Greater Love**. Encore screenings set for **7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2**, at both Regal in Millersville and Penn Cinema in Lititz (Manheim Township). Tickets can be reserved at: <https://www.tributemovies.com/movie/Pennsylvania/Lancaster/Mother-Teresa-No-Greater-Love/163527/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Baptismal Rose (Al Stamp): It's a very busy October, with three each the past couple of weekends, two coming up this weekend and one on the 30th for Dick Reehling's grandson.

Pig Roast/Golf Outing (Jerry Sauers): The event is Friday, Oct. 14. Volunteers should arrive at Four Season Golf club between 6:30 and 7 a.m. Now have 39 sponsors, 78 golfers. Can still use more sponsors and golfers.

Vocations (Charlie Letteer): Two new seminarians; names were unavailable at the meeting.

Grounds (Jerry Sauers): Tom Conner will pay for some of the work we've been doing because we can't keep up with it.

Fourth Degree (John Radicone): Three members of our council are now Sir Knights members: Winfred Lu and Patrick and William Henry. It was a nice day. Bishop Gainer said the Mass.

Pro-life (Dave Edgar) noted that:

- **Planned Parenthood opened Sept. 13 on Manor Street in Lancaster;** seemed to have some difficulty getting up and running. Pro-lifers held their first vigil there on Monday, Oct. 10, getting positive response from passing drivers. Weather-permitting, **future vigils will be held there 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays.**
- **Government persecution:** More than 70 pregnancy health centers and churches across the nation have been vandalized since the Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade, with little or no response from law enforcement. Meanwhile, Mark Houck, a Catholic pro-life leader from Bucks County, was arrested at his home by 20 armed FBI agents for pushing an abortion clinic escort who Houck says was harassing his 12-year-old son. The arrest was made nearly a year after Philadelphia police declined to make an arrest.
- There was discussion of the **need to show the violence of abortion.**
- In addition to changing hearts on abortion, **pro-lifers need to get out and vote** to change who is running our government to continue building a culture of life.

Soccer Challenge (Ted Buczacki): Council 12532's tournament was held Sunday, Sept. 25, at Manheim Township soccer fields at Overlook. There were eight players and six winners. The winners won the district level because we are the only council to hold a tournament.

Membership (Al Stamp): Francis P. McKenna's application to transfer from a council in Doylestown was **approved.** Gabe Fox also wants to join.

5th Sunday Rosary (Ray Horan): October 29 and 30; signup sheet passed around during the meeting. All slots were filled.

Box of Joy: 300 boxes given out here, 150 at the school. Collect the \$9 separate, not in the box. Knights invited to help collect them after Masses. Hoping to hit 500 this year.

Football Sweeps (Ted): Final collection in the box by Sunday.

Degree team (Larry Beat): Degree will be held Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m., in the church. All are invited; families welcome as well. Refreshments will be served afterward in the Social Hall. At least three new members from our parish, a couple from OPH and one from Our Lady of Lourdes also possible. Team members should arrive at 1:30 p.m. to set up. Candidates should arrive at 1:45 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pro-life Stations of the Cross (Larry Beat):** Will be held **Thursday, Oct. 13, at 9:30 a.m.**, after the 9 a.m. Mass. They are held every second Thursday of the month. Please join us.
- **Public Square Rosary (Brandon Kreiser):** Will start at **noon, Saturday, Oct. 15** at St. John Neumann. It will mark the 105th anniversary of Mary's appearance at Fatima: It is a profession of faith asking Mary to convert our nation to her Son. Wear your Knights gear. The council banner will be out front. It is a parish event, to be joined by about 20,000 parishes nationwide, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council here at SJN.
- **A Woman's Concern anniversary gala (Ted Buczacki):** A reminder that the organization will mark its 50th anniversary with its **Legacy of Life Gala on Dec. 3 at Rock Lititz**. Purchase tickets at: www.friendsofawc.com/events/legacy-of-life/.
 - **Car raffle proceeds:** It was noted that the organization's car raffle **raised \$75,000**.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Get 'em while they last (Jerry Sauers):** Anyone who wants one or more of the 27 milk crates next to the shed should take them. If they're not gone soon, they're going in the trash. Good for storage.
- **Next month's meeting might be delayed:** Nov. 8, the date of the next general council meeting, is **Election Day**. It was proposed the meeting be canceled to allow people to vote. Feeling was there's plenty of time to vote with polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Action: Council voted to hold the meeting.** The Grand Knight urged members to take the time to vote rather than rushing to make the meeting on time. A decision on whether to delay the meeting start time will be made at the next officers' meeting on Oct. 25.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Prayers for the sick and distressed: A Knight with COVID; Jon Deakin recovery from shoulder surgery.

The Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, October 25, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, November 8, at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. (Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler