

**Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting: June 13, 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 Dan Powell	Excused
Grand Knight: Theodore (Ted) Buczacki	Present
Deputy Grand Knight: Brandon M. Kreiser	Excused
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	Excused
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 May 9, 2023, General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki):

- Correspondence
 - A thank you letter from Jill B. Hartman, executive director of **A Woman's Concern**, addressed to Larry Beat for our **Mother's Day carnation sale**, which raised **\$1,034.38 at St. John Neumann** for the pro-life organization and a combined **\$4,223.38** at St. Anthony of Padua and St Mary's in Lancaster, SJN, and St. Catherine of Siena in Quarryville. Larry Beat, who organized the purchase of the flowers at Costco for all four churches, thanked everyone who helped with the sale at St. John Neumann and saluted the other churches for teaming up with SJN.
 - A letter from **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly** addressed to **Ray Horan** in recognition of the council's support of the Knights' nationwide **Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program** to "**safeguard life in every stage and condition.**" The Grand Knight noted the \$200 check enclosed with the letter, representing Supreme's 20% match of the table the council purchased at A Woman's Concern's fundraising banquet. The Grand Knight noted that he will submit a request for an additional match

of \$200 for the Mother's Day carnation sale, which will maximize Supreme's offer of 20% of up to \$2,000 of what the council raises for the pro-life cause. The Grand Knight noted that Council 12532 will reach the maximum \$400 match with these two efforts.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach): All beginning balances as of 05/9/2023, ending 06/12/2023.

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$4,827.12 saw receipts totaling \$3,360.96 and disbursements totaling \$2,552.01 for a current balance of **\$5,636.07**. The Treasure noted that the **carnation sale** accounted for most of the money in and out for the month. The most notable inflows were **\$1,100 in sponsorships** for the **Golf Outing**.
- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$1,275.27 gained 1 cent interest for a current balance of **\$1,275.28**.
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$5,492.07 gained 5 cents interest for a current balance of **\$5,492.12**. The Grand Knight noted that the \$1,000 budgeted, **\$500 each for scholarships to St. John Neumann School and Lancaster Catholic High School**, can be written at the next officers' meeting.
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.57 gained 3 cents interest for a current balance of **\$3,375.60**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Ray Horan)

Service Hours were recorded for May.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (Dick Reehling)

- Offered greetings from **State Deputy Michael Kish** and **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**.
- The outgoing district deputy also:
 - Called it a "true honor" to have started in Council 12532, to have served as Grand Knight here and then to have gotten the chance to work with this council and the rest in the district as District Deputy, **calling the opportunity "a real pleasure."**
 - Called on the council to equally **support his successor, past Grand Knight John Radicone**, when he takes over as District Deputy in July.
 - Said: "It's a blessing to be with you. Thank you for all your support. God bless you all." And he promised to continue to support the council's work.
 - The **Grand Knight thanked and the council applauded** the District Deputy for his willingness to do the work of the role, which he noted, involves a lot of running around.

Ed Kuzma welcomed back with applause following recent health issues.

Membership (Al Stamp): Noted the **upcoming exemplification** to be held at St. John Neumann starting at 2:30 p.m. with candidates to arrive between 2 and 2:15 p.m. Larry Beat stated the degree has changed. All Catholics are invited and urged members and their wives and family members to support the candidates by attending. There will

be refreshments afterward. It is expected to be a big event, with some candidates from outside the parish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Roast (Jerry Sauers): Noted the noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 20 event at St. John Neumann is on track and that it will involve a lot of work from many members of the council on Aug. 19 and 20.

Golf Outing (Dick Reehling): Golf committee will meet Monday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at St. John Neumann. Tryfolds designed by Brandon Kreiser will be available at the meeting. Noted sponsors and golfers are needed to support the **Oct. 13, event at Overlook; noon to 1 p.m. registration, 1 p.m. start.** The event will need at least 100 golfers, 25 foursomes, to break even. If you're a golfer, please sign up.

Baptismal Rose (Al Stamp): There will be a baptism every Sunday this month and one on a Saturday as well.

Special Olympics (Jerry Sauers): Lancaster County law enforcement's annual fundraiser will be held Wednesday, June 14, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Funck's Restaurant in Leola. It will feature state and city police horses. All tips will support Lancaster County Special Olympics; the event usually raises enough money to send all kids from Lancaster County to **the State Games.** It is our easiest fundraiser. Come, have dinner, and tip generously.

Pieta statue (Jerry Sauers): After materials arrive, a work day will be scheduled to put the statue, which is beautiful (better than the image recently shared via email), in the interior portion of St. John Neumann's outdoor Stations of the Cross. It will be heavy work and require a lot of hands but the beauty it brings to the church grounds make it worth the effort.

Vocations (Charlie Letteer): Congratulations to **Transitional Deacon Drew Tanguay**, who is now serving here at SJN.

Pro-life (Dave Edgar):

- Noted events in Lancaster, Philadelphia and Washington. D.C., celebrating the one-year anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade on Saturday, June 24. See details below under Upcoming Events.
- With more and more disturbing happenings nationwide, when will we start calling evil for what it is? We must be willing to speak the truth with love and with our sincere, Christian efforts to secure concrete improvements in our society. But to truly overcome, we must pray. Please make the **"Prayer to End Abortion"** part of your daily prayer routine.
- "We must not be afraid to affirm the truth, at times uncomfortable, which finds its foundation in the Bible." Pope Francis

- “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” **Ephesians 6:12**
- “A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a great prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the creator and lover of life ... from the heart of every believer.” **St. Pope John Paul II**
- “Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.” **Catechism of the Catholic Church 2274**

5th Sunday Rosary (Grand Knight): Next is July 29-30. Will have a signup sheet at next general council meeting.

Roadwork (Randy): Getting in touch with those running it for PennDOT. Because it halted during the pandemic, the council must get materials before a work day can be scheduled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pro-life celebration, Saturday, June 24:** Celebrating the **one-year anniversary of the overturn of Roe v. Wade**. Following the **9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s**, there will be a **vigil at Southern Market**, followed by a **vigil at Planned Parenthood in Lancaster at 11 a.m.** Elsewhere the same day:
 - A **March for Life in Philadelphia**. A bus will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes, New Holland, for the Philadelphia march. Only two seats are available.
 - A “National Celebrate Life Day” rally will be held the same day, 10:30 a.m. to noon on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall.
- **Welcoming new members, Sunday, June 25, 2:30 p.m. start:** The Exemplification ceremony at St. John Neumann is open to all families. Anyone thinking of being a Knight is welcome to attend (Or to be invited by a current member, hint, hint, hint) and see what we’re about.
- **Lancaster Catholic High School Purple & Gold Gala, Wednesday, June 28:** Two free seats available for this evening event at Lancaster Country Club. Let Ray know if you want the seats. Council and John Beck purchased a table.
- **Parish picnic, Sunday, July 9, after the 11 a.m. Mass to 3 p.m.:** Deacon Oles has asked his fellow Knights to help by power-washing the pavilion. Volunteers needed beginning at 9 a.m. to clean the coolers, greet people and clean up afterward. The event is also a recruitment opportunity: We can greet people on the way in and recruit while we’re at it.

NEW BUSINESS

Awards presented (chosen by the trustees)

- **Knights of the Year: Jerry Sauers and Joel Harnish**
- **Honorable mention: Dave Edgar and Larry Beat**
- **Family of the Year: Ray and Susan Horan**

ACTION ITEMS

2023-24 OFFICERS SLATE VOTE

No additional nominations offered.

Grand Knight: Theodore (Ted) Buczacki

Deputy Grand Knight: Jack Chester

Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach

Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr.

Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler

Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff

Inside Guard: Joel P. Harnish

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Slate approved unanimously. New terms begin July 1.

Those who will be serving in the council's non-elected posts:

Financial Secretary: Jack Schuring (not an elected position; appointed by Grand Knight)

3 Year Trustee: Ray Horan (not elected)

2 Year Trustee: John Radicone (not elected)

1 Year Trustee: Alfred T Stamp Jr. (not elected)

2023-24 council budget: A motion to pass last year's budget for the upcoming fraternal year. **Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Good of the Order: Prayers for Bill Allison, home recovering from surgery; Tom Rudzinski, a brother Knight and retiring Manheim Township police chief, who is battling a serious illness.

The Closing Ode was sung.

Prayer for canonization of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

Good of the Order:

Closing prayer led by the Grand Knight/**Father Norbert Suresh**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, June 27, at 7 p.m. in the church.

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

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler