



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday July 11, 2023**

Roll of Officers noted as follows (P - Present; A – Absent; E- Excused):

Spiritual Director – (Bob Cavanaugh) - P	Financial Secretary – (Steve Durbin) - P	Inside Guard – (Dave Swancer) – P
Grand Knight – (Andrew Swancer) - P	Treasurer – (Mark Shee) - P	Outside Guard – (Mike Conley) - E
Deputy Grand Knight- (Ric Dudas) – P	Lecturer – (Brian Lombardi) - P	Trustee (3 Year) – (Kevin Blinkhorn) - E
Chancellor – (Daniel Cathcart) – P	Advocate – (Barry Norris) – P	Trustee (2 Year)– (Brian Coughlin) - E
Recorder – (Thomas Schmidt) - P	Warden – (Matt Lower) - P	Trustee (1 Year) – (Tom Maren) - P

In Person Attendees: Kevin Lynch, Bob Bilbrey, Dave Selby, Marty Tusim, Ron Anderson, Matt Lower, Walt Klein (new), Tim Homolak (new), Jim Prebus, Dave Rupert, Ed Martin, Mark Moynihan

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by Grand Knight Andrew Swancer at 07:12 pm

OPENING PRAYER (Our Father) and Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Roll Call of Officers-

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING MEETING: The June Minutes were electronically distributed. Motioned to approve the Minutes as distributed. Motion was approved.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh – Great job! Thank you for the communication of activities. The whole point of the Knights of Columbus is Service.

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

- State Tour....**Will occur this Saturday, July 15th at St Ambrose. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours and starts at noon.
- Eucharistic Congress 2024.**
- Next Months meeting will be the **2nd Tuesday of the month-** at SFX Church Basement Hall, 606 E. Washington St, Medina. - Regular Business meeting- **scheduled for August 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40` pm!**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

as of 07/11/23

Charity Fund	\$13,244.86
General Fund	\$07,135.59
Give Me Five	\$00,973.81
Troop 506	\$02,950.00
Race for Glory	\$00,030.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$24,334.26

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts: \$90.00 – Dues

Vouchers: \$977.00 – Ohio State Council KofC (State Per Capita)

- \$418.25 –Supreme Per Capita
- \$211.75- KofC Council Accounts
- \$78.50 – Catholic Advertising

\$128.00- Culture of Life

Motion Made for reimbursement – Motion passed.

REPORT OF SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEES * (Deputy Grand Knight - Ric Dudas) – No Report

*See Andrew Swancer or Ric Dudas if you are interested in becoming a Service Program Committee Chair

Chancellor's Report– Dan Cathcart - No Report

Church Director – Brian Coughlin – No Report

Community Director – Mike Conley – No Report

Family Director– Open Position (Safe Environment Certification)

Membership Director- Dan Cathcart – Two New Members

Walt Klein Lives in Medina; Raised on the West side of Cleveland; Worked for Nordsen Corporation as well as NACA/NACS; Was in the Air Force; Now Retired

Tim Homolak Grew up in Parma/Parma Hts; Attended Padua HS; Went to Boot camp; Worked at the CC as a Neurosurgery Nurse; Owned a business but now retired; Attended RCIA Program; Moved to Medina in 2011; 3 Adult Grand Children & 8 Great Grand Children

John Neal (E Member) Trying to bring onboard.

Fourth Degree Report – Bob Billbrey

Field Insurance Agent (John Desmodo) - TBD

DISTRICT DEPUTY (Tom Donovan) - (A) – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Race for Glory 5K Fun Run / 1 Mile Walk** – This event benefits The Society, Medina County Special Olympics and recently we added Integrated Community Solutions. Race Specifics: August 26th at 9am in Buckeye Woods. We are in need of runners, walkers, sponsor and volunteers. Please reach out to Tom Schmidt at 330-304-6830, if you are interested in supporting this event. Registration Flyers distributed at the meeting.
2. **The Society Clambake** – The Council has secured Saturday, September 23rd for this fun filled event. Tom Schmidt has been in contact with the owner of Lobster Brothers. They are in the process of setting the Fall pricing schedule for clambakes. Once we receive a price, the Council can then determine the price we will charge. 2022 prices are as follows: Clambake with all the fixin's \$35; Chicken Dinner \$28; Extra Dozen Clams \$12. Brother Pat Vitou has volunteered to make the Gumbo and donate to the Council. Brother Wade Boggs has volunteered to make the clam chowder at cost. Make sure to thank each of these Brothers, should you see them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Eagle Scout Project** – Blake Boehnen from SFX Troop 506 presented on his project, prior to the start of tonight's meeting. Blake will be building a pavilion at Camp Christopher. He has raised \$3,000 of the total cost of the project which is \$5,000. Here is his link should you be interested in donating directly to his gofundme page (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/zn5v3-eagle-scout-project-camp-christopher-pavilion>). The Council currently has \$3,000 in the Troop 506 fund, some of which could be used to support Blake's project. The project is required to be a community-based project. He is also asking for labor from the Knights of Columbus to construct the pavilion. Motion made to donate \$1000 from the Boy Scout Fund. Discussion ensued and eventually the Council voted to approve \$1000. In the future, 20% of the total project cost will be used as a guide (ie \$1000 represents 20% of the total cost of Blake's project) but each project will be evaluated on it's own merit. Brian Lombardi volunteered to help Blake with his Eagle Scout Project and get volunteers to build the shelter at Camp Christopher.
2. **Council Barbecue w/ Spouses** – Rick Dudas has offered to hold the event at his house. Need to lock down a date. Dan Cathcart has secured a tent from the Webbs to be used as a sun block or in case of inclement weather. Will be discussed again at September monthly meeting.
3. **32nd Annual SFX Charity Golf Benefit** – Being held August 21st at Shale Creek. Proceeds benefit SFX Parish and St Vincent de Paul Society. The Council has historically donated \$500 to this fundraiser. The parish is looking for Golfers, Hole Sponsors, Prize Donors and Volunteers. Please reach out to Dan Cathcart (216)210-5670, if you are interested in assisting with this critically important fundraiser. Motion made to donate \$500. Discussion ensued and eventually the Council voted to approve \$500.
4. **SFX Parish Picnic & Potluck** – This event is to be held on Saturday, August 26th immediately following the 5pm mass. Jennifer Webb has requested the Knights assist with cooking burgers & dogs.

5. **Tony Imburgia Texas Holdem Tournament** – Dan Cathcart has confirmed with Dave Taylor that the Knights will have the use of the Veterans Hall on Saturday, November 4th. Dave has graciously donated the use of the hall, which is normally \$175. The hall will also be available on Friday, November 3rd for setup of the hall. Please call Dan Cathcart (216)210-5670, if you are interested in sponsoring, playing poker, donating food items or helping with the event.
6. **Octoberfest 2023** – The Veterans Hall Board of Directors voted to sponsor an Octoberfest on Saturday, October 7 for all Medina County Veterans and their families who served and serving in the Global War on Terrorism. A bouncy house and small petting zoo, balloon clown, face painting, etc. Corn hole will also be available along with a donated keg of beer, hot dogs & pizza (kids), potato salad, beans, etc. They are looking for 2-3 Knights to cook brats & dogs as well as help where otherwise needed.
7. **The Society Golf Outing** - Based upon a positive recommendation from the April 18, 2023 KofC Charitable Donation Projection Meeting a motion was made to donate \$500. Discussion ensued and eventually the Council voted to approve \$500.
8. **The Medina Veteran's Hall** - Based upon a positive recommendation from the April 18, 2023 KofC Charitable Donation Projection Meeting a motion was made to donate \$500. Discussion ensued and eventually the Council voted to approve \$500.
9. **Country Life Day Camp** - Based upon a positive recommendation from the April 18, 2023 KofC Charitable Donation Projection Meeting a motion was made to donate \$400 to the Scholarship Fund (ie Will support 2 kids). Discussion ensued and eventually the Council voted to approve \$400.
10. **Integrated Community Solutions** - Based upon a positive recommendation from the April 18, 2023 KofC Charitable Donation Projection Meeting a motion was made to donate \$500. Discussion ensued and eventually the Council voted to approve \$500.
11. **School Staff Appreciation Breakfast** – Will occur after the 8am Mass on August 6th. Danene Beal has asked for help from the Knights of Columbus to purchase (ie The school will pay for), prepare and serve the staff at the school. This recognition is for the Plain Dealer article entitled “Best Place in NE Ohio to work”. The Grand Knight is asking for volunteers.

GOOD OF THE ORDER --

LECTURER'S REFLECTION (Brian Lombardi) –

The saint of the day for today, July 11th is St Benedict, known for his major contributions of establishing monastic life in the 6th century, and creation of the first monastic order-the Benedictines, who stive thrive today. We can learn and derive much from his work as Knights in three key areas of Service.

1. Ora et Labora: Translates to “Pray and Work” – We often focus on the “charitable work” that we perform as Knights, but always need to keep God at the center of all our service. We start each meeting with a rosary and pray to close each meeting. We must stay aware that all we do in KofC is ultimately for God’s plan and purpose.
2. Rules of St Benedict: how to be obedient to those put in charge. Here in KofC, we have the privilege to be obedient to a cause bigger than ourselves. All around us we see signs the KofC was built upon obedience. We address our Grand Knight with a salutation of obedience, and we pledge our obedience to the Order in general. These outward signs of obedience reflects an inward call to humility and detachment. Obedience is key top holiness. We need to see each other was people in need of being served. This is the key attitude to build the virtue of obedience.
3. In Jesus’s words, “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few”. (Mt 9:35-38) Sometimes we may feel overwhelmed at the number of areas that need our service. It seems that someone is always in need of our charitable work and we feel that it’s always the same few people rising to the occasion to perform these acts of selfless service. But St Benedict pointed to this verse to remind his community and us today that we are always going to be stretched to the limits of our charitable ability. That itself means that we’re giving from our need instead of our surplus.

(Only for K of C Members and their immediate families) Keep this list for the Brothers and their immediate families, to be on for a 3-month period, if after 3 months, if there is a need for them to go back on the list, then we can do that. The SFX Prayer List should be used for all other people to be placed on that list for continued prayers. (1) = 1st month on the list and so forth.

Starting August 9, 2022, ALL NAMES to be removed and the list started anew.

Anonymous Donor H.D.
Prayers for our Country
Lexi Cerio (4)
Jim Sienawski (5)
Geraldine Schmidt (3)
Phil Russo (6)
Marty Tusim (1)
Mark Temeco’s (1)
Reno Buco (1)

Kasper Family
Tim Folsit – Dan Cathcart (4)
Brian Cerio Family
Terry Moynihan (Brother Mark Moynihan)

Amber Doucet (1)
Michael Matranga (1)

Hail Mary was prayed at the end of the "Good of the Order!"

PRAYER OF CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

MOTION TO END THE MEETING– Motion made to end meeting – Motion Passed

MEETING ENDED AT 8:30 pm

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER: No Drawing

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Thomas Schmidt

NEXT K of C COUNCIL **GENERAL MEETING**: In SFX Church Basement, Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:40 pm.