

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

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:30 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: John E. (Jack) Chester

Present

Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach

Excused

Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr.

Present

Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler

Present

Financial Secretary: Jack Schuring

Present

Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff

Present

Inside Guard: Joel P. Harnish

Present

Outside Guard: David Wilson

Excused

Warden: Gerald N. (Jerry) Sauers

Present

3-Year Trustee: Raymond J. (Ray) Horan

Excused

2-Year Trustee: John Radicone

Present

1-Year Trustee: Alfred T. (Al) Stamp Jr.

Present

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the June 13, 2023, General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki):
No Correspondence

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach): No report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Jack Schuring)

Service Hours were recorded for June as part of the sign-in sheet.

The following are portions of the officers meeting minutes from the June 27 meeting that are relevant to the general council membership. The new financial secretary, whose term began July 1, 2023, stated that:

- He will not be able to attend every meeting.
- Will be following protocol and **delivering his report during the officers' meeting** rather than the general meeting.
- Will **streamline the collection of volunteer hours** by: (A) sending out an email to capture hours from those who do not attend meetings; and (B) adding a spot for volunteer hours to the sign-in sheet and making sure there is a sign-in sheet at every meeting.

- Will also try to come into better compliance with the ways Supreme calls for things to be done; will make changes on an ongoing basis to avoid shocking/sudden changes.
- Noted that bills can be presented and taken care of at officers' meetings; if budgeted, they do not require a vote.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (John Radicone)

- Offered greetings from **State Deputy Michael Kish** and **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**.
- Stated that Deputy Michael Kish gave congratulations to our council for significant achievements as a council even if we did not make Star Council.
- Noted that pins will be presented to most recent Deputy Grand Knight **Brandon Kreiser** and **Grand Knight Ted Buczacki** for recruiting for the first two new members during the past fraternal year.
- Said it should be easier to make all requirements for **Star Council** this year: One key goal is adding 15 new members.
- Getting the **Founders Award** should be easier because attending **webinars or seminars about financial matters** requires 10 members to attend two each before the end of June 2024. The **Grand Knight** encouraged attending them, noting that they take about an hour each, are not sales pitches but important information, including changes in tax laws, about financial planning by knowledgeable experts.
- The Knights of Columbus' **Silver Rose pilgrimage** – a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe – will be coming to Pennsylvania and **will be in our area between Aug. 13 and Sept. 13**. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico.
- **The March for Life in Harrisburg will be held** Monday, Oct. 16, in Harrisburg. For details or to register, visit <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>
- Some opportunities to earn points toward awards include sponsoring: a **Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph** and/or a **Eucharistic procession**. More information about these K of C Faith in Action programs are available at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources>.
- **Christ in Christmas:** Can get credit for posting a banner in the front of the church and/or run an essay contest about Christ in Christmas.

Membership (Al Stamp): Did recruiting at the parish picnic but it has so far resulted in no signups.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Roast (Jerry Sauers): Will be selling tickets after Mass on the weekends of Aug. 5 and 6, 12 and 13, and 19 and 20 (event day) in the Narthex. If you have a cooler, please bring it to the event because we use Fourth Degree coolers and those will be used at the Fourth Degree picnic the same day. **Brandon Kreiser** mentioned a new credit card reader that the council can purchase for \$75 to purchase.

Action: Motion offered to **purchase a second credit card reader** for the council. **Passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Rosary Rally (Brandon Kreiser: The council will host its second annual **America Needs Fatima** rosary rally on **Saturday, Oct. 14, at noon**. Last year, it was held out in the Grove, led by Father Norbert Suresh. About 22,000 parishes across the country participated. The council will begin advertising the event next month. **If you'd like to help, reach out to Brandon.** About 50 people turned out at St. John Neumann last year.

Special Olympics (Jerry Sauers): This year's event at Funck's raised \$3,370 in tips, with Funck's kicking in enough to bring the total to **\$4,000**; our council raised about \$1,000 of the total, which is **enough to send every Lancaster County kid to the state games.**

Golf Outing (Dick Reehling): Expressed thanks to **Brandon Kreiser's** efforts, we have the most professional flyer we've ever had. Also noted:

- The **committee will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, July 17**, followed by a **Pig Roast meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
- The Golf Outing has **only 17 sponsors so far**; need 30 or 40 sponsors, 50 if we can. Had 42 last year. Our best year had 60 sponsors. Three levels of sponsorship available: \$150, \$300 and \$500.

Box of Joy (Radicone): Sent in an application for **450 boxes**. They should arrive at the end of September or early October. John will again put together a committee to run this program for Christmas gifts for children in poor countries. The return of boxes from the parish has been 90% to 95%. Our council returned 400 boxes last year; No. 1 in the county.

Food packing program (John Radicone): John said there is a good opportunity ahead to work with Knights in other area councils for a good cause, the packing of 40,000 meals for people in poor countries through Cross Catholic Outreach. **Packing is set for Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Millersville.**

Baptismal Rose (Al Stamp): One each Sunday this month, plus one this past Saturday, July 15, and another Saturday, July 22.

Pieta statue (Tom Carr): Take pedestal down, put adhesive on, keep it level. Work on the wall, go three rows high. Also will put in front of the wall, another paved area with a bench. A Boy Scout has taken that project.

Pro-life (Larry Beat read Dave Edgar's report, see attached): Also noted that Pro-Life Stations of the Cross are set for Thursday, July 13, after the 9 a.m. Mass.

5th Sunday Rosary (Grand Knight): Signup sheet circulated at the meeting for **July 29-30**. Members were encouraged to attend to support those leading. Leading the rosary is very easy and can be done in husband-wife teams: The book is the cabinet, just stand up and be sure to start 30 minutes before Mass. Typically, two Knights do it together, low-key, stress-free duty.

Fourth Degree (John Radicone): Picnic Aug. 20, same day as the Pig Roast. District Deputy convention in St. College. A lot of Fourth Degrees in attendance.

Football Sweeps (Ron Dell): Tickets (Ron has 300) will be available at the next meeting. Had four winners last year, \$400 to \$600 in winnings from this council. **Want tickets? See Ron.**

Initiation degree (Larry Beat): Exemplification held June 25 saw only three of the expected seven candidates show up. Ed Blackburn, who took part, was applauded at the meeting. Larry expressed frustration that there was no mechanism for reaching out to all candidates ahead of the degree; said, "Technology is not the answer to everything." Jack Schuring ended a bit of a discussion about how to address this problem by saying it will be **discussed at the next officers' meeting**, where we can come up with a plan to present to the council.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday-Sunday, July 29-30, Fifth Sunday Rosary:** A half-hour before all Masses this weekend.
- **Thursday, Aug. 10, Pro-Life Stations of the Cross:** After the 9 a.m. Mass.
- **Sunday Aug. 20, SJN Knights of Columbus Pig Roast:** Noon to 3 p.m. here the parish. Volunteers needed Saturday and Sunday.
- **Friday, Aug. 25, state council golf tournament:** At **Kimberton Golf Club in Phoenixville**. For details, visit <https://kofcpennsylvania.org/golf-tournament>.
- **Saturday, Sept. 9, Cross Catholic Outreach food packing event:** 8 a.m. to noon, St. Philip the Apostle Church in Millersville.
- **Saturday, Oct. 14, America Needs Fatima rosary rally:** Will start at noon here at St. John Neumann.
- **Monday, Oct. 16, Pennsylvania March for Life:** In Harrisburg. For details, visit <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>

NEW BUSINESS

- **Food for youth (Jack Schuring):** Did not get enough notice to do the cookout for youth volunteers this year. The proposal, made at the officers meeting on June 27, was to sponsor – provide, cook and serve – a cookout Friday, July 21, at Manheim Township Community Park for the young people doing summer service work at Catholic churches, schools other properties throughout Lancaster County. Next year, it's a great opportunity to help. With more notice for next year, we will propose holding the cookout here at SJN.
- **Coats for Kids (Grand Knight):** Supreme matched a dozen for a dozen last year that match is still available but the council will have to act soon to get it. Last year, the council donated 5 dozen coats, which were matched by another 5 dozen.
 - The Grand Knight said he will reach out to his contact at the Lancaster School District, which can always find enough children to distribute all of the coats donated. **Motion to match last year's donation made by John Radicone** (a budgeted item): **Passed by unanimous voice vote.**
 - Get a check at the officers' meeting. Will get coats shipped directly to the school district as we did last year. The school district is very thankful because the need is great. This is a hands-off effort for the council.
- **New fundraiser (Jack Schuring):** Will put on "An evening of contemporary Christian music" concert at the church. Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at SJN. Bill Monaghan will join him. Acoustic and piano. Need a couple of people to pass baskets to collect free-will offerings.
- **Other fundraising ideas welcome:** Lost fundraisers pie sales, candy (which can be revived for Valentine's Day rather than Easter). It was noted that the kitchen in the social hall is not health-safe, so we can't do pancake breakfasts. Could we do it at the school? Brandon will check with Father Dan. **Tom Carr** suggested that when traveling, members should **pick up church bulletins and see what other Knights councils are doing** to raise money.

OLD BUSINESS

Grand Knight passed along Deacon Oles' thanks to the council for our help at the parish picnic.

John Beck noted that **Lancaster Catholic High School** was grateful for our support of the ninth annual **Purple & Gold Gala**, which honored Chip Snyder and his wife. Over 500 alumni and friends attended the event held at the Lancaster Country Club. Power outage. Alumnus donated \$50,000.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Good of the Order: Prayers for Bill Henry's health through a procedure, for Tim McKendry's recovery and for Tom Rudzinski's well being.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
(Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler