

**Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting: April 11, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:33 p.m.

The opening prayer was led 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	Present
Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach	Present
Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr.	Excused
Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler	Present
Financial Secretary: Raymond J. (Ray) Horan	Present
Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff	Present
Inside Guard: David Wilson	Excused
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 March 14, 2023, General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved.

Correction to the Officers meeting minutes of 03/28: Check for COAL tickets made out to K of C State Council Charities.

**GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki):
CORRESPONDENCE**

- A **thank you note** from Mary Ann Albertini, advancement director of **A Woman's Concern**, for the council's \$1,000 sponsorship of the pro-life organization's Annual Partners' Event coming up April 29 at Calvary Church. The council received recognition in the event program and social media and event visuals and reserved seating at the event.
- **Easter cards** from **Lancaster Catholic High School** and **Cross Catholic Outreach**.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach): All beginning balances as of 03/14/2023, ending 04/10/2023.

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,954.29 saw inflows totaling \$3,504.13 (COAL tickets, dues and Easter candy sales) and outflows totaling

\$2,500.80 (mostly product for Easter candy sales and COAL tickets) for a current balance of **\$4,957.62.**

- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$1,275.25 gained 1 cent interest for a current balance of **\$1,275.26.**
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,491.97 gained 5 cents interest for a current balance of **\$5,492.02.**
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.51 gained 3 cents interest for a current balance of **\$3,375.54.**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (RAY HORAN)

The following bills were paid:

- \$1,000 to Lancaster Catholic High School for the Purple and Gold gala on April 22 at the Lancaster Country Club.

Service Hours were recorded for February and March.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dick Reehling)

The District Deputy:

- Offered greetings from K of C leaders.
- Congratulated the council for having so many, about 30, at the meeting and for being such an active and engaged council.
- Read an excerpt from Matthew Kelly's book "Holy Moments" from pages 30 and 31: "The definition of transfiguration is a complete change of appearance into a more beautiful spiritual state. Each Holy Moment is a mini-transfiguration. Holy Moments allow us to see what is possible, even if only for a fleeting moment. Each Holy Moment reveals who you are capable of being, and who you are capable of being is amazing. ... God is never more than once choice away. ... The rest of your life is waiting for you. It will be filled with moments. Will they be Holy Moments or unholy moments? The choice is yours."

INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE's REPORT (JON DEAKIN):

- Noted the upcoming **Fraternal Benefit night, Wednesday, April 26, at 7:30**, featuring Jim Effner, with fantastic information and a chance to work toward Star council by having enough council attendees (let the Grand Knight know if you attend).
- Thanked the council for its support in helping him being named **Field Agent of the Year.**
- Requested that the council come up with **a list of topics** we would you like discussed in future presentations. What are your areas of concern for financial planning advice?
- Also: Contact Jon for an **annual review** of your situation. He can come to your home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf Outing (Dick Reehling and Jerry Sauers): Event to be held **Oct. 13, 1 p.m., at Overlook.** Will have a flier ready soon. Members encouraged to support this fundraiser by getting sponsors (still needed) and playing golf.

Pig Roast (Jerry Sauers): Having a second roaster delivered soon; the council will now have two roasters. The event is Aug. 20.

Pig Roast and Golf Outing meetings (Jerry Sauers): The two will be paired on an upcoming evening. Details to come.

Baptismal Rose (Al Stamp): One so far this month, three this weekend, one more at the end of the month.

Pro-life (Dave Edgar):

- Lots of bad news recently:
 - Wisconsin Supreme Court won by a pro-abortion judge, tilting the majority in favor of abortion.
 - Colorado legislature considering bill to ban pregnancy centers from giving out abortion-reversal medication.
 - Massachusetts' governor demands that pharmacies sell abortion drugs.
 - New Mexico abortion clinic sets goal of 75 abortions per week.
 - Wyoming judge blocks law that bans abortion.
- **Mifepristone and the FDA:** FDA violated its own rules when it approved the drug for abortion in 2000, using an accelerated approval process reserved for drugs that treat "serious, life-threatening illnesses," thus treating pregnancy as an illness.
- **Planned Parenthood:**
 - The Lancaster clinic has not received transfer agreements from any of the four local hospitals, although UPMC and LGH do refer women to Planned Parenthood on their websites.
 - Planned Parenthood did get an exemption from the state Department of Health, so if a woman has a serious reaction to abortion-inducing drugs, she's on her own.
- Members encouraged to **keep praying** for life.
- **Carnation sales (Larry Beat):** Will seek volunteers at the next meeting for sales on Mother's Day, May 14. Larry called this a wonderful fundraiser for A Woman's Concern and a good family activity, with children picking out a carnation for Mom; children also welcome to help sell. **Saturday, May 13:** If anyone can help, Larry needs three or four guys to pick up the flowers at Costco.
- **Great crowd (Larry Beat):** A terrific turnout at Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Jack Schuring estimated close to 300 people attended.

Membership (Al Stamp):

- **Action item:** Council voted to accept the following new or transfer members: **Ed Blackburn** and **Lou Castagna**, both present and given a round of applause; **Hugh Rocks**, **Pedro Morales** and **Michael Aument**.

- **Exemplification (Larry Beat):** Tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, June 25, 2 to 5 p.m.** here at St. John Neumann.

5th Sunday Rosary: Next is this month, April 29-30. The signup sheet was passed around at the meeting.

Baby bottles campaign (Scott Lee): Our council is by far A Woman's Concern's No. 1 donor. This year's campaign distributed 382 bottles, with 283 returned and **just over \$10,000 raised**. The Grand Knight thanked Scott for organizing the effort and Scott thanked those who passed out and collected bottles.

Grounds (Jerry Sauers): Thanked everyone who helped mulching in the rain and the evening. The Grand Knight said the church looked great for Easter as a result.

Easter candy (Ray Horan): Expressed disappointment in the effort this year. Various factors – the lack of someone taking the reins, few volunteers at Masses, having only one Sunday to sell in the narthex, the cost of product and competing with St. John Neumann School – led to this fundraiser earning only \$400 or \$500, or about half what it raised last year. Ray stated he would not run it next year, that switching to Evans for product could make a candy sale twice as big a fundraiser and it might be time to switch to Valentine's Day or Christmas or some other holiday so as not to compete with the school. The Grand Knight said that anyone who wants to take over this fundraiser will have the council's support.

COAL Tickets (Buzz Anspach): As of the start of the meeting, 281 tickets had been sold to date; with Brandon Kreiser's sales added at the meeting, probably will total more like 330 or 340. Thanks to those who purchased tickets. **All tickets must be returned to Buzz by April 20.** Drawing is May 5 at the state convention in Harrisburg.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 13, Pro-life stations:** This **Thursday** after the 9 a.m. Mass; will be outside, weather-permitting.
- **April 15, Memorial Mass for Fourth Degree members** who have passed away set for 5 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle in Millersville.
- **April 22, Purple and Gold gala:** Fundraiser for **Lancaster Catholic High School** at Lancaster Country Club. John Beck stated he still has a ticket for this sold-out event and would like for a Knight to fill out the table that will bear the council's name. Cost is \$75/person.
- **April 26, Next fraternal benefits presentation:** The Importance of Whole Life Insurance for Retirement Planning. Grand Knight will send out a reminder via email to sign up, help yourself plan and help the council attain the Founder's Award.
- **April 29-30, Fifth Sunday Rosary:** The council will be leading the 5th Sunday Rosary before all Masses. If possible, please show up for Rosary, which starts a half-hour before Masses.

- **April 30, Coffee and donuts:** The council will be hosting coffee and donuts in the social hall after the morning Masses. Donuts is a great recruiting opportunity.
- **May 5-7, K of C State Convention:** At the Harrisburg Hilton. Interested in attending convention? It's \$40 to register, extra for dinner. Saturday is voting and the main dinner.
- **Oct. 14, Fourth Degree ceremony:** To be held in Harrisburg.

OLD BUSINESS

Statue(s) for the Grove Near the Outdoor Stations (Tom Carr): Not having heard back from St. Charles Seminary about the St. John Neumann statue, Tom recalled a conversation he had with Father Dan about what kind of statue he would like to see in the Stations' horseshoe. Father Dan wanted a Pieta and Tom has found one: A Pieta made of Fiberglass, 42 inches high. 38 inches wide. The total cost for delivery and materials for a pedestal and other items: \$3,000. Father Dan said the church would provide half the cost if the council could fund the other half.

Proposal: Make it a council work project to build a retaining wall a pedestal 2 to 2 1/2 feet off the ground; and plant some azaleas near it.

Discussion: Council has \$1,275 in the church fund now and with the Pig Roast and Golf Outing, we can easily raise the rest of the council's \$1,500 share. A plaque recognizing the Knights' contribution? Could put a plaque but that will be discussed later.

Action item: Council **unanimously approved going ahead with the project** and working out the details later.

Also (Tom Carr): We should run an ad giving parishioners a chance to purchase memorial trees (at \$175 each) as we still have room for more; Tom would like to see some evergreens to, along with the Pieta, make the Outdoor Stations a beautiful prayer and meditation area. Small bricks also available for purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers needed (Grand Knight): Urged members to prayerfully consider accepting the role of **Grand Knight** or **Deputy Grand Knight** for the upcoming fraternal year that begins July 1. Still no candidates for these key posts.

Keep him in your prayers: Brother **Ed Kuzma** needs our prayers. He is home after heart surgery and he lost his brother Michael, who died April 1.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Prayers for sick and distressed: Ed Kuzma and others.

Closing Ode was sung.

The Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney was said.

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
(Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler