

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting: March 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:34 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	Present
Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler	Present
Financial Secretary: Raymond J. (Ray) Horan	Excused
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	Excused
2 Year Trustee: Alfred T Stamp Jr.	Present
1 Year Trustee: William H. (Bill) Allison	Present

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the February 14, 2023, General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki): Noted that at the officers meeting, it was decided that:

- The council will purchase a table for **A Woman's Concern's April 23 banquet** at Calvary (see Treasurer's report for cost)
- Regarding **Lancaster Catholic High School's Blue and Gold Gala on April 22** at Lancaster Country Club: If John Beck can fill a table with 10 people, the council will pay \$250 toward the \$1,000 cost; that would bring the cost to \$75/person; call John Beck at 717-824-4067 if you'd like to attend.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach): All beginning balances as of 01/10/2023, ending 03/13/2023.

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$1,687.39 saw inflows totaling \$3,715 (mostly dues of \$2,440, plus Football Sweeps receipts of \$690 and COAL receipts of \$585) and outflows totaling \$1,448.10 (including \$1,000 for A Woman's Concern banquet and \$413.25 in assessments to Supreme) for a current balance of **\$3,954.29**.

- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$1,275.23 gained 2 cents interest for a current balance of **\$1,275.25.**
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,491.88 gained 9 cents interest for a current balance of **\$5,491.97.**
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.45 gained 6 cents interest for a current balance of **\$3,375.51.**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

No bills paid.

Service Hours to be recorded at the April general council meeting.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dick Reehling)

The District Deputy:

- Encouraged Knights to celebrate **Founder's Day** on March 29, to honor our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney.
- Cited the slogan on our banner, Be a Man, Be a Knight, urging members to **keep recruiting men** to join because a council is built on person-to-person appeals.
- Highlighted the importance of the council sending two delegates to the **125th Annual State Convention** to be held May 5-7, 2023, at the Hilton Harrisburg, saying it will be an honor to have **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly** in attendance.
- Read a profound line from Matthew Kelly's "Holy Moments": "**A Holy Moment** is a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do."
- Noted that he **will retire as District Deputy** at the end of this term ending June 30. Will be succeeded by **John Radicone.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf Outing (Dick Reehling and Jerry Sauers): Committee will meet **7 p.m. Monday, March 20**, seeking input on decisions relating to the event's new location: **Overlook Golf Course** in Manheim Township. The venue will cost \$2,500 less than Four Seasons. Event date: **Oct. 13, 1 p.m.** Celebrity player: **Father Dan Powell.**

Baptismal Rose (Al Stamp): One already, three more for four total this month.

Pro-life (Dave Edgar):

- Cited **a lot of evil happening in the nation regarding abortion**, including **AbortionFinder.org**, a website that, among other things, helps minors find abortion providers and avoid parental consent.
- Noted **some good going on as well**, including:
 - While participating in a vigil Monday morning in front of **Planned Parenthood's Lancaster facility**, he met a neighbor of the facility who noted it **was once a Catholic bookstore** ("I used to buy my Rosaries in that building," the man said) asked for a sign and said he'd be back next

week. Dave said he's sure that something good is going to come out of Planned Parenthood being in a former Catholic bookstore site.

- The Thursday, March 9, **Pro-Life Stations of the Cross** at St. John Neumann (every second Thursday following Mass at 9:30 a.m.) drew 13 people. One of them, Maryjo formerly of Lebanon, has a ministry of her own: a **Surrender Novena**, a nine-day novena, that calls on us to surrender to Christ.

Membership (Al Stamp): Three prospects. Two men signed up electronically, Grand Knight noted.

5th Sunday Rosary: Next is April 29-30.

Baby bottles campaign (Scott Lee): . Distributed 382 out of 400 bottles; 251 returned so far. Donations to this pro-life fundraiser for A Woman's Concern will be matched up to \$400 by Supreme.

Grounds (Jerry Sauers): Younger members are specially invited to bring shovels and other tools and pitch in starting at **9 a.m. Saturday, March 25**, to spread nine scoops of mulch in front of the church, plant one tree and some shrubs in preparation for Easter. Crew will get together for lunch afterward at Highland Pizzeria.

Easter candy (Brandon Kreiser): Website is up. Could not sell in the narthex more than one week. Will sell this coming weekend (March 18-19), with distribution March 25-26 and April 1-2 in the narthex. Doing out best to match last year's fundraising.

Fourth Degree (Grand Knight): Next meeting is Tuesday, March 21, at Mother of Perpetual Help in Ephrata.

COAL Tickets (Buzz Anspach): So far, **157 tickets sold**. Please get back to Buzz by the end of March because tickets must be to the state council by the beginning of April to get discount on tickets (which raises more for Council 12532); every ticket sold by the end of the month costs the council \$2.25, 50 cents more apiece after that. The drawing will be held May 5 at the State Convention; winner need not be present.

Benefits seminars: The council need people to attend these online presentations. We have not hit the seven attendees needed for the Founder's Award.

Coffee and Donuts (Grand Knight): Council is signed up for **April 30**. Council saw conflicts with many upcoming weekends, including May 7 (the state convention) and May 14 (Mother's Day carnation sale). Will discuss future dates as the church needs help and it remains a good recruiting opportunity. It also proved a good fundraiser for the church as we raised \$500 for the church with bottle opening surveys held during most recent coffee and donuts.

UPCOMING EVENT

- **Next fraternal benefits presentation, April 26:** 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Statue(s) for the Grove Near the Outdoor Stations (Tom Carr): In pursuit of making the Stations of the Cross a special place in the grove, Tom has been working for a year to find Catholic statues for the center of the horseshoe in the Stations.

1. He has been in touch with St. Charles Seminary, which is closing the building and moving the seminary. Of its three or four statues available, one is in our price range: a 4- or 5-foot **statue of St. John Neumann**, available for \$3,000 (two others would cost \$15,000 each); restoring the SNJ statue would likely cost another \$3,000. Talked with Father Dan about the Knights putting up a portion, with a plaque bearing the names of contributors. Tom is getting a quote on a base for it as well.
2. Let Tom know if you hear of any religious statues available.
3. Would like a **Bulletin announcement** for people to purchase memorial trees and bricks.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

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 8:24 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
(Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler