



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday February 13, 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) - P	Outside Guard – (Mike Conley) - P
Deputy Grand Knight- (Rick Dudas) –P	Lecturer – (Brian Lombardi) - P	Trustee (3 Year) – (Kevin Blinkhorn) - P
Chancellor – (Daniel Cathcart) – P	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: Jon Cwalina, John Citrone, David Cathcart, Bob Bilbrey, Kevin Lynch

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 January minutes were electronically distributed. Matt Lower motioned to approve the minutes as distributed via email, seconded by John Citrone. 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 March 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40 pm!**
- Super Cash Bonanza** - WGK Andy Swancer and Dave Swancer traveled to St. Ladislav Catholic Church 2345 Bassett Road Westlake on Saturday February 3, 2024, for Lunch and pickup of Super Cash Bonanza Tickets. The theme is 1960’s Cashman / Batman. The 2024 Goal is to raise \$1 Million. In 2023 the State was very close at \$998,000. Top Prize is ~\$40K per year for 20 years. Please reach out to GK Andy Swancer if you’re interested in purchasing or selling tickets.
- Bishop’s Brunch** - The Bishop’s Brunch will be on Sunday April 14, 2024 @ Landerhaven 6111 Landerhaven Drive Mayfield Heights, OH. A Table of 10 will cost \$600.00. A Motion will be suggested by one of the Officers at the Membership Meeting on February 13, 2024, to pay for the table out of the General Fund. Attendees TBD. 100% goes to support seminarians.
- Thank You Letter from Catholic Diocese** – Council Donation of \$500 to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The Council members and their families were remembered at a mass on February 5th at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

as of 2/13/2024

Charity Fund	\$07,044.86
General Fund	\$05,165.25
Give Me Five	\$01,018.81
Troop 506	\$01,950.00
Clam Bake	\$ 822.80
Race for Glory	\$00,000.00
Final Four	\$ (161.21)

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$16,432.84

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts - \$759 Dues; \$ 55 Give Me 5; \$1017 New Year's Eve Dance; \$30 Donation to pay for Rosaries; \$155.01 from Gary Chidsey to pay for printing of Final 4 Tickets; \$600 NCAA Final 4 Raffle Ticket Turn-in

Vouchers - None

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) – We have several Council events which will get covered in Old Business to include St Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance, Final Fortune Raffle as well as these beautiful Council shirts. Please get involved.

Church Director (Brian Coughlin) – Remember to Get Your Ashes tomorrow.

Community Director – Mike Conley – Please see comments below regarding Final Four'tune Raffle.

Family Director– Open Position (Safe Environment Certification)

Membership Director- Dan Cathcart – We have a new Knight, my nephew, David Cathcart. David is on the Core Team for Life Team. He has volunteered at the SHC Clambake as well as being a bartender at the New Year's Eve Dance. David works at Al Root Candles

Fourth Degree Report – Bob Bilbrey –

1. 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. The Raffle is completely sold out.
2. April 19-21 Exemplification being held at the Double Tree in Westlake. This will likely be the last exemplification at a hotel due to the high cost. In the future, the plan is to utilize churches that have enough space and possibly conducting an exempt twice a year.
3. If you're interested in becoming a 4th degree Knight, please contact Bob Bilbrey as you will need to complete a Form 4, complete your reservation + submit \$70 fee by April 6th. The purpose of the 4th Degree is Patriotism.

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”.

1. At Officer / Director Meeting- Talked about possibility for State Awards (to #4168) based on new requirements for reporting. Also, we should look Fraternal Benefits Seminar and Long-Term Care Seminar. Last item: Annual Men's Retreat is March 2, 2024 @ Independence Holiday Inn.

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

1. **Council Free Throw Competition (Andy Swancer)**- Held at St. Joseph school gym in Strongsville (last year's district winners played here), the date of the free throw is Jan 12 at 6pm. We did have one participant from SFX move onto the District Competition
2. **St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Reverse Raffle March 16 (Dan Cathcart)**-
 - a. The website **MedinaKofC.ORG** has been updated. The Event is listed on the calendar (March 16, 2024) and in Council News the details are listed in text and in the brochure.
 - b. The following Media Sources have been contacted:
 - i. Mimi's
 - ii. Medina Weekly
 - iii. Post Newspapers
 - iv. Sfxmedina.com
 - v. Working on Main Street Medina
 - c. Expectation - 130-150 paid people attending
 - d. Dan Cathcart possesses small and large signs for distribution.
 - e. Completed
 - i. Sully's agreed to provide corned beef meals (buffet style)
 - ii. Celtic Rush agreed to provide live music for 2 hours.
 - iii. Flyers and posters being distributed.
 - iv. Tickets (dinner and reverse raffle) are available for sale.
 - v. Volunteers to sell tickets and work the event being recruited among troop parents.
 - f. Volunteers Needed

- i. Decorating Church Basement Friday, March 15 6-9pm
 - ii. Registration Saturday, March 16
 - iii. Food Service Saturday, March 16 6-8pm
 - iv. Bar Saturday, March 16 6-11pm (2-hour shifts)
 - v. Reserve Raffle Saturday, March 16 730-830pm
 - vi. Sideboard Saturday, March 16 630-830pm
 - vii. 50/50 Raffle Saturday, March 16 630-830pm
 - viii. Malley's Saturday, March 16 630-830pm
 - ix. Baskets
 - x. Clean Up - Everyone
- g. We need Knights to purchase
- i. Raffle Tickets are \$30...Whoever sells the winning raffle ticket will receive \$100
 - ii. Dinner Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and include Full corned beef meal w/ dessert + wine/beer
 - iii. Basket Items for the Silent Auction
- h. Please reach out to Ed Martin, Dan Cathcart, Matt Lower or Tom Schmidt should you have any questions regarding the event.
5. **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.
 - c. We have about 6 more weeks to sell tickets. \$600 has already been turned in and another \$400 will be turned in this evening.
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. Thank you to Tom Maren and Marty Tusim for locating a number of the missing Minutes. Here is an updated listing of the minutes still missing:
- a. **August, October 2022**
 - b. **April 2020**
 - c. **September 2019**
 - d. **February, March, 2018**
 - e. **April, June, July, August, September, October, November 2017**
 - f. **January, February, March, April, October, November, December 2016**
 - g. **February, March, April, July, August, October, November, December 2015**
 - h. **November 2014**
 - i. **January – December 2011**
 - j. **November, December 2010**
7. **Purchase 4168 Golf Shirts (Rick Dudas)-** We anticipate soliciting the Council again around April 15th. Don't miss this opportunity as the shirts are amazing for the low cost of \$21.
8. **2024 SHC Clambake (Tom Schmidt) – October 5th Date Confirmed**
9. **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.
- a. Blake's Eagle Scout Project has continued to hit snags in his effort to build a pavilion at Camp Christopher. The County and the Diocese are requesting that the pavilion be built by a Contractor with insurance, because they do not want any legal issues in case an injury takes place. With that in mind, Blake is asking us if we are OK with him using the Knights of Columbus funds donated to switch to a Landscaping project. This project will include landscaping around the Camp Septic System, which right now is protected by an unsightly cyclone fence.

- b. Blake asked the Council if he could repurpose the \$1000, we donated towards the shelter to go towards a major landscaping project he will complete at Camp Christopher. The Council agreed the \$1000 should be utilized for his new Eagle Scout Project.
10. **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. **Opening Day @ SFX School** - Potential Opening Day Hotdog Roast for the St. Francis Xavier Elementary School Children will possibly be on Monday April 8, 2024, in the School Cafeteria.
2. **Notes from Officer / Director Meeting 2/9/2024 (Rick Dudas)-**
 - a. All notes from the meeting have been posted within the Monthly Minutes so all members can be updated.
 - b. Thank you to Rick Dudas for typing up the Minutes.
3. **Review Medina Knights of Columbus 4168 Charities** - Possibly schedule this event in place of the Officer's Meeting on April 4, 2024. Will be held @ the Knights of Columbus Hall. Open to all members of the Council.
4. **Schedule a Herman Dorey Meeting** - Place on the Calendar this Spring - long overdue. The plan is to conduct prior to or after the March Officer / Directors meeting.
5. **New Ultrasound Machine (Tom Maren) –**
 - a. Oasis of Hope & the Knights of Columbus #4168 have been approached regarding purchasing a portable ultrasound machine for \$27,000. Oasis of Hope supports pregnant women before & after the birth of a child. Oasis of Hope does not charge a fee to their clientele. [Oasis of Hope Pregnancy & Parenting - Medina, OH - Home \(oasisofmedina.com\)](http://oasisofmedina.com) A Knight from Central Florida has the machine.
 - b. Supreme will cover ½ the cost of the machine if Oasis of Hope is approved by the Cleveland Diocese. Tom Maren met with Tracy, the Executive Dir. and reviewed the paperwork. If Supreme covers ½ the cost (ie \$13,500), the Knight from Florida said he would cover \$6,000. Oasis of Hope said they would cover \$6,000. That leaves \$1500 for the Council. Tom had already approached the 4th Degree about supporting the purchase and they are supportive. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Council should cover the remaining \$1500. The Council has \$7000 in the Charity fund, money will be deposited shortly from the RFG 2023 as well as monies from this year's Final Four'tune and St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance. A motion was made by Rick Dudas to sponsor up \$1500 and was seconded by Dan Cathcart. All in attendance voted to approve the motion.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Brian Lombardi) –

As we're now in February, we set our eyes towards our 2024 Lenten journey. The month of February in the Catholic Church is dedicated to The Passion of Christ, mainly because that's what lies just ahead of us. We are to begin focusing on Jesus's sacrifice of the Passion for us all. And as we prepare, it's good to remember that Lent is a time for the entire church of God, meaning all of us together to repent, to pray and to give of ourselves more to God.

I, myself, have made the mistake too many times of approaching Lent as "My" Lenten journey, making my focus on what "I'm" giving up, and what "I" will accomplish over the next forty days. Bishop Barron warns us not to make Lent a self-centered "Meo-drama" with "Me" writing the script, "Me" directing every scene and "Me" being the main character. No- we must remind ourselves that this is God's "Theo-drama" and we're just part of a huge cast working together to bring it to fulfillment.

Scripture brings this to light in the passage from the Gospel of Matthew (Matt 18:20) when Jesus says, "Where two or three gather together in my name, I am there among them". Think about it Brothers, we are here meeting together and God is here with us. And going forward from our work this evening, God is specifically instructing us not to try this ministry of service alone. St John of the Cross tells us to remember that Jesus does not say where "one" is, but specifically where "two are" at the least. In this passage Jesus lets us know that it is not His will that anyone should, trusting to himself, rely solely on ourselves. We are banded together as the Knights of Columbus for this reason. None of us has all the resources to provide the kind of services that we have together. None of us were made to be serving alone, although sometimes that unfortunately happens, or we feel like it's the case. We simply can't do this ourselves.

So, I'll suggest some ways to make this Lent more about others and less about ourselves. First suggestion is to consider going to or helping recruit men to attend the Men's Renewal coming up March 2nd and 3rd. I can honestly tell you that I wouldn't be here speaking to you with this conviction of the Holy Spirit, if a fellow parishioner Tom Judson hadn't been brave enough to ask a new, young parishioner like me to attend 22 years ago. Rick Niese Lay Director for the Men's Renewal stood up and noted the theme this year is "Real Presence, One Body". Second suggestion is to join one of the many Lenten study groups that Nancy Fiamingo is setting up around the parish. I guarantee that there is some group meeting some time when you're free-so no excuses can be made about fitting it into your schedule. Lastly, I suggest that you take the initiative to engage in an act of heroic service as your Lenten sacrifice. There are many ministries around the parish in need of leadership. You probably just filled out a Commitment Card for Annual Stewardship Appeal and noticed that we have over a hundred different ministries serving God in the parish. KofC is an important one of those ministries, but there are many more needing help. Jennifer Webb is a great resource to ask which of your God given skills match a current parish need. Also consider joining the Men who are participating in Exodus 90. Here's a ½ off sale tonight only, as Exodus 45

begins this evening at 9am in Xavier Room.

We are Knights-meaning that we're men of service-let's make this Lent a true act of service as look towards the Passion of Christ!

(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 (6)	Bernadette Swancer (1)
Prayers for our Country	Michael Matranga (6)	Brian Cerio Family (5)
Lexi Cerio (6)	Larry Courtney (6)	Terry Moynihan (Br.Mark Moynihan) (6)
Jim Sieniawski (6)	Phil Russo (6)	Mark T. Temecko (6)
Pearl Tusim (2)	Kasper Family (6)	Reno Buca (6)
Mary Park (1)	Eric Uturo (1)	Rob Musial (1)
Father John's Aunt (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– Grand Knight Andy Swancer declared the meeting over.

MEETING ENDED AT 750 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, March 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 640pm.