



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday August 8, 2023**

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

Spiritual Director – (Bob Cavanaugh) - E	Financial Secretary – (Steve Durbin) - P	Inside Guard – (Dave Swancer) – P
Grand Knight – (Andrew Swancer) - P	Treasurer – (Mark Shee) - E	Outside Guard – (Mike Conley) - E
Deputy Grand Knight- (Ric Dudas) – E	Lecturer – (Brian Lombardi) - P	Trustee (3 Year) – (Kevin Blinkhorn) - E
Chancellor – (Daniel Cathcart) – E	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, James Prebis, Walt Klein, Dave Selby, Justin Bryant, John Citrone

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by Grand Knight Andrew Swancer at 07:05 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 July Minutes were electronically distributed. Motioned to approve the Minutes as corrected. Motion was approved.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh – No Report

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

- Thank you received for the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Danene Beal sent an email of thanks to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing, organizing and serving breakfast to the SFX School Teachers & Staff.
- 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 September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40` pm!**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

as of 08/08/23

Charity Fund	\$10,844.86
General Fund	\$05,830.34
Give Me Five	\$00,973.81
Troop 506	\$01,950.00
Race for Glory	\$00,030.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$19,628.75

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts: None

Vouchers: Thomas Schmidt supplies for the Hall \$100.81
Motion Made for reimbursement – Motion passed.

Semi-Annual Audit complete – Will need Trustees to sign.

REPORT OF SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEES* (Deputy Grand Knight - Ric Dudas) – \$400 Check was presented to Country Life Kids Camp by DGK Rick Dudas & Dan Cathcart. Rick & Dan also presented to Dave Taylor a \$500 check to Medina Veteran's Hall. WGK Andy with Kevin Lynch & Ed Martin presented \$1k check to Blake Boehnen & his parents for his Eagle Scout Project. Hoping

DGK Rick Dudas was able to present \$500 check to SHC Golf Outing. Still to be presented is \$500 check for Integrated Community Solutions.

*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 – We have received some new E-member registrations. Our newest members need to attend an Exemplification so they can obtain their 1st-3rd Degrees. The Grand Knight has received the script from DD Tom Donovan for setting up our own 1st-3rd Degree Exemplification. The following individuals have volunteered to conduct a Council Exemplification: Brian Lombardi, Kevin Lynch, Tom Maren and Tom Schmidt.

Fourth Degree Report – Bob Bilbrey – Member in Wadsworth Council trying to get back to Medina Council.

1. **Silver Run Winery** -September 28th, Wine will initially be paid for by the Assembly, Spouses included, Bring an appetizer, Please RSVP to the Faithful Navigator

Field Insurance Agent (John Desmodo) – As a reminder, some or all of Term Insurance can be converted to Whole Life Insurance. Father McGivney's Legacy is the insurance part of the Knights of Columbus. Mutual Funds are also available (Vested within Catholic Interests).

DISTRICT DEPUTY (Tom Donovan) - (A) – State Theme is “Let Us Be Worthy”.

OLD BUSINESS: (The person in parenthesis will lead the discussion)

1. **Race for Glory 5K Fun Run / 1 Mile Walk (Tom Schmidt)** – 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, sponsors 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 (Tom Schmidt)**– The Council has secured Saturday, September 23rd for this fun filled event. 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.
3. **Eagle Scout Project (Dan Cathcart)** –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 project is required to be a community-based project. The Council approved a \$1000 donation at the July meeting. Please contact Brian Lombardi cell 330-328-2517 if you are interested in providing labor for this project.
4. **Council Barbecue w/ Spouses (Dan Cathcart)** – 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 Webb's to be used as a sun block or in case of inclement weather. Will be discussed again at September monthly meeting.
5. **32nd Annual SFX Charity Golf Benefit (Dan Cathcart)** – Being held August 21st at Shale Creek. Proceeds benefit SFX Parish and St Vincent de Paul Society. The Council approved a \$500 donation at the July meeting. 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.
6. **SFX Parish Picnic & Potluck (Andy Swancer)** – 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.
7. **Tony Imburgia Texas Holdem Tournament (Dan Cathcart)** – 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.
8. **Octoberfest 2023 (Dan Cathcart)** – The Veterans Hall Board of Directors voted to sponsor 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.
9. **School Staff Appreciation Breakfast (Andy Swancer)** – Occurred after the 8am Mass on August 6th. Danene Beal had asked 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 following volunteers were present: Andy & Dave Swancer, Larry Aylward, Walt Klein, Kevin Lynch, Brian Lombardi, Kevin Wright, Dave Hershberger, and Thomas Schmidt. A special thanks to Brian Lombardi who donated \$40 to purchase donuts and to Brian, Kevin and Larry who stuck

around to the bitter end to ensure the Kitchen and basement were in the same condition as when we found it on Sunday morning.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Knights of Columbus Bowling Team (Tom Maren)** - Enjoy the three "B's"- Bowling, Beer & Bourbon (but not a requirement!) and hang out with some of the finest gentlemen in Medina!!!!!! Our Medina Knights bowling team is looking for **1 or 2** steady, regular bowlers- We bowl **Monday nights- 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.- starting September 11th.** We have sub bowlers in the event you can't make it some weeks. Call Tom Maren @ **(440) 289-0454** for more details.
2. **Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Website (Kevin Lynch)** - We currently own / operate a Website (MedinaKofC.Org). As of November 1, 2023, this website will cease to exist because the Internet Host, Grassroots Hosting is going of business. Web Hosting allows your organization to publish a Page on the Internet.
 - a. Publishing a Web Page via a Host can be very expensive. For example, GoDaddy.Com can be \$200 - \$400 annually after the first year.
 - b. Found Knightspot, which is operated by Michael LaMorte / CatholicTreeHouse.Com, who charges \$100 annually plus a \$50 startup fee. Mike is also a Knight - Chapter 11445 in Worthington, OH. (St. Joseph Catholic Church).
 - c. Things we can do:
 - i. Calendar of Events
 - ii. Volunteer Opportunities
 - iii. Publish Meeting Minutes
 - iv. Publish Digital Photos
 - v. Email opportunities
 - vi. Links to District, Ohio State Council, Supreme
 - vii. More
 - d. Present the Motion after the Presentation
 - e. A Knight Second the Motion
 - f. Vote on the motion and recommend the Financial Secretary / Treasurer issue a check for \$150.00 to Catholic Tree House - to get started on the New Medina Knights - Chapter 4168 Website. Annually, the website will cost \$100.00 (starting in 2024). Motion was approved.
3. **Sophia's Smile (Thomas Schmidt)** – This Charity benefits parents who lose a child and can't afford a headstone. Based upon a positive recommendation from the April 18, 2023 KofC Charitable Donation Projection Meeting along with discussion on 8-3-2023 at the Officer's meeting, a motion was made to donate \$250.
4. **Our Lady Help of Christians (Kevin Lynch)** – This supports an Outreach Program (ie Pantry) in Litchfield, OH. There are 4 worship sites w/ one parish. Based upon a positive recommendation from the April 18, 2023, KofC Charitable Donation Projection Meeting along with discussion on 8-3-2023 at the Officer's meeting, a motion was made to donate \$300
5. **Oasis of Hope (Tom Maren)**-\$300 in supplies and 70 MH were donated between April-June of 2023. They have a fundraiser in November (same weekend as Texas Hold-em Tourn.) T. Maren to contact Oasis and see how we can be of service. No current discussion of further charitable giving currently. Waiting for additional insight into how we can help/
6. **Habitat and the Office of Older Adults (Kevin Lynch)** – "Aging in Place" Program. Tracy, the Executive Dir., has reached out to the Medina County Office of Older Adults. Small repairs in older adults' homes will allow them to stay in their current home. Looking for a list of volunteers.
7. **SFX Parish Day of Service (Kevin Lynch)** – Saturday, October 21st. Kevin Lynch said he would reach out to Jennifer Webb to see about a project for the Knights of Columbus.
8. **Assist a Knight in Need (Kevin Lynch)** – Tim Zawicki is asking 2-3 Knights to assist him in unpacking some boxes at his home on August 12, 2023, in Brunswick. Tim has been struggling with several health issues. Brian Lombardi volunteered and said that he would be available after 11am.

GOOD OF THE ORDER --

LECTURER'S REFLECTION (Brian Lombardi) – August is a special month dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. We believe as Catholics that God had a special plan for this "Saint above all Saints". But we also must realize that Mary's entire existence was in service to God's plan. As the mode of humility, which is another way of saying "selflessness", Mary modeled much of what we here as Knights are trying to accomplish with our ministry of service. So, let's look at a few keys ways that Mary demonstrated this Humility in Service and reflect on the way that we can model her in our service.

Our ministry should model Mary's life in 3 key ways: The Pause, the Plan, and the Prayer

Pause: The first thing Mary modeled for us is that her personal life had to be changed and conformed to God. We need intentionally stop and change our lives and give up some things that we want to do and replace them with things that God wants us to do. It just means stopping to reflect and take a moment to think about what's important to you in your life right now. Is it prioritized properly on service to God and Others? Or are my priorities "Me, Myself and I"? Here's a couple small suggestions: Take time to do an examination of conscience nightly before bedtime, take time to write out a list of life priorities so you can check your daily life against these

periodically.

Plan: How do we discern God's plan for our lives? Life can just fly past us without us really being aware of what God has planned for us at this particular time. Instead, we choose our path and activities, and often times bounce from activity to activity without sitting down and asking God to reveal His plan in our lives right now. There are many ways to discern a plan for your life but one thing that really helped me form a plan to get continually closer to God, is to learn from the saints who have gone before and written to teach us. Especially St. Teresa of Avila and her masterpiece book "Interior Castle". In this book, she literally maps out a step-by-step path to unity with God. I think this book is one of the best kept secrets in religious literature and literally changed my life.

Suggestions: I will be leading a book study this Fall for some parishioners of the Interior Castle. It's a 13-week process where you read the book and we meet weekly to share and hold each other accountable. We use a Study Edition that has helpful explanations at the end of each chapter. Contact me if any of you have an interest in either joining this group or forming your own group. Wouldn't it be great to have a group of Knights all getting together to advance our spirituality to bond our brotherhood?

Pray: Most of us easily recognize that nothing in life is possible without God's help and the graces that He provides for us to become holy like Mary. And yet I often hear men say that they struggle in their prayer life. It's one of those things that they'd like to improve because your prayer life is stale and needs a boost.

Suggestions: Deacon Paul and Mike Sweet are offering "Rediscovering Prayer" starting Sept 18th on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Through these 6 weeks of instruction on prayer, and last week of sharing, you will learn new ways to experience God in prayer such as Imaginative prayer and Lectio Divina.

(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.

Anonymous Donor H.D.
Prayers for our Country
Lexi Cerio (1)
Jim Sienawski (1)
Geraldine Schmidt (1)
Marty Tusim (1)
Mark T. Temecko (1)
Reno Bucu (1)

Phil Russo (1)
Kasper Family (1)
Tim Folsit – Dan Cathcart (1)
Brian Cerio Family (1)
Terry Moynihan (Brother Mark Moynihan) (1)
Amber Doucet (1)
Michael Matranga (1)
Larry Courtney (1)

Our Father & 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, September 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:40 pm.