



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday December 12, 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) – E
Grand Knight – (Andrew Swancer) - E	Treasurer – (Mark Shee) - E	Outside Guard – (Mike Conley) - P
Deputy Grand Knight- (Rick Dudas) –P	Lecturer – (Brian Lombardi) - P	Trustee (3 Year) – (Kevin Blinkhorn) - P
Chancellor – (Daniel Cathcart) –E	Advocate – (Barry Norris) - P	Trustee (2 Year)– (Brian Coughlin) - P
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 Deputy Grand Knight Rick Dudas at 700pm.

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 November minutes were electronically distributed on 12-9-2023. Barry Norris motioned to approve the minutes as distributed via email, seconded by Tom Maren. Motion was approved by the Council.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh –

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

1. 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 January 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40 pm!**
2. Thanks to everyone who came out supporting:
 - a. Pancakes with Santa Breakfast,
 - b. The Creche assembly
 - c. Parking cars for the annual school Christmas Concert – Andy Swancer, Tom Maren, Bill Elligott, Tom Schmidt
3. We are unable to host our own youth basketball tournament, due to work being done on the gym floor from 26 December to 4 January. However, we have been invited to send our players over to St. Joseph school gym in Strongsville (last year's district winners played here), the date of the free throw is Jan 12 at 6pm. I'll get something over to Jennifer Webb today, having me as the POC for this event. I plan to go down to St. Joe's to support our SFX kids. I encourage a few of our knights to join me on the 12th of January.
4. Last but not least we have two more events coming up for us, Mike Conley is leading the annual caroling at Medina Rehab Center. The second event is our annual New Years Eve dance hosted by our worthy Chancellor.
5. We've done a lot of great stuff for the first half of the fraternal year, let's make the second half even better with the St. Pat's dinner dance and the Final Four ticket raffle coming up in March.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

as of 12/12/23

Charity Fund	\$09,544.86
General Fund	\$05,861.12
Give Me Five	\$00,973.81
Troop 506	\$01,950.00
Clam Bake	\$ 822.80
Race for Glory	\$00,000.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$19,152.33

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Pancakes with Santa Revenue \$800; Expenses \$586.93; Profit \$213.07

Receipts - \$750 Cash

Vouchers - Dan Cathcart Supplies for Tony Imburgia Poker Tournament, SHC Clambake and New Year's Eve Dance \$414.93
-Andy Swancer Pancake Breakfast Supplies \$529.30

REPORT OF SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEES* (Deputy Grand Knight - Ric Dudas) –

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

Chancellor's Report– Dan Cathcart –

1. We Give Catholic

- a. WeGiveCatholic was a HUGE success for our Parish, School & Diocese raising over \$3,393,019 for hundreds of Catholic organizations in the Diocese! SFX School raised \$82,492 for furniture & flooring needs! With our Council's gift of \$1,000 set-aside, we gave \$100 for each 10 gifts over 120 from last year & so gave \$300 when they reached 140 between midnight & 6:00 AM! Boyd Watterson had a match of up to \$500 at 2:00 PM for \$25k until gone, with Tom Schmidt & Kevin Lynch getting us a doubling of our remaining \$700 to help raise a total of \$69,777 of the \$100,000 goal for the reno of the Church Basement Kitchen! As well many of our brothers made individual gifts to make this happen! AMDG!!! Let's be sure to get a check to SFX for \$1000 ASAP to complete our pledge.

2. Creche Assembly

- a. Giant Kudo's to all the Brothers who came out Saturday morning to set up the Creche at SFX with special thanks to Matt Lower for securing the trailer to move the items from the Randel House to the front of SFX! A Round of Applause to Matt, Kevin Lynch, Brian Lombardi, Jim Winters, Ken Houseman, Dave Galbincea, Tom Maren and Steve Durbin who made this happen!!!

Church Director – Brian Coughlin – No Report

Community Director – Mike Conley –

1. **Nursing Home/Senior Center Christmas Caroling** - Thursday, December 21, 2023 - back by popular demand, the Medina KofC friends and families join 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 7-7:30pm, with a Christmas social at the Conley's thereafter (1075 Greenwood Court). 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. To date, we have 4 people signed up.

Family Director– Open Position (Safe Environment Certification)

Membership Director- Dan Cathcart –

1. New Member

- a. Pleased to introduce Carl Kipp as our newest member of Council 4168 transferring from Council 4764 Lake Orion MI where he served as past Grand Knight. He lived in Michigan for 21 years. Despite having lived in MI for so long he looked to get back to OH & is currently working at Ford, living here in Medina. Carl is also a 4th Degree.

2. Nov 14 Exemplification

- a. Congratulations to Dennis Knapik, David Blinkhorn, Walt Klein, Fr John Mulhollan & John Neal who each completed their 1st to 3rd Degrees!

Fourth Degree Report – Bob Bilbrey – Christmas Party Saturday, December 16th (Advance Registration Required)

Field Insurance Agent (Andy Zmecek) – He handles Mutual Funds. Chris Winston handles annuities. Make sure to CC Jason Staas when you email Andy Zmecek. Contact information for Andy.... email andrew.zmecek@koc.org; Office Phone (440) 973-8288 x1003

DISTRICT DEPUTY (Tom Donovan) – State Theme is "Let Us Be Worthy".

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

1. **Parking Assistance (Andy Swancer) –** 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. **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. Brian Lombardi followed up with Blake, only to find out that Camp Christopher had decided to conduct additional construction projects so there is no place to build the pavilion.
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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Notes from Officer / Director Meeting 12/7/2023 (Rick Dudas):**
 - a. Meeting called to order by Andy Swancer. In attendance Rick Dudas, Dan Cathcart, Kevin Lynch and Ed Martin.
 - b. Rick Dudas will lead the membership meeting on Tuesday. Andy will help park cars and attend the pre-school concert in the gym.
 - c. New Year's Eve Dance - need volunteers - \$150 for permit which is required by the State of Ohio / Medina City.
 - d. Andy Swancer electronically distributed the November Minutes this morning.
 - e. Mike Conley asking for Caroler's on Dec.20th.
 - f. Dan Cathcart sent out a potential signup for golf shirts ~\$20.00. Rick Dudas will be building a page on the Medina Knights of Columbus website to gather names, colors, sizes.
 - g. Free throw competition coming between Christmas and New Years.
2. **2nd Annual SFX New Years Eve Dance (Dan Cathcart):** Will be held in the Xavier Room from 8:30 PM till 12:30 AM w/ DJ Dave Steirer our brother Knight providing the music and Trivia for only 100 seats! Do NOT wait till the last minute but secure your spot for you & your Lady Knight but contacting me at 216-210-5670 or leaving a check made out to Knights #4168. Cost w/everything provided is only \$25 a seat & that includes, beer, wine, mix, snacks & a champagne toast at midnight! Get your friends & join us! We will need help in setting up, bartending & cleanup afterwards! See flyer attached.
3. **Parking Christmas Eve (Andy Swancer):** Fr. Tony is asking for a handful of Knights to help park cars Christmas Eve. Please show up at 3:15pm, to support the 4pm mass. I know we've done this in the past, so I'm asking for at least 5-6...or more, the more the merrier.
4. **2024 Final Four'tune Raffle (Mike Conley)** – raffle to support our charities, Church and community. Drawing will be April 1, 2024 with winning number matching the OH lottery pick 3 drawing numbers on April 1st, 2024. Tickets available for \$20/ticket and to be disbursed for sale soon at KofC social at Akronym Public House/Brewery at 5121 Buehlers Dr, Medina, OH 44256. Date to be determined and possibly January 13/14th for NFL Wildcard games.
 - a. Mike made a motion to authorize ~\$400 to conduct the social event at Akronym to distribute the tickets (ie Appetizers and 1 beer per Knight who attends – Similar to 2023). Second by Kevin Blinkhorn. Motion was approved for ~\$400.
 - b. Rick Dudas said he would contact Gary Chidsey, Financial Advisor for Lazor Insurance to see about donating the cost of printing the tickets. Further information to follow.
5. **2024 SHC Clambake (Tom Schmidt)** – Received an email from Laney Schoonover at SHC. They are going to start renting out the cabins in 2024 to supplement their income. We need to establish a date for 2024 so we can place on their calendar.
 - a. The Council decided to move forward with October 5th as our first choice and September 28th as our second choice.
6. **Missing Meeting Minutes (Tom Schmidt):** After reviewing our files, I determined we are missing a substantial number of meeting minutes over the last 5+ years. I am asking for help from the Council's members to locate these missing minutes as they represent the history of our Council. Here is a listing of the missing minutes:
 - a. **January – May 2023**
 - b. **January, February, May, June, August, October & December 2022**
 - c. **January, March, May, June, July 2021**
 - d. **April, August, September, October, November, December 2020**
 - e. **January, February, March, May, June, July, September 2019**
 - f. **January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August 2018**
 - g. **April, June, July, August, September, October, November, December 2017**
 - h. **January, February, March, April, June, October, November, December 2016**
 - i. **January – December 2015**
 - j. **November, December 2014**
 - k. **January – December 2011**
 - l. **November, December 2010**
7. **Purchase 4168 Golf Shirts**

Brother 4168 Knights,

If you were unable to attend last night's Knights of Columbus - Council 4168 Membership Meeting, in "New Business, we discussed the opportunity to purchase Quality Golf Shirts, Spread the word about our GREAT COUNCIL, and Look Good!

Here is what you need to do:

1. Use your favorite Internet Browser: (Microsoft Edge, Apple Safari, Google Chrome, or whatever you use to browse the internet.
2. Enter the following website: <https://MedinaKofC.Org> - Knights of Columbus 4168
3. In the Menu, click on Purchase 4168 Golf Shirts
4. Follow the instructions to submit your order for as many golf shirts as you want to purchase (list all of your entire shirt order on one entry - as many as you want to buy).

Note: two clickable links are contained on the page:

1. KofCLogoCouncil - the actual logo, which will be located on the sleeve of the shirt
2. K of C Polos-save - The choices of shirt colors and sizes

Read the Page on our Council's Website submit your order ASAP.

Don't Miss This GREAT Opportunity!

If you have any questions, please contact me (Rick Dudas) at rickldudas@gmail.com.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Brian Lombardi) –

**Third Coming of Christ
Excerpt from a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux**

We know that the coming of the Lord is threefold: the third coming is between the other two and it is not visible in the way they are. At his first coming the Lord was seen on earth and lived among men, who saw him and hated him. At his last coming *All flesh shall see the salvation of our God, and They shall look on him whom they have pierced.* In the middle, the hidden coming, only the chosen see him, and they see him within themselves; and so their souls are saved. The first coming was in flesh and weakness, the middle coming is in spirit and power, and the final coming will be in glory and majesty.

This middle coming is like a road that leads from the first coming to the last. At the first, Christ was our redemption; at the last, he will become manifest as our life; but in this middle way he is our rest and our consolation.

7 O'Antiphons

Each text, in the original Latin, begins with the vocative particle "O". Each antiphon is a title of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. They are:

- 17 December: *O Sapientia* (O Wisdom)
- 18 December: *O Adonai*
- 19 December: *O Radix Jesse* (O Root of Jesse)
- 20 December: *O Clavis David* (O Key of David)
- 21 December: *O Oriens* (O Dawn of the East)
- 22 December: *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations)
- 23 December: *O Emmanuel*

In the Roman rite, the O Antiphons are sung or recited at Vespers (Evening prayer)

Suggestions for 2024 Boost in your Spiritual Lives:
Check out one of these 3 Catholic devotions.

Catechism in a Year (CIAY) -a 365 day devotion by Fr Mike Schmitz that daily examines all the Catholic Church teachings- great to do as a couple after dinner every night in 2024. Takes about 20 minutes per day.

Bible in a Year (BIAY)- same 365 day devotional format as CIAY but reads the entire Bible instead of the Catechism. Did you ever want to read the whole Bible cover to cover and understand it? Fr Mike Schmitz narrates the whole Bible and gives daily insights. About 45 minutes per day. I'm going to do BIAY in 2024 with my wife.

Exodus90- is a 90 day Catholic Men's devotion that focuses on three important transformative truths- Asceticism- Prayer- Fellowship. Starts on Jan 1st and ends on Holy Saturday 2024. A group of men in the parish are already committed. Meeting will be Tuesday evenings at 8pm so you can still attend KofC and head right over! See Brian Lombardi or Deacon Bob Cavanaugh for details

(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 (5)	Jim Sposit (5)
Prayers for our Country	Michael Matranga (5)	Brian Cerio Family (4)
Lexi Cerio (5)	Larry Courtney (5)	Terry Moynihan (Brother Mark Moynihan) (5)
Jim Sieniawski (5)	Phil Russo (5)	Mark T. Temecko (5)
	Kasper Family (5)	Reno Buca (5)

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 Kevin Blinkhorn, seconded by Marty Tusim – Motion Passed

MEETING ENDED AT 7:45 pm

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER: No Drawing

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Recorder Thomas Schmidt

NEXT K of C COUNCIL **GENERAL MEETING: In SFX Church Basement, Tuesday, January 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 640pm.**