

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann General Council Meeting: December 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:35 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by TED BUCZACKI.

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: Robert V. (Bob) Richards	Excused
Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff	Present
Inside Guard: David Wilson	Present
Outside Guard: Joel P. Harnish	Excused
Warden: Gerald N. (Jerry) Sauers	Present
3 Year Trustee: John Radicone	Present
2 Year Trustee: Alfred T Stamp Jr.	Excused
1 Year Trustee: William H. (Bill) Allison	Present

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the November General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki)

- **Retirement: Bob Richards** will step down as Financial Secretary effective 12/21; and the council awaits approval from Supreme of his successor, **Ray Horan**.
- **Visitor welcomed: Jim Gabster**, now of New Jersey, a western Pennsylvania native and current field agent in another area, has been with the Knights for 30 years.
- **Correspondence:**
 - A thank-you note from Donna McGinnis of the St. John Neumann Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for

our council's recent \$500 donation in support of the organization's assistance to the poor.

- A thank-you letter from Helen Sajer, President of the Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc., for our council's \$200 donation from the Golf Outing. A handwritten note above her signature noted the donation means a lot "as requests for help have risen" recently.

TREASURER REPORT (Ted Buczacki)

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$9,155.22 as of 11/07 saw inflows totaling \$6,879.77 (including a \$5,600 transfer from the church fund to pay off the council's capital campaign pledge to St. John Neumann) and outflows totaling \$12,947 (including Christmas gifts to our seminarians, Christmas gifts to SJN priests and deacons; and Golf Outing donations totaling \$3,295), for a current balance, as of 12/12/2022, of **\$3,087.39**.
- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$4,480.19 as of 11/07, a gain of 3 cents interest, Golf Outing inflows of \$2,395 and outflows of \$5,600 (noted above to meet council's pledge to the capital campaign) for a current balance, as of 12/12/2022, of **\$1,275.22**.
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,491.78 as of 11/07 saw a gain of 5 cents interest for a current balance, as of 12/12/2022, of **\$5,491.83**.
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.39 as of 11/07, a gain of 3 cents interest for a current balance, as of 12/12/2022, of **\$3,375.42**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Ray Horan)

Motion to pay the council's bills **approved**.

Service hours recorded.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (John Radicone for Dick Reehling)

The District Deputy:

- Shared the contents of a letter from Aa State Membership Director James A Maochi: State leadership launched a new recruiting drive at its Council Organization meeting in July in State College that offered an incentive to recruit new members: A recruiter pin; one for recruiting one or more new members this fraternal year. A pin was enclosed with the letter for **Bill Henry**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Baptismal Rose (John Radicone): Al Stamp did 2 so far this month. Two more are coming up. Recipient families have been very appreciative.

Vocations (Ted): Two new seminarians; checks for them made out.

Fourth Degree (John Radicone)

- **Four new members** welcomed to Santa Maria Assembly at recent ceremony.
- The assembly's **2022 Christmas party** held at the Eden went well. Will continue to have one every year.
- Meetings are third Tuesday of every month: **Next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 20**, at St. Peter Catholic Church in Elizabethtown. Full schedule available at <http://kofc4191.org/sma/>

Pro-life (Larry Beat) noted that:

- Very little activity so far at **Planned Parenthood in Lancaster**. No plans known to do surgical abortions here but abortion pills are just as deadly and will be a focus for Planned Parenthood in Lancaster.
- **Say no to local agreements with PP:** Still no word of any local hospitals making transfer agreements with Planned Parenthood; members encouraged to write letters to local hospitals discouraging agreements with Planned Parenthood.
- The **March for Life** will be held as usual in January in Washington, D.C. There will be a local march for those who cannot attend.

Christmas gift tags (Ron Dell)

This year: Over \$7,500 collected this year; almost \$1,000 per agency.

- **Diminishing returns: Jack Schuring** noted that the effort raised approximately half what was raised last year. Ron said inflation might have hurt the effort this year.
- **Next year:** Will offer the option of buying gifts next year but still focus on donations because that makes the drive easier to organize for us and for recipient organizations. Also, will try to do more publicity, and make the drive more visible next year.
- **Help sought:** Ron seeking a co-chair to help him on next year's effort. Ideas welcome but help will be needed to implement them.

Membership (Ted): Thanked those who participated in coffee and donuts; setup, cleanup, etc. Noted that Al Stamp reported some interest from potential new members out of that effort. The council will be hosting again at the beginning of March.

5th Sunday Rosary (Ray Horan): Next is in January; signup sheet will be distributed at the next meeting.

March for Life (Brandon Kreiser): A bus trip to the march on Friday, Jan. 20, is in the council budget; bus will leave St. John Neumann at 9 a.m. This year's march will mark the 50th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide and launched the march. Though Roe has been overturned, it is more important than ever that we represent against the slaughter of innocent children. Please consider going down to D.C. this year and encourage others to go as well.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Trimming (Jerry Sauers):** Help needed Tuesday, Dec. 20, after the 9 a.m. daily Mass to decorate the church; should take a couple of hours. More hands make for an easier time.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Prayers for the sick and distressed: John Beck noted that John Fazio is recovering, thanks members for concern and prayers.

The Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by **Ted Buczacki**.

The Closing Ode was sung.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: None for the holidays.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, January 10, at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. (Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler