



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday March 12, 2024**

***Prior to the start of the meeting Dawn Cavanaugh and four Life Teen Members presented to the Council. The Cleveland Diocese will be sending a Contingent of Teens to World Youth Day Conference. They were looking for financial assistance from the Council. They will be conducting a separate fundraiser, in addition to any assistance the Council would provide.**

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) - E	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: Donald Lower, Timothy Lahey, David Cathcart, Jonathan Cwalina, Steve Braskie, Ron Anderson, Bob Bilbrey, Walter Klein, Chris Cummings, Kevin Lynch, Rick Niese, Tom Bica, Marty Tusim

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by Deputy Grand Knight Rick Dudas at 719pm.

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 February minutes were electronically distributed. Motion to accept the Minutes as distributed electronically was approved by the Council.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh – No Report

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

- Next Month's meeting will be the **3rd Tuesday of the month-** at SFX Church Basement Hall, 606 E. Washington St, Medina. - Regular Business meeting- **scheduled for April 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40 pm!**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	as of 3/12//2024
Charity Fund	\$8,044.86
General Fund	\$7,365.02
Give Me Five	\$1,073.81
Troop 506	\$1,950.00
Clam Bake	\$0822.80
Race for Glory	\$0,000.00
Final Four	\$0593.80
St. Patrick	\$4,412.23

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$24,262.26

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts – Dues \$1407, Give Me 5 \$135, NCAA Final 4 Raffle \$3180

Vouchers – Michael Conley Final 4 Raffle Kickoff \$430.49, Supplies (Steve Durbin) \$96.56, OH State Council KofC for S.O.S. Donation \$300

REPORT OF SERVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEES* (Rick Dudas) –

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

Chancellor's Report (Dan Cathcart) – St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance (See Below in Old Business)

Church Director (Brian Coughlin) – No Report

Community Director – Mike Conley – Final Four'tune Raffle tickets are still available for sale or purchase up to March 31, 2024. To date, we have sold 155 tickets, much fewer than last year's 504 tickets. This will cover the \$3000 payout. However, as we know from year's past, most of the tickets are sold and turned in within the last 2-3 weeks of the drawing. With the 155 tickets sold to date, we have covered our nut (\$3,000) but still have some expenses (~\$430) and then off to the races for some profit to help our charities. Please call or text me, Michael Patrick Joseph Conley, at 216-312-1294 to get some tickets, have me deliver tickets or make arrangements to drop off tickets sold or purchased before March 31, 2024.

Family Director– Open Position (Safe Environment Certification)

Membership Director- Dan Cathcart – We have 2 new member present who I would like to have stand up and tell the Council about themselves. Steve Braskie: Married to Denise. Attended Assumption in Broadview Heights 30+ years. 3 Kids and 2 Grand kids. Chris Cummings: Attended St Francis Xavier Parish for 30+ years. 4 Kids (Youngest a Senior in H.S.). Involved in Life Teen. Dad was also a Knight.

Fourth Degree Report – Bob Bilbrey –

1. District 1 Biennial Business meeting on March 10, 2024, Immaculate Conception in Ravenna
 - a. Expect changes to the Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony process and locations by the end of the year (June 30, 2024) or shortly thereafter. OD1 is the last to have a hotel style exemplification over two plus days.
 - b. Souvenir Book Ads is a big push for this exemplification. 4th Degree paid for full page ad.
 - i. Souvenir Book Ads due on April 6 for this exemplification. Check the OD1 site to download pages, billing, etc. The billing will be key to reconciling the ads submitted. Billing will occur one week before the Exemplification. Full page ad \$100. ½ Page ad \$50
 - c. Future exemplification(s) maybe located at various churches (with large hall facilities).
 - d. Potential for more frequent and online events.
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 March 29th (i.e. Can register online and pay online). The purpose of the 4th Degree is Patriotism.
4. Recent Transfers into Bender Assembly:
 - a. Carl Kipp – Medina 4168
 - b. Jason Bryant – Medina 4168
 - c. Stephan Thole – Medina 4168

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. **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. Expectation - 150 paid people attending
 - c. Dan Cathcart possesses small and large signs for distribution.
 - d. Volunteers Still Needed
 - i. Sideboard Saturday, March 16 630-830pm
 - ii. 50/50 Raffle Saturday, March 16 630-830pm
2. **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!
3. **Opening Day @ SFX School** - Potential Opening Day Hotdog Cookout for the St. Francis Xavier Elementary School Children will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in the School Cafeteria.
4. **Review Medina Knights of Columbus 4168 Charities** - Will be held @ the Knights of Columbus Hall on Thursday, April 4th at 6pm. All members of the Council are welcome and food will be provided. Please bring your ideas for Charities you feel are worthy of the Council donating money.
5. **Schedule a Herman Dorey Meeting** – This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Charity / Officer-Director Meeting on April 4th.
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 Dave Selby for locating several of the missing Minutes.** Here is an updated listing of the minutes still missing:
 - a. **August 2022**
 - b. **April 2020**
 - c. **September 2019**
 - d. **February, March 2018**
 - e. **April, June, July, August, September, October, November 2017**
 - f. **October, November, December 2016**
 - g. **January – December 2011**
 - h. **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.
11. **Knights in Action Ultrasound Initiative (Tom Maren)** The passing of Issue 1 in November was not surprising. Very disappointing for many of us, but what was shocking is that 74.42% of voters in Cuyahoga County voted yes. Ultrasound machines make a difference. They save lives!
 - a. Tom Maren has been in touch with James Taylor of Central Florida Right to Life about a portable ultra-sound machine for Oasis of Hope Pregnancy Center in Medina.
 - b. Cost is \$27,000. Of which Supreme offered \$13,000.00, Oasis \$6,000.00, to be matched by Central Florida Right to Life, leaving about \$1500 to cover. The Council approved up to \$1500. Awaiting approval from Diocese.
 - c. Bender Assembly to revisit issue at March meeting for formal motion on donating.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Notes from Officer / Director Meeting 2/9/2024 (Rick Dudas)**-
 - a. The notes from this meeting will be emailed to the Council with the Monthly Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Thank you to Rick Dudas for typing up the Minutes.
2. **Council Election of Officers-**
 - a. Please see attached the document entitled Knights of Columbus-Officers. Anyone interested in becoming an Officer for the 2024-2025 Fraternal year should review the document and discuss the position with the current slate of officers.

- b. Nomination of Officers will be held at the May 2024 Council Meeting.
- 3. **Men's Renewal at St. Francis Xavier-** The event went well. WGK Andy Swancer attended and highly recommended. No Overnight. One long day and one short day over the weekend. 😊
- 4. **40th Annual Bishop's Seminary Brunch-** Being held April 14th, 2024 at Landerhaven. This event was recommended for approval at the Officer/Director meeting on March 7th. Tom Schmidt made a motion and Brian Coughlin seconded the motion to sponsor a Table of 10 for \$600. All present voted to approve the motion.
 - a. The Council is soliciting members who want to attend the event. Please contact GK Andy Swancer if you are interested in attending.
 - b. The following individuals have volunteered to attend the event:
 - i. Tim Lahey
- 5. **Support of Our Seminarians-** This was item #5 on the Officer / Director Meeting Minutes. \$300 will be donated by the Council.
- 6. **Rosaries for OLHC (Our Lady Help of Christians)-** This was item #13 on the Officer / Director Meeting Minutes. The total cost will be ~\$102 + s&h for Men's and Women's Rosaries. This expense was approved by the Officers.
- 7. **Ohio State Knights of Columbus Convention May 2024-** This was item #16 on the Officer / Director Meeting Minutes.
- 8. **State Free Throw Competition-** Will and I traveled to Bishop Ready High School in Columbus today for the State KofC free throw shooting contest. He did well, making 20 out of 25, but couldn't quite get into his normal rhythm. He tied for second in his age group- we are super proud of him! Andy Nichols



GOOD OF THE ORDER (Brian Lombardi) –

As we set our eyes towards the last three weeks of our 2024 Lenten journey, it is worthwhile to remember that the month of March in the Catholic Church is dedicated to the great St Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. I personally didn't necessarily connect spiritually with St Joseph until being awakened by Fr Calloway's magnificent book "The Consecration to St Joseph" in 2020. Since then, I've found St. Joseph to be a great example to follow and pray to as the Foster Father of our Lord Jesus.

First, Joseph is a model for us men in relation to our lives dedicated mainly to provide for our wives and children. The bible, I'd propose, intentionally has Joseph speak no words as a guide for us in relation to our wives. I think we all realize that the women in our lives, whether it be our mothers, wives, or grandmothers have a unique role in God's plan for our family. One of my spiritual projects, it to remain lovingly silent when Jan steps forward to guide the daily path in our lives. Sure, I have an opinion, but part of being a man, is to allow ourselves to do the work-rather than talk about it.

Secondly, St. Joseph is a model for us as Knights in his life dedicated to service. Surely, he was a "Man's Man"-one that could work with his hands to build and create. It reminds me of how we Knights love to build and disassemble the creche in front of church every Advent. There is something fulfilling in "building something" as a man-and surely the KofC allows plenty of opportunities to use that gift for the love of others. St Joseph the Worker is a title that fits most of us in this room and our ministry. Some work of charity easily fits within our normal activities as Knights and is a great way to honor St Joseph. Look around the room, brothers, it's clear to us which men are dedicating the most time to our charity and fundraising efforts. Let's ask ourselves how God is calling us to share that load as workers for Him.

Lastly, St Joseph, plays a strong spiritual role in the Church. One of his many official titles is the "Terror of Demons", that protects God's family now as he did when he hears the angel tell him that Herod intends to search for and kill baby Jesus and abruptly leads his family into Egypt to protect them from Herod. (MT 2:13-23) So here's some suggestions on ways to further your relationship with St Joseph. First-take the time to direct your prayer to St Joseph on a regular basis. I have few prayer cards available to learn some new prayers to St. Joseph. I also suggest, trying to come to morning Mass on March 19th to share in the liturgy on his feast day. Have you

ever heard of the “Josary” by Scott Hahn of Franciscan Steubenville that’s available on YouTube? Maybe try that prayer on a Wednesday which btw is the day of week we honor Joseph. Lastly, if anyone wants to do the “30 day Consecration to St Joseph” by Fr. Donald Calloway, I’d be more than happy to lead another group through that.

We are Knights-meaning that we’re men of prayer & service-let us look to this great Saint and ask for his guidance.

(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 (1)	Bernadette Swancer (2)
Prayers for our Country	Michael Matranga (1)	Brian Cerio Family (1)
Lexi Cerio (1)		Terry Moynihan (Br.Mark Moynihan) (1)
Jim Sieniawski (1)	Phil Russo (2)	Mark T. Temecko (1)
	Kasper Family (1)	Reno Buca (1)
Mary Park (2)	Eric Uturo (2)	Rob Musial (2)
Betty Braskie (1)	Terry Tusim (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 Brian Lombardi, seconded by Dan Cathcart. –
Motion Passed

MEETING ENDED AT 815 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, April 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 640pm.