

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting: May 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:34 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by Father Norbert Suresh.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Grand Knight

The Opening Ode was sung.

Roll call of officers

Chaplain: Father Norbert Suresh	Present
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	Present
2 Year Trustee: Alfred T Stamp Jr.	Excused
1 Year Trustee: William H. (Bill) Allison	Excused

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the April 11, 2023, General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki):

- Read a **thank you letter** from Lori Haney Wagner, Chip Snyder and Doreen Snyder for the council's sponsorship of a table at **Lancaster Catholic High School's 9th Annual Purple & Gold Gala**. The donation directly supports academics, athletics, campus ministry and the fine and performing arts departments. A power outage caused the event to be postponed to June 20.
- Welcomed the following newcomers, who attended the meeting: Jack Chester, Earl Graham, Hugh Rocks, Ed Schuring, Ion Nicolaescu and Brian Buecker.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach): All beginning balances as of 04/11/2023, ending 05/08/2023.

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$4,957.62 saw receipts totaling \$1,805 (including dues, COAL and golf outing receipts and Easter candy sales) and disbursements totaling \$1,935.50 (convention expenses, golf outing expense, Purple & Gold gala, COAL expenses, baptismal roses) for a current balance of **\$4,827.12**.

- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$1,275.26 gained 1 cent interest for a current balance of **\$1,275.27.**
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,492.02 gained 5 cents interest for a current balance of **\$5,492.07.**
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.54 gained 3 cents interest for a current balance of **\$3,375.57.**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Service Hours were recorded for April by the Grand Knight.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (incoming John Radicone and outgoing Dick Reehling)

- **Dick Reehling:** Offered greetings from K of C leaders; thanked **Father Norbert** for attending and led a round of applause for him; noted that **Pennsylvania is No. 1** in donations through **Coats for Kids** and for **ultrasound machines**; noted *Columbia* magazine's call for us to **make our faith known in everyday life** by, for example, giving thanks to Christ aloud when something goes well; read an excerpt from Matthew Kelly's "**Holy Moments**"; noted with pride the **excellent attendance** at our council meetings (30 at this month's) and **welcomed John Radicone as his successor** as he ends his four-year term as District Deputy.
- **State Convention report (John Radicone)**
 - John and Dick were our council's **voting representatives** at Saturday's state convention session
 - Noted the state council's financial report – General Fund (\$938,912.41); other funds, such as Disaster, Scholarship and Christopher (\$483,334.93); Total operating fund (\$1,412,237.34); State Council charities (\$328,099.91); football sweeps (\$31,863.22); label program (\$48,832.57) and the Scholarship fund (\$7,046.33)
 - The State Secretary reported: more than 12,000 coats distributed by Pennsylvania councils; 16 new ultrasound machines donated (supported by the Baby Bottles campaign); 100 grants of \$1,000 each awarded to 382 students for Catholic elementary education; \$101,685 given in support of Special Olympics; more than 5,000 attended the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg, many Knights among them; the label program raised \$112,793; football sweeps sold 28,504 tickets, an increase of 25% with a yield of \$175,500 to councils; awarded 10 scholarships of \$4,00 each thanks to COAL ticket sales.
 - **Eight unanimously passed resolutions:** (1) honorariums; (2) support of the Holy Father; (3) support of the Supreme Knight; (4) support of the institution of marriage; (5) support of the culture of life; (6) defense of religious liberty; (7) faithful citizenship; (8) State Convention hosted by the state council.
 - **Change sought, denied:** Our council representatives supported a change to send 12 representatives, rather than 10, to the Supreme Convention, to allow two representatives from each region, plus the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy, was voted down. The resolution

that passed kept the practice of allowing only one other representative from the districts of the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy.

Action Item on Membership: The council approved by unanimous voice vote the addition of the following 12 members: Louis Castagna (new), Edward Blackburn (new), Frank Macciocca (new), John Radicone III (new), Brian Buecker (new), Joseph Yanek (new), Hugh Rocks (new), David Pelliccione (transfer), Pedro Morales (transfer), Ion Nicolaescu (transfer), John Herman (transfer) and Scott Major (transfer).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Roast and Golf Outing meetings (Jerry Sauers): Monday, May 15, starting with the Golf Outing meeting at 7 p.m., followed by the Pig Roast committee meeting.

Golf Outing (Dick Reehling): Thanks to **Brandon Kreiser** for creating a color brochure for the **Oct. 13, event at Overlook; 1 p.m. start.** Council members are encouraged to support this fundraiser by talking to business owners they know and asking them to sponsor the event. Sponsor forms are available.

Pig Roast (Jerry Sauers): The Aug. 20 event is on schedule. Jack Schuring will christen the council's new roaster at the May 18 chicken barbecue (see below for details).

Baptismal Rose (Grand Knight and John Radicone): Two so far this month; more every Sunday, six more altogether, for the rest of this month. Getting positive comments from the families.

Carnation sales (Larry Beat): Will be sold after Masses on Sunday, Mother's Day, benefitting A Woman's Concern. Will have 1,700 carnations to sell. Will pick up at Cosco. Will need help delivering to other churches. Good family activity, takes only 15 minutes after Mass.

Pro-life (Dave Edgar):

- Noted that taking care of babies after birth must be a focus of the pro-life movement because many raise the objection, "Are you going to feed and clothe all these babies you're saving?" Ministries such as Off the Streets, St. Vincent DePaul, Water Street, adoption agencies and food banks are all pro-life ministries in that sense.
- Evils of this month: Gov. Josh Shapiro and the federal government have set up websites "so that every woman has access to abortion"; a United Nations report from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is calling for the decriminalization of all sexual activity, including between adults and children; sex-trafficking of women and children and smuggling of deadly illegal drugs are happening at the southern border; the sexualization of children in entertainment and in our public schools. The exploitation of children is the Devil's way to disrupt and ruin the human family.

- Amid all of this, and it is good vs. evil, we must remember that Jesus has already won the victory: “In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” –John 16:33

5th Sunday Rosary (Grand Knight): Good robust turnout.

Fourth Degree (John Radicone): Meeting is here next Tuesday, May 16, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Coffee and donuts (Grand Knight): Thanks to everyone who helped out. Father Dan appreciates the help.

Grounds (Jerry Sauers): Thanked everyone who helped last time. Will be continuing to hold work details in the evening as long as it stays light long enough.

COAL Tickets (Buzz Anspach): Thanked everyone who participated. No winners from our council. Council sold 350 tickets, bringing in \$1,750, plus \$75 in donations; costs totaled \$1,146.67, for a **total raised of \$678.33**. Top sellers: Brandon Kreiser (62 tickets), Wayne Wagner (20) and Tom Rudzinski (20).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday, May 11, Pro-Life Stations of the Cross:** This **Thursday** after the 9 a.m. Mass; will be outside, weather-permitting.
- **Monday, May 15, 7 p.m., Golf Outing and Pig Roast meetings:** Here at St. John Neumann.
- **Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.: Fourth Degree meeting:** Here at **St. John Neumann**.
- **Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m., chicken barbecue:** Family and Knight of Year awards will be given at this event. Please let Jack Schuring know if you are coming. Chicken is on the house but bring your own drinks and sides.

OLD BUSINESS

Statue for the Grove Near the Outdoor Stations (Tom Carr): St. John Neumann is paying the deposit on a 42” high Pieta, with a 2-foot pedestal, which will arrive in late August/early September. The council will be responsible for setting up the stone platform. Tom wants to get the site ready for the statue in early August.

Motion (Jack Schuring): A proposal to **waive this year’s annual payment of \$500 to the Relief Fund** because it is well funded and because of other expenses faced by the council budget. **Approved by voice vote.**

Action item: Council .

NEW BUSINESS

First reading of the council’s 2023-24 officers’ slate (John Radicone):

Grand Knight: Theodore (Ted) Buczacki

Deputy Grand Knight: Jack Chester

Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach

Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr.
Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler
Financial Secretary: Jack Schuring (not an elected position; appointed by Grand Knight)
Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff
Inside Guard: Joel P. Harnish
Outside Guard: David Wilson
Warden: Gerald N. (Jerry) Sauers
3 Year Trustee: Ray Horan (not elected)
2 Year Trustee: John Radicone (not elected)
1 Year Trustee: Alfred T Stamp Jr. (not elected)

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

The Closing Ode was sung.

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by **Father Norbert Suresh**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
(Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler