

Knights of Columbus Council 12532 St. John Neumann
General Council Meeting: October 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Ted Buczacki at 7:34 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 Daniel F.X. (Dan) Powell	Excused
Grand Knight: Theodore (Ted) Buczacki	Present
Deputy Grand Knight: John E. (Jack) Chester	Present
Treasurer: Dennis (Buzz) Anspach	Present
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	Excused
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. Stamp Jr.	Present

Minutes: The reading of the minutes of the September 12, 2023, General Council meeting was waived. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote. Correction: Roll call of officers still required; can be done without a verbal roll call with Recorder noting it silently.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT (Ted Buczacki):

- Correspondence
 - Thank-you note from the St. John Neumann chapter of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** for the council's financial support.
 - Thank-you letter from Helen Sajer, president, **Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors**, for the **\$200 donation from this year's Pig Roast**. The note included the following handwritten note: "Your gift comes at a time of the greatest amount of requests for help. We have helped almost 17,000 veterans who found themselves in a financial crisis. Blessings to all of you."
 - Thank-you letter from Kyla Hockley, principal, **St. John Neumann School**, for the **donation of \$500 from this year's Pig Roast**, which included a reference to the parable of the mustard seed (Faith Planted –

Grace Shared – and your gift is an example of how we support the academic and spiritual growth of our precious mustard seeds!”)

- Thank-you letter from Corrine Foster, development and communications manager, **Lancaster County Food Hub**, for the recent **gift of \$200 from this year’s Pig Roast**. “Demand for our services is higher than ever, and the numbers tell the tale: 100,000 food and clothing distributions to clients; 1.2 million pounds of food processed; 304 unsheltered clients served; 80,000 hours of outreach support shared; 10,000 hours of volunteer service provided.”
- Thank-you letter from Jill B. Hartman, executive director, **A Woman’s Concern** (“a pro-life, pro-family” organization), for the **\$500 donation from this year’s Pig Roast**, which “helps us to make a lasting impact on families in our area through our medical services, educational programs, material assistance, and so much more!”

TREASURER REPORT (Buzz Anspach): All beginning balances as of 09/12/2023, ending 10/09/2023.

- **Council general fund:** Beginning balance of \$9,809.39 saw receipts totaling \$4,055 and disbursements totaling \$1,118.93 for a current balance of **\$12,745.46**. Most of the receipts were from Golf Outing sponsors and golfers; notable outflows included \$1,000 transferred to the Church Fund for the balance owed to St. John Neumann for the Pieta statue.
- **Church fund:** Beginning balance of \$1,275.31 gained 1 cent interest for a current balance of **\$275.32**. (The \$1,000 for the Pieta statue was transferred in from the General Fund and paid to the church.)
- **Scholarship fund:** Beginning balance of \$4,492.26 gained 4 cents interest for a current balance of **\$4,492.30**.
- **Relief fund:** Beginning balance of \$3,375.69 gained 3 cents interest for a current balance of **\$3,375.72**.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT (Jack Schuring)

Service Hours for September were recorded via the sign-in sheet.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (John Radicone)

- **GENERATION LIFE:** Zoom presentation by Faith Schnaak, executive director, Philadelphia-based **Generation Life:** a non-profit Catholic group that **promotes chastity** on junior high, high school and college campuses. Faith called the group’s mission “**the preventative maintenance side of the pro-life movement**.” The group teaches about authentic love and gives young people the tools to find it. The group has made presentations in our area at Lancaster Catholic High School and St. Leo the Great. Faith made two requests of the council:
 - (1) **Financial support** so it can serve as many students as possible. Financial support is the organization’s greatest need to help pay gas and tolls for its speakers. She requested an annual gift so the group can put it in its budget. Dick Reehling, thinking of the Golf Outing, asked how much. Answer: “Around \$1,000 would be wonderful.” The Grand Knight

noted this is a big ask, adding that “I’m sure they’d be happy with anything they can get” from the council. Noted it’s a Catholic organization with zero overhead (board of directors is unpaid) with a mission that aligns with our values as Knights.

- (2) Provide **contacts at schools** to which the group can take its message. The organization works to offer young-adult speakers as close to the ages of their audience as possible. Bernadette, who just graduated college, also spoke during the meeting and said her message to students is that they are made in the image and likeness of God and are therefore worthy of authentic love. John Radicone said he would give her contact information for St. John Neumann School.
- **STAR COUNCIL (John Radicone):** To make Star Council. Need membership drive to make quota. Need 10 new members. Have only 2 so far this year. Also: Fraternal benefits. Have to attend webinars or in-person speakers regarding fraternal benefits. Email GK if you attend. Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 at 8:30 p.m. One must be live. Rest can be virtual. Cumulative tally for the year. Not hard sales calls. Informative about tax-law changes. Definitely worth taking a look at. All you have to do is listen and let GK know.

Membership (Al Stamp): Joining in St. Philip’s exemplification on 10/24 at 7 p.m. Members welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pig Roast (Jerry Sauers): Dinner Thursday, Oct. 19 at Fireside Tavern in Strasburg to thank the restaurant’s owner for donating rolls for the Pig Roast. Jerry has room for 20 more; contact him if interested in attending.

Golf Outing (Dick Reehling): This Friday, Oct. 14, at Overlook; looks like a real success. Sponsorships will be a big part of that success: A total of 44 sponsors, including 2 gold sponsors and 3 silver sponsors. Approximately 80 golfers signed up. Will have a door prize for every golfer. Volunteers asked to show up 10:30 a.m. Tee off is at 1 p.m.

Boxes of Joy (Grand Knight, John Radicone): Will collect again this weekend. Collect checks separately.

Soccer Challenge (Ron Dell): Thanked those who offered to volunteer for event canceled by rain this year. John Beck purchased a soccer ball for future events.

Football Sweeps (Ron Dell): Thanks for buying tickets: 223 tickets sold (\$692 netted so far); close to last year’s total but one of largest sellers hasn’t turned in tickets yet; same with one of the largest buyers. Please give them by this weekend in the Knights cubby. Must be turned in 10 to 14 days.

Christmas Gift Tags (Ron Dell): Tags will be available in the narthex beginning Nov. 19, Thanksgiving weekend, and the first weekend in December. Want them turned in by the first weekend in December.

Pro-Life (Larry Beat) Read Dave Edgar's report. Posted separately. Larry also urged attendance at the Pennsylvania March for Life. Monday, Oct. 16. Larry called it a good way to show respect for life. **Jack Schuring** added that members should take the time to contact their state lawmakers and let them know how you feel. "Silence does nothing for us." The **Grand Knight** urged Knights to vote because the state court positions on this year's ballot have an impact on life.

Fifth Sunday Rosary (Grand Knight): It is this month, Oct. 28 and 29: Two readers per Mass needed. Starts half-hour before each Mass. Signup sheet distributed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ROSARY RALLY, Saturday, Oct. 14, noon, St. John Neumann Church:** Part of a nationwide public square Rosary, it will be led at our parish by Father Norbert. A Knights-sponsored event.
- **FOURTH DEGRE Exemplification, Saturday, Oct. 14, Diocesan Center, Harrisburg:** Candidates should arrive at noon. Two from our council expected: John Beck and Joe Hainthaler. Candidates should bring their membership cards. Degree at 1 p.m. Mass to follow.
- **PA. MARCH FOR LIFE, Monday, Oct. 16, State Capitol, rally (11 a.m.), march (noon):** If you attend, wear Knights gear; if not, let your state lawmakers know where you stand on life. Masses before (9:30 a.m.) and after (1:30 p.m.) at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Larry Beat called it a good opportunity to show support for the pro-life cause and pro-life officials; Larry also cited a great slate of speakers, including: David Bereit, Founder of 40 Days for Life, Dr. Kendra Kolb, Neonatologist & Pro-Life Advocate; Pastor Jay & Tiffany Gilbert Founders, Voices For The Unborn Pregnancy Center; Dawn Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, March for Life; Michael Geer, President, PA Family Institute; Senator Kristin Phillips Hill, R-York County; Representative Josh Kail, R-Beaver and Washington counties, and family; and Jill Hartman, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative (PPWC). For more information, visit <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life/>.
- **FIRESIDE DINNER, Thursday, Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m.:** If interested in attending, contact Jerry Sauers.
- **NEW-MEMBER DEGREE, Tuesday, Oct. 24, St. Philip's, Millersville:** Members welcome to attend exemplification ceremony.
- **SANCTITY OF LIFE MASS, Thursday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. at St. John Neumann:** The Knights are cosponsors with the Knights of Malta. **Bishop Timothy Senior** will preside. A free-will offering will be requested for A Woman's Concern.
- **5TH SUNDAY ROSARY, Oct. 28 and 29, before all Masses:** Please arrive a half-hour before Mass to take part.
- **ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.:** The Grand Knight urges members to vote their conscience as this year's ballot includes 1 seat on the state Supreme Court, 2 on state Superior Court and 1 on state Commonwealth Court.

- **LEGACY OF LIFE, Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Star Barn in Elizabethtown, 6 to 10 p.m.:** The fall fundraising banquet of **A Woman's Concern**. If interested in attending, contact the Grand Knight or visit <https://www.friendsofawc.com/events/legacy-of-life/>.

NEW BUSINESS

Money available for K-12 Catholic school tuition (John Radicone): Lottery to apply for state grant scholarships children going to Catholic elementary or high schools. Application must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2024. Information available at kofcpennsylvania.org/catholic-school-grant.

Grand Knight on leave: Deputy Grand Knight Jack Chester will run next month's meeting. The GK said he will be away 11/02 through 11/14, with very limited ability to communicate. Contact Jack Schuring if it's urgent.

Coffee & Donuts: The church is likely to need us again in November or December. Great recruiting opportunity. Could be in concert with a Delta drive announced before Mass.

CLOSING

Grand Knight Ted Buczacki closed the meeting.

Good of the Order: Prayers for Dick Savicky and Tom Rudzinski. Pray for peace in Middle East and in Ukraine. Repose of the soul of first pastor of the parish, Father John Acri.

Prayer for canonization of Father Michael McGivney.

The Closing Ode was sung.

Closing prayer led by the Grand Knight.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next officers' meeting: Tuesday, October 24, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Next general council meeting: Tuesday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. (Rosary at 7:15 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hainthaler