



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday October 10, 2023**

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

Spiritual Director – (Bob Cavanaugh) - E	Financial Secretary – (Steve Durbin) - E	Inside Guard – (Dave Swancer) – P
Grand Knight – (Andrew Swancer) - P	Treasurer – (Mark Shee) - P	Outside Guard – (Mike Conley) - P
Deputy Grand Knight- (Rick Dudas) –P	Lecturer – (Brian Lombardi) - E	Trustee (3 Year) – (Kevin Blinkhorn) - P
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:

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by Grand Knight Andy Swancer at 703pm

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

Roll Call of Officers- Conducted

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING MEETING: The September minutes were electronically distributed on 10-9-2023. Mark Shee voted to approve the minutes as distributed via email, seconded by Michael Conley and subsequently approved by the Council.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh – Message to be presented during Good of the Order.

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

- 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 November 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40 pm!**
- Thank you for your prayers. I do not need knee surgery.
- Thank you for everyone’s efforts at the SHC Clamabke.
- Upcoming Events - Camp Paradise Boo Bash; Sacred Heart Move; Tony Imburgia Texas Holdem

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	as of 10/10/23
Charity Fund	\$10,294.86
General Fund	\$05,639.53
Give Me Five	\$00,973.81
Troop 506	\$01,950.00
Race for Glory	\$00,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$18,858.20

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts: None.

Vouchers: None.

REPORT OF SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEES* (Deputy Grand Knight - Ric Dudas) –Status of \$500 check presentation to SHC for Golf Outing. Lisa Morrison from Integrated Community Solutions received \$500 donation check just prior to the ICS Golf Outing.

*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.

1. Installation of Officers will take place on November 2nd at 7pm in the basement of St Francis Xavier Church
2. Exemplification will occur at 6pm on 11-14-2023 followed immediately by the Council Meeting. We will not conduct a Rosary prior to the November Council Meeting.
 - a. Chancellor will check in w/ all Knights who have received their 1st Degree to see if they might be interested in advancing to a 2nd or 3rd Degree Knight.

Church Director – Brian Coughlin – No Report

Community Director – Mike Conley –

1. BooBash - Friday, October 20, 2023, 6pm to 8:30pm - Camp Paradise at 4283 Paradise Rd, Seville, OH 44273 - run by The Society and welcome to all throughout Medina/Seville/Wadsworth nearby communities. Activities include trick-or-treating, candy giveaway, crafts, music, lawn games and a haunted house (mild one for the little ones or faint at heart, and amped-up one for the fearless). Last year there was ~300 attendees and so many happy families. KofC volunteers needed. Mike will be at Camp Paradise around 4pm to decorate the cabin. Please arrive around 5:00pm or later, we will have a table set-up at Cabin A (Knights of Columbus Cabin) and will be able to decorate the table with our Halloween decorations. We'll need to bring candy for the trick-or-treaters and need two (2) Knights of Columbus volunteers; one volunteer will be helping with the lawn game and the other volunteer will be passing out candy. More than 2 volunteers are welcome. Contact Michael Conley for details and volunteer at 216-312-1294. A motion was made by Michael Conley to spend up to \$250 for Candy for the Boo Bash, seconded by Kevin Lynch and subsequently approved by the Council.
2. Catholic Charities Christmas Decor ReSale Fundraiser Help - Thursday, October 26, 2023, 10am-12pm - Need help to transport donated items from Sacred Heart Church (260 Broad Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281) to Medina Catholic Charities (4210 N. Jefferson St. Medina OH). Have a truck, SUV or car to help move items from Wadsworth to Medina, our brothers/sisters at Catholic Charities can use the help. Items donated for the Christmas ReSale Fundraiser Event on October 28, 2023 are being transported and help to do so is needed. Contact Mike Flanagan at 330-592-6768 if you can help and join other Medina Knights in helping this event. Also, items can be donated to this event on Thursday, October 28th at Medina Catholic Charities; decor, ornaments, dishes, collectables, lights, wreaths and so much more. Items can be purchased at the ReSale event on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 8am-2pm at Medina Catholic Charities.
3. Nursing Home/Senior Center Christmas Caroling Eve - Wednesday, December 20, 2023 - back by popular demand, the Medina KofC friends and families join together to sing carols to the elder and infirmed in our community at the Medina Center for Rehab and Nursing at 555 Spring Brook Dr., Medina OH from 7-8pm, with a Christmas social at the Conley's thereafter. Join us whether you can carry a song or not. Fun will be had by all. Contact Michael Conley to RSVP and for details at 216-312-1294

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** – Bob Bilbrey will lead the Rosary on the Medina Square at noon on October 14🙏. The Bender Assembly sponsored the reservation cost.

Field Insurance Agent (John Desmodo) – He handles Mutual Funds. Chris Winston handles annuities. Make sure to CC Jason Staas when you email John Desmodo.

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

1. The Council is doing a great job & conducting a number of activities. You've also had a nice growth in Membership.
2. Jim Maslach - Advertising available in the North Coast Navigator
3. Achieved Fr. McGivney Award for Membership 2022-2023
4. Need to conduct financial meetings w/ 10 in attendance.
5. Continue the good work. Don't forget about the Basketball Free Throw Competition.

OLD BUSINESS: (The person in parenthesis will lead the discussion. If there's nothing new to report, please say so. Thank you)

1. **The Society Clambake (Tom Schmidt)** – Thanks go out to many, especially Brian Coughlin & Dan Cathcart. Brian for providing guidance as well as running the event in my absence. Dan for promoting the event through every means possible,

assembly of beer & wine as well as his work on the day of the event. This was truly a team event a thanks goes out to a lot of people:

- a. Pat Vitou for making the amazing Gumbo!
 - b. Wayne Bogg's for making the clam chowder!
 - c. Matt Lower & Rick Dudas were key w/ the use of their pickups in shuttling the Stainless Cookers & Food from Lobster Bros in Westlake!
 - d. Rick & Dan along with Larry Aylward, Brian Feron, Bob Bilbrey (who also donated firewood!) for getting the Lodge setup and stationed the cookers & tanks, shucked corn & sampled some bourbon too!
 - e. Brian Coughlin got the kitchen started early and worked diligently w/Chef Dennis Dube the entire day w/Kevin Lynch & Bob Bilbrey well into the night.
 - f. Matt Lower along with Andy Swancer to assist along w/Mike Conley & Kevin Blinkhorn during dinner and cleanup afterwards!
 - g. David Cathcart who cleaned up in the kitchen and made countless trips w/full trash bags to the dumpster! Love ya nephew & SO grateful for your witness!!
 - h. Dave Selby checking in ALL our guests outside & assisting Dan in selling the 50-50 raffle tickets which thanks to Brian Feron who WON the raffle & donated back his winnings to add over \$300 for the cause!!!
 - i. Additional thanks goes to all the wives like my Patty, Dorothy Dudas, Erin Lynch, Brenda Sieniawski, Carole Feron, Bernadette Swancer, Joanne Bilbrey & Sarah Lower who made the amazing desserts!
2. **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. Dan Cathcart spoke to and found out that Blake received incredible support from others. They were able to purchase all the items he needed for the project. Current issue: No Building Permit currently. Awaiting approval from Bath Township.
 3. **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. No Progress Made.
 4. **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. Looking for organizations to post flyers in (ie FOE, Good Fellows, etc.). Already raised \$10,000 in donations. Food already committed: Italian Sausage, Beef, etc. Raffle of Liquor Bottles. Donated over \$69K in Scholarships to SFX families since it's inception.
 5. **Octoberfest 2023 (Dan Cathcart)** – Dave Taylor reached out to Dan Cathcart and notified him that they no longer needed the Knights to volunteer to cook at the event.
 6. **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 scheduled on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.
 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. 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.
 8. **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.
 9. **Installation of Council Officers** – Andy Swancer, GK needs to check with Worthy DD and establish a date

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **VETS Luncheon** – This Thursday, October 12th. Arrival at 1115am. Location is on Broadway. Guest Speaker. Food being served at approximately 1130am. Volunteers: Dan Cathcart and Matt Lower.
2. **Nov. 3rd- "Life is a Gift" Tree Extravaganza.** We will be highlighting all that God has done and is doing through the ministry of Oasis of Hope and having some fun while we're at it!
 - a. This event will take place at Whitehall Columbia (14161 W River Rd, Columbia Station, OH 44028) on **November 3rd, from 6:00-10:00 PM.** We will be having heavy appetizers, silent & live Christmas tree auctions, presentations of the Ministry of Oasis of Hope, dueling pianos (Cleveland Keys), decadent desserts, and a specialty coffee bar!
 - b. **This fundraiser will be our biggest fundraiser of the year, we are truly relying on it to be a success!!**
 - c. For more info visit - <https://oasisofhopeevents.com>
 - d. A motion was made by Thomas Schmidt to donate \$250 (ie Table sponsorship which includes 8 seats) and was seconded by . All present voted to approve the motion.

3. **Nov. 7th Get Out & Vote** – Absentee Ballots available. Early voting starts on October 11th.

GOOD OF THE ORDER –

(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 (3)	Jim Sposit (3)
Prayers for our Country	Michael Matranga (3)	Brian Cerio Family (2)
Lexi Cerio (3)	Larry Courtney (3)	Terry Moynihan (Brother Mark Moynihan) (3)
Jim Sieniawski (3)	Phil Russo (3)	Mark T. Temecko (3)
	Kasper Family (3)	Reno Bucu (3)

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 by Rick Dudas, seconded by Tom Maren – Motion Passed

MEETING ENDED AT 8:03 pm

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER: No Drawing

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Thomas Schmidt

NEXT K of C COUNCIL **GENERAL MEETING: In SFX Church Basement, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m. No Rosary. Exemplification starts at 6pm.**