

**Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting: August 8, 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	Excused
Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach	Present
Chancellor: Wayne M. Wagner Jr.	Present
Recorder: Joseph R. (Joe) Hainthaler	Excused
Financial Secretary: Jack Schuring	Present
Advocate: Bruce C. Bischoff	Excused
Inside Guard: Joel P. Harnish	Present
Outside Guard: David Wilson	Excused
Warden: Gerald N. (Jerry) Sauers	Present
3-Year Trustee: Raymond J. (Ray) Horan	Present
2-Year Trustee: John Radicone	Present
1-Year Trustee: Alfred T. (Al) Stamp Jr.	Present

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the July 11th, 2023, General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki):

Thank you letter from St. John Neumann School for our \$500 donation. Thank you letter from Lancaster Catholic High School for \$500 to tuition assistance program. Deacon Mike expressed thanks for picnic help.

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach):

General Fund: Previous: (06/13/2023): \$5,363.07. Outflows: \$4,837.21. In: \$3,478.05. Balance (8/7/23): \$ 4,276.91.

Church Fund: Previous (6/12/23): \$1,275.28. Balance (8/7/23): \$1,275.30. Interest was 2 cents.

Scholarship Fund: Previous (6/12/23): \$5,492.12, Out: \$1,000 (2 \$500 scholarships). Interest: 10 cents. Balance (8/7/23): \$4,492.22.

Relief Fund: Previous (6/12/23): \$3,375.60. Balance (8/7/23): 3,375.66. Interest: 6 cents.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Jack Schuring)

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (John Radicone)

- Offered greetings from **State Deputy Michael Kish** and **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**.
- **Blessed Father Michael J. McGiveny birthday** is Saturday, Aug. 12. Please take the time to say the Father McGiveny prayer.
- Knights of Malta **Sanctity of Life Mass**, Bishop Senior will be presider at St. John Neumann, honor guard will be in attendance, **Oct. 26, 2023, at 7 p.m.**
- 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 U.S. 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 K of C councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Will be at St. Joseph in Mechanicsburg.
- **Food packing program**, St. Philip's, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. See sheets.
- **Necrology Mass** in October in Harrisburg, get names in by Oct. 15.
- **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/>

Membership (Al Stamp): Voted new and transfer members. Discussed Elevator Speech cards, requested Financial Secretary to order said cards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Roast (Jerry Sauers): Will be selling tickets after Mass on the weekends of Aug. 12-13, and Aug. 19 and 20 (event day) in the Narthex. Help needed 19th and 20th. 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. New card reader was purchased. Help needed after Masses selling tickets.

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.

Golf Outing (Dick Reehling): The committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 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. No update on number of sponsors given.

Box of Joy (John 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): Eight this month, well received.

Pieta statue (Tom Carr): Should be out Aug. 9.

Pro-life (see attached report).

5th Sunday Rosary (Grand Knight): Would like to see more Knights support this event by attending the Rosary prior to the Mass you normally attend.

Fourth Degree (John Radicone): Picnic Aug. 20, exemplification Oct. 14.

Football Sweeps (Ron Dell): Tickets, Ron has 300, available, \$10 per ticket. Take some, sell them. We receive up to \$3 per ticket back. Money due at the council meeting Oct. 10.

Soccer Challenge (Ron Dell): Sunday, Sept. 24, 4 to 6 p.m. Signup sheet at next meeting, location TBA, will be in Manheim Township.

Initiation Degree (Larry Beat): Possibly at an officer meeting, trying to get better support. Looking for suggestions. Contact Larry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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

- **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. Please attend with family and friends.
- **Voted on transfer members:** Joseph Mika and Louis Jackuboski, welcome to the council!

OLD BUSINESS

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

Keep Christ in Christmas Essay Contest: More information to come.

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.

Closing prayer led by the Grand Knight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Next officers’ meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. (Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Jack Schuring FS for Joe Hainthaler