



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday January 9, 2024**

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) - P
Deputy Grand Knight- (Rick 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) - P
Recorder – (Thomas Schmidt) - P	Warden – (Matt Lower) - E	Trustee (1 Year) – (Tom Maren) - P

In Person Attendees: Tim Lahey, Steve Thole, Marty Tusim

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by Grand Knight Andy Swancer at 711pm.

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 December minutes were electronically distributed. Rick Dudas motioned to approve the minutes as distributed via email, seconded by Tom Maren. Motion was approved by the Council.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh – No Report

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 February 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40 pm!**
- Thank you for your assistance with the Creche Assembly, Parking on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Dance.
- Will someone please attend the Cash Bonanza Diocesan Meeting with me on February 3rd. If we have 2 members from the Council, we receive additional funds for each ticket sold.
- Have not heard from anyone interested in participating in the Council Free Throw Competition.
- Received a letter asking for donations to the Diocese of Cleveland-Fund for Retired Religious. The Council Motioned & Approved by vote \$500.
- This Saturday, January 13th at 9am, need Knights to disassemble the Creche.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	as of 1/9/2024
Charity Fund	\$07,544.86
General Fund	\$05,141.63
Give Me Five	\$00,973.81
Troop 506	\$01,950.00
Clam Bake	\$ 822.80
Race for Glory	\$00,000.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$16,432.84

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts - \$210 Dues, \$25 Give Me 5

Vouchers - \$161.21 Final 4 Raffle Ticket Printing (Mike Conley); \$108.38 Supplies (Steve Durbin); KofC Council Accounts \$348.50 (\$81.00 Catholic Advertising, \$133 Culture of Life, \$134.50 Supreme Per Capita)

Annual Survey Due @ the end of January. Left Side is Council Hours and the Right side is 4th Degree hours. Just need the left side filled in. Please save the document and forward to Steve Durbin. You can also print a copy and drop in the Hall mailbox or mail to the Knights of Columbus Hall / Steve Durbin's Home Address.

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) – Will report under Old Business
Church Director (Brian Coughlin) – No Report

Community Director – Mike Conley –

1. **Nursing Home/Senior Center Christmas Caroling** - Thursday, December 21, 2023 - The Medina KofC friends and families joined 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. A Christmas social was held at the Conley's thereafter (1075 Greenwood Court). Approximately 20 attended the event.

Family Director– Open Position (Safe Environment Certification)

Membership Director- Dan Cathcart –

1. New Member

- a. We have a new transfer after meeting Steve Thole & his bride Karen at the NYE dance. They are new SFX parishioners. He was born in Cincinnati, OH. Lived in St. Petersburg, FL where he made his 1st and 2nd Degree. Steve acquired his 3rd & 4th degree from his previous Council & Assembly in NC. They enjoy traveling.
- b. Have been in communication with Dan Wallace who has indicated he plans to join our Council. Dan is Fr John's nephew & is on the current Men's team.
- c. Lastly, my nephew David has filled out his online membership and will be a great addition to our Council as a young Knight. Parishioner and rolled up his sleeves over the years in assisting us at Clam Bake & NYE!
- d. Hope to schedule another Exemplification in the near future for those needing to complete their 3rd Degree.
- e. If you bring in a new Knight, the Council receives \$25 Walmart card.

Fourth Degree Report – Bob Bilbrey –

1. Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 16th at the Wadsworth Hall. Several Knights from the Medina Council 4168 were in attendance.
2. February 17th is the Reverse Raffle. Tickets are \$35 each and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. You need not be present to win.
3. April 19-21 Exemplification being held at the Double Tree in Westlake
4. Turnout request at St John the Evangelist, Noon on January 15th

Field Insurance Agent (Andy Zmecek) – He handles Mutual Funds. Upon your death, the Field Agent can be your advocate on your behalf. 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. **2nd Annual SFX New Years Eve Dance (Dan Cathcart):** Was held in the Xavier Room from 8:30 PM till 12:30 AM.
 - a. A blessed New Year to all in Council 4168! Wanted to share a pic & please see many more thanks to Barb Maren & Kevin Lynch on our Knight's Facebook site. Have you liked us to stay connected?
 - b. https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid023xXLN5iNTU31TFUNpni7aX8sWSnCh6F8q494p51KaPPxxwqNVMwxgNC8PXDfKkB6i&id=100069814434676
 - i. Please remember to like and follow
 - c. All pics are from Sunday night! A special thanks to brothers Ed Martin & Mark Bugner along w/my nephew David Cathcart that helped setup, tend bar, serve snacks & clean up! Kudos for their efforts!!!!. Brother DJ Dave along w/his bride Joanne slayed the crowd w/his music & trivia. Attendees from our council:
 - i. Dave & Donna Haney
 - ii. Ed & Diane Bugner
 - iii. Bob & Dawn Cavanaugh
 - iv. Rod & Jo Ann Cook
 - v. Stephen & Tuesday Hamilton
 - vi. Tom & Barb Maren
 - vii. Michael & Dottie Nemec

- viii. Bob & Joanne Weiler
- ix. Jim & Germaine Wilson
- d. With only 44 attendees we still managed to make a bit of money (ie \$260) but sadly we may not go forward given the lack of participation by our community. The feedback was amazing by all that attended! AMDG!



- 7. **Council Free Throw Competition (Andy Swancer)**- 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. A flyer for the event has been in the St. Francis Xavier Church bulletin. 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.
- 8. **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.
 - a. **Thank you to the following Knights:** Tom Maren, Andy Swancer and Mike Conley
- 9. **St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Reverse Raffle (Dan Cathcart)**-
 - a. Plans are being finalized for this year's annual St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Reverse Raffle March 16th. Myself, Matt Lower, Tom Schmidt & Ed Martin are leading this effort. We will have a live band as in the past and this year Sully's, thanks to brother Matt Lower, will be supplying the corned beef!
 - b. Details are forthcoming but we will be counting on our brothers & their Lady Knights to show up in force for fun & some help hoping each of us would work on a basket to place in Silent Auction! This could be our biggest fundraiser benefiting both our Council & BSA Troop 506!
- 10. **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.
 - a. The Cathcart's, once more, will host all those who sell 10 raffle tickets at their home for dinner, wine & bourbon as well as a chance to win select hard to find bourbons for every 10 tickets sold! Do NOT Miss this chance to raise funds for our Charities and celebrate our success together!

- b. The Council will kick off sales and distribution of tickets at Akronym Public House/Brewery at 5121 Buehlers Dr, Medina, OH 44256 on Saturday, January 21st between and 1-4pm. Please bring your spouse and enjoy some fellowship with other Knights.
11. **Tony Imburgia Scholarship Funds (Dan Cathcart)**- finished 2023 raising \$21, 694.67 through Annual Holdem & generous benefactor's gifts.
 12. **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**
 13. **Purchase 4168 Golf Shirts (Rick Dudas)**-
 - a. Sales of Medina Knights of Columbus 4168 Golf Shirts: 28 Knights bought 53 Shirts.
 - b. Order has been placed. Payment will be discussed soon.
 14. **2024 SHC Clambake (Tom Schmidt) – October 5th Date Confirmed**
 15. **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.
 16. **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 1/4/2024 (Rick Dudas)**-
 - a. Please see attached document.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Brian Lombardi) –

Every month of the year is dedicated to some special intention in the Roman Catholic church. January is dedicated to “The Most Precious Name of Jesus”!

We throw around many titles for Jesus and rightly so such “Son of God”, “Savior”, “Lamb of God”, “King of Kings” for instance, but we must also remember that he has only one name- “Jesus”. To be in a personal relationship with anyone-we certainly must know their name and use it frequently. A goal for our personal prayer, which is simply our discussions with Jesus, would be to often speak to Jesus as our closest and trusted friend. Thus, the name Jesus should be precious to us.

Our human nature, reinforced especially by our current culture, unfortunately misuses Jesus's name in various ways. One way we sin is to use the Most Holy Name of Jesus when we “cuss”. It's common to find cuss words predominating casual conversations everywhere today-in media, at family dinner, at work, and between friends. But what happens when we use any word that isn't holy, is that we inadvertently dishonor God. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church goes into detail explaining that breaking the 2nd commandment, “Do not take the Lord God's Name in Vain”, is highly linked to our failure in daily speech. “We are what we say” in many ways, and thus any vulgar word violates this commandment and who God is calling us to be.

The great Fathers of the church teach us the path to overcoming this human frailty and building a more virtuous life of purity in speech. The first way is to train ourselves through ascetical practices not to use this type of language. Ascetical simply means things pertaining to our human bodily nature. Like any training of the body and mind (remember the mind is still part of the body), it takes

practicing cause and effect to build healthy, virtuous habits. Some suggestions to train yourself to not use vulgar words is to pledge that you will take some corrective action every time you fail. A common method is to pledge to place a dollar in a basket in plain sight around your house and make your wife and family aware that you need to drop a dollar in the basket every time a curse word is used. The dollars accumulated could then be donated to a virtuous cause like St Vincent De Paul. If money doesn't motivate you, then make the pledge that every time you curse, you need to immediately do a good deed, or say a kind thing to the next person that you see. Any cause-and-effect exercise will train our bodies to steer away from a certain behavior.

The other, even better, but more difficult way to stop cursing is to advance yourself into a state of holiness that won't even allow your mind to think these words or phrases. This spiritual approach is better and last longer, but takes a true and deep conversion in the soul that must be fostered by a lifestyle of prayer and close relationship with God. We strive to reach a point in our spiritual lives that we wouldn't degrade our virtue by saying anything that could possibly damage our close relationship with Jesus. We probably know some people that never seem to curse. Ask yourself why. They most likely also have a very deep, personal relationship with God.

A great challenge? Yes, but one well worthwhile as Knights of Columbus!

(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)
Pearl Tusim (1)	Helen Schmidt (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 by Rick Dudas, seconded by Tom Maren. Motion Passed to end the meeting.

MEETING ENDED AT 7:55 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, February 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 640pm.