



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday September 12, 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) - E	Treasurer – (Mark Shee) - P	Outside Guard – (Mike Conley) - A
Deputy Grand Knight- (Rick Dudas) –P	Lecturer – (Brian Lombardi) - A	Trustee (3 Year) – (Kevin Blinkhorn) - P
Chancellor – (Daniel Cathcart) –P	Advocate – (Barry Norris) - A	Trustee (2 Year)– (Brian Coughlin) - A
Recorder – (Thomas Schmidt) - E	Warden – (Matt Lower) - P	Trustee (1 Year) – (Tom Maren) - E

In Person Attendees: Bob Bilbrey, Marty Tusim, Larry Aylward, John Citrone, Kevin Lynch, Justin Bryant

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by the Deputy Grand Knight Rick Dudas at 07:06 pm

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

Roll Call of Officers- omitted.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING MEETING: The August minutes were electronically distributed on 09/12/23. Dan Cathcart moved to approve the minutes as corrected via email. Motion was seconded by Mark Shee and subsequently approved.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh – Bob spent a few minutes explaining an unfortunate situation in his HR role at work where he learned of a lady coworker’s choice to have an abortion. While this topic should be heavy on our hearts as Knights, perhaps there is more we can do as men of faith to let our community know about Christ’s love and the compassionate services that are available to women with an unexpected pregnancy, beyond the normal thoughts of adoption and foster care. As men of faith, consider looking into how we can continue a persuasive approach to prolife.

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

1. Last Thursday, September 7th an Officer / Director meeting was held along with a Herman Dorey meeting. Minutes from those meetings will be distributed with the September Minutes.
2. Next Month’s meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month- at SFX Church Basement Hall, 606 E. Washington St, Medina. - Regular Business meeting- **scheduled for October 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40` pm!**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	as of 09/12/23
Charity Fund	\$10,294.86
General Fund	\$05,579.53
Give Me Five	\$00,973.81
Troop 506	\$01,950.00
Race for Glory	\$00,030.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$18,828.20

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts: \$60 in dues. No other receipts to report.

Vouchers: None.

Motion Made for reimbursement – omitted.

REPORT OF SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEES* (Deputy Grand Knight - Ric Dudas) –Status of \$500 check presentation to SHC

for Golf Outing. Status of \$500 check presentation to 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 – Mike Baumgartner will be joining the Knights.

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.

- a. **Andy Swancer, GK to make copies of exemplification & distribute to 4 volunteers.**
- b. **Check with Steve Durbin regarding pins & rosaries.**
- c. **Establish a run through date with volunteers.**
- d. **Andy Swancer, GK to ask Father Tony if we can make announcement at mass.**

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
2. **ANF Rosary Rally** - On the Medina Square at noon on October 14 🙏. The Bender Assembly sponsored the reservation cost.

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.
2. **The Society Clambake (Tom Schmidt)**– An email was sent to the Council on Wednesday, 8/30/2023 indicating the date of the clambake had changed to Saturday, October 7 at 5pm. 2023 prices are as follows: Clambake with all the fixins' \$40; Chicken Dinner \$35; Extra dozen clams \$15 (We are not doing mussels this year under the advisement of Joe Ferin, owner of Lobster Brothers). 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. We are need of a number of volunteers and donations to include baked goods, beer & wine, soda and bottled water. Please contact Thomas Schmidt at 330-304-6830, if you can provide aid. During Officer/Director meeting discussed 50/50 Raffle at the door.
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. We will keep the Council updated as we receive word regarding the progress and need for volunteers.
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. **There was no further discussion of this event at the September monthly meeting.**
5. **32nd Annual SFX Charity Golf Benefit (Dan Cathcart)** – The outing was held on August 21st at Shale Creek. Proceeds benefit SFX Parish and St Vincent de Paul Society.
6. **SFX Parish Picnic & Potluck (Andy Swancer)** – This event was held on Saturday, August 26th immediately following the 5pm mass. Bob Bilbrey, Andy Swancer, **Matt Lower, Walt Klein, Ed Bugner, Kevin Wright & Tom Maren** cooked burgers, hotdogs & sausages.
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. Kevin Blinkhorn and Andrew Swancer, GK have volunteered.

9. **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.

a. **Knights of Columbus Council 4168 Website** Rick Dudas presented the new website to Council.

10. **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. **Check Presentation?**
11. **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. **The check was written and delivered by Dave Swancer.**
12. **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.
13. **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. **The Parish has approximately 22 residents requesting help. If anyone would like to help me make some site visits to get a better understanding of the workload required at these locations, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kevin directly if you're interested.**
14. **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. **D. Selby and K. Lynch provided this help to Tim on August 12, 2023.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Parking Assistance** – Danene Beal, Principal of SFX School has requested parking assistance from the Knights on Tuesday, December 12 for the preschool Christmas Concert beginning at 630pm. This concert always brings in a lot of families including many grandparents and extended families. We will need 3-4 Knights to assist with parking beginning at 6pm. Need to make a motion to approve this request by the Council. **There was a brief discussion noting that this event is on the same day as a Council meeting. Kevin Blinkhorn moved that the Council provide this assistance, the motion was seconded by multiple Knights and subsequently approved.**
2. **Installation of Council Officers** – Andy Swancer, GK needs to check with Worthy DD and establish a date. **No discussion.**

GOOD OF THE ORDER –

LECTURER'S REFLECTION– A general discussion was held in reflection of Deacon Bob's testimony regarding how our Council could play a greater role in defending life for the unborn, the topic geared towards providing more assistance the to Oasis of Hope.

(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-Herman Dorey	Amber Doucet (2)	Jim Sposit (2)
Prayers for our Country	Michael Matranga (2)	Brian Cerio Family (1)
Lexi Cerio (2)	Larry Courtney (2)	Terry Moynihan (Brother Mark Moynihan) (2)
Jim Sieniawski (2)	Phil Russo (2)	Mark T. Temecko (2)
Geraldine Schmidt (2)	Kasper Family (2)	Reno Bucu (2)

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 8:15 pm

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER: No Drawing

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Kevin Lynch

NEXT K of C COUNCIL **GENERAL MEETING: In SFX Church Basement, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:40 pm.**