



**Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes
Tuesday April 16, 2024**

***Prior to the meeting, the Council conducted a 1st -3rd degree exemplification of the following members: Mike Baumgartner, Larry Aylward, David Cathcart, Bill Burrell and Bob Cavanaugh. After the ceremony, guests and Knights shared a meal of sandwiches, snacks and beverages.**

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

Spiritual Director – (Bob Cavanaugh) - P	Financial Secretary – (Steve Durbin) - P	Inside Guard – (Dave Swancer) – P
Grand Knight – (Andrew Swancer) - P	Treasurer – (Mark Shee) - P	Outside Guard – (Mike Conley) - E
Deputy Grand Knight- (Rick Dudas) –P	Lecturer – (Brian Lombardi) - E	Trustee (3 Year) – (Kevin Blinkhorn) - A
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: Bill Burrell, Mike Baumgartner, Larry Aylward, Walt Klein, Marty Tusim, David Cathcart. Sorry if I missed your name as I forgot to distribute a sign-in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by Grand Knight Andy Swancer at 755pm.

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 March minutes were electronically distributed. Marty Tusim noted a couple of errors, and the corrected minutes were redistributed to the Council. Motion was made by Matt Lower to accept the Corrected Minutes electronically. All present voted to approve the corrected Minutes distributed 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 May 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40 pm!**

FINANCIAL REPORT:	as of 4/16/2024
Charity Fund	\$10,665.12
General Fund	\$9,226.46
Give Me Five	\$
Troop 506	\$1,950.00
Clam Bake	\$
Race for Glory	\$0,000.00
Final Four	\$4,503.31
St. Patrick	\$12,863.23
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$40,281.67

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Steve Durbin

Receipts – Dues \$30

Vouchers – \$116.37 Barry Norris for Meeting Food and Refreshments; \$738.19 Brian Coughlin St Francis Xavier Hot Dog Lunch; \$898.11 Dan Cathcart Supplies for the St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Motion made by Brian Coughlin, seconded by Matt Lower to approve the payment of expenses. All present voted to pay the bills of the Council.

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). Thank you to everyone who attended the Exemplification.

Church Director (Brian Coughlin) – Opening Day @ SFX School (See Below in Old Business)

Community Director (Mike Conley) –

1. Medina Council Family Fun Event Planning – Bowling

- a. We are looking to cap of the end of the fraternal year with a family friendly event at Medina Lanes
- b. Some things to consider and to be taken up at the next ad hoc Leaders/Social meeting:
 - o Choose a date in June – possibly Saturday or Sunday of the weekend of June 15th or 22nd.
 - o Regular pricing of \$5.49/game and \$5.99/shoe rental.
 - o Two-hour period being considered, which would be ~2 games.
 - o Some local organizations have bundled their event with some pizza (2 slices) and a soda/drink. This would be ~\$21/person at list price. I have found Groupon discounts for two (2) people for two hours and shoe rental for \$23, and 4 people for \$38 and 6 people for \$52. Some things to consider and work through logistics.
 - o No further decisions needed at this meeting at this time. Please bring discussion to next Leaders/Social meeting.
 - o Reminder: End of the Fraternal year is June 30th.

2. 2024 Final Four'tune Raffle (See Below in Old Business)

Family Director– Open Position (Safe Environment Certification)

Membership Director (Dan Cathcart) –

1. St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Reverse Raffle March 16 (See Below in Old Business)

2. New Member Introductions / First time attending a meeting –

- a. Bill Burrell retired 1 year ago. He and his wife members at SFX 20+ years.
- b. Mike Baumgartner Members of SFX 40+ years. 4 grown boys who live in the Medina area. Retired and likes to golf a lot. 😊

Fourth Degree Report (Bob Bilbrey) – Report made by Tom Maren, in Bob Bilbrey's absence.

1. 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.
 - a. 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
 - b. Future exemplification(s) maybe located at various churches (with large hall facilities).

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) – Currently at Medjugorje. State Theme is "Let Us Be Worthy".

1. **Jim Maslach (State Treasurer) –**

- a. Great job on the St Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Keep up the good work.
- b. I also appreciate your work on the exemplification and having it live.
- c. 125th Year anniversary of the Ohio State Council Super Cash Bonanza is my focus. Goal to achieve \$1Million in ticket sales.
- d. Make sure you complete programming forms and get credit for all your activities.

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)-**

Charity, Unity & Fraternity were all clearly demonstrated in pulling off one of the most successful and fun events our Council has put on! So where do we begin to thank SO many that made it possible....

First, a Huge Kudos to Ed Martin who led this project from beginning to end convincing our Council to take this on for 2024 keeping us all on task and encouraging us to succeed for the benefit of our Council Charities & Scout Troop 506! Ed & I were in constant contact. Ed is to be lauded also for finding Celtic Rush the Irish band who delighted all on Saturday Nite! Truly we as a Council are blessed by Ed's skills in action and hope to leverage them more in the future!

Matt Lower also deserves much praise as he negotiated the dilly of a deal with Sully's to supply the corned beef dinner & for those few who selected chicken, smoking & grilling the breasts and led the serving efforts for the dinner! Again, SO grateful for Matt!

Lastly Tom Schmidt was our final leader who took on coordinating all the 20 Gift Basket Volunteers which our Council & Scout Parents donated which added over \$1500 to our bottom line!!!

Now, stay with me as there is still SO many more to thank & I pray I do not miss anyone 😞....

Gift Basket Donors:

Brian & Jan Lombardi
Brian Coughlin
Tom & Jeannie Schmidt
Rick & Dorothy Dudas
Matt & Sarah Lower
Tom & Barb Maren
Barry & Penny Norris
Larry & Mindy Aylward
Dave & Bernadette Swancer
Dan & Patty Cathcart

Friday Nite Setup Volunteers:

Chris Cummings
Dan & Patty Cathcart
Tom Maren
Steve & Denise Braskie
Rick & Maureen Niese (wrapped 160 silverware w/napkins!)
Mark Tomecko

Saturday Event:

Bartenders, Jon Cwalina, David Cathcart & Mark Bugner
Food Servers & Prep, Matt Lower, Kevin Lynch, Mark Tomecko, Steve Braskie,
Reverse Raffle, Tom Maren
Malley's Candy Bar Sales, Walt Klein
50 50 Raffle Sales, Barry Norris & Mike Conley
Cleanup, Bob Bilbrey, Kevin Lynch, David Cathcart, Ed Martin, Steve Braskie, Mark Tomecko & myself....

Be sure to check out our KofC Facebook page for pics & videos of the night oh & please follow us!!



2. **2024 Final Four'tune Raffle (Mike Conley)** – Raffle to support our Charities, Church, and Community. First drawing was held April 1, 2024, with winning number matching the OH lottery pick 3 drawing numbers. Tickets were \$20 each.
 - a. 404 Tickets sold (one via PayPal with cost associated) yield \$8,079.40 in gross proceeds.
 - Net proceeds after expenses and payout to winner: ~\$4,649.40
 - We had 100 less tickets sold vs last year yielding \$2,000 less in proceeds.
 - We are considering a different venue for this raffle (i.e., Superbowl?); more to come.
 - Next year I am asking for another member of this council taking over this event. Thank you for this opportunity to serve in this even for the past 12 years.
 - b. 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** - Opening Day Hotdog Cookout for the St. Francis Xavier Elementary School Children will be on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in the School Cafeteria.
 - a. Another successful Outing at SFX Opening Day Hot Dog Lunch. 343 Students and 40 Staff were fed Hotdogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Chips and a drink.

- b. The Kids & Staff were extremely appreciative. Great awareness for our council at the Parish.
 - c. Thanks to the following Brothers.
 - c.i. Bugnar
 - c.ii. Lower
 - c.iii. Sieniawski
 - c.iv. Dudas
 - c.v. Tusim
 - c.vi. Norris
 - c.vii. Aylward
 - c.viii. D Swancer
 - c.ix. Lombardi
 - d. Great job to All.
 - e. Next year we could use a few more bodies for timelier serving. Kids only have so much time for lunch & recess.
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. Please see Minutes in New Business.
 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. 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.

12. **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:
 - b.i. Tim Lahey

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Race for Glory 5K Fun Run / 1 Mile Walk (Thomas Schmidt)**
 - a. **Date & Time** – Saturday, August 24th at 9am
 - b. **Location** – Buckeye Woods Park Pavilion (6335 Wedgewood Road, Medina OH)
 - c. **Resolution of Funds 2023** – The total profit from the 2023 event was \$11681.02. The total was to be divided equally amongst Medina Knights, Medina County Special Olympics, Integrated Community Solutions and The Society. That amount is \$2920.26. The Society received \$995.55 than what they were allotted due to corporate matching funds. To resolve this issue, I would like to propose the following motion to the Council:
 - i. The Medina Knights will not pay The Society monies owed for the 2023 Clambake
 - ii. The Council vote to fund the 2024 SHC Golf Outing. Whatever remaining monies the Council is owed to resolve the 2023 overpayment will be subtracted from the final amount we pay The Society for the 2024 Gold Outing.
 - iii. These 2 actions will resolve the overpayment for 2023 and we have taken steps to ensure this issue will not occur in 2024.
 - iv. Brian Coughlin motioned / Rick Dudas seconded the Council retain the monies from the 2023 Clambake and fund the 2024 The Society Golf outing to resolve the \$955.55 difference from the 2023 Race for Glory. All present voted to approve the motion.
2. **Notes from Officer's Meeting 4/4/2024 (Rick Dudas)-**
 - a. Medina County Veterans are holding a luncheon for Veterans on Thursday April 11, 2024, from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Please Contact Dave Taylor @ 330-441-0486 or contact @medinavethall.com to volunteer.
 - b. Volunteers are still needed for Opening Day @ St. Francis Xavier Elementary School - Contact Brian Coughlin
 - c. Rick Dudas ordered a 60" X 30" erasable Check from Minuteman Printing ~ \$110.00 (Charitable Check Presentations).
3. **Note from Charities Meeting of Council 4168 4/4/2024 (Rick Dudas)-**
 - a. Current Charity Funds (approximate):
 - i. Charity Fund \$8,000.00
 - ii. St. Pat's Dance \$8,704.00
 - iii. Boy Scouts. \$3,800.00
 - iv. Final Four Tune \$4,460.00
 - v. **Total \$24,964.00**

*Please note this amount does not include \$2920 the Medina Knights will be donating to the Council from proceeds of the 2023 Race for Glory 5K Fun Run / 1 Mile Walk.

- b. Suggested Charities for 2024:
 - i. Oasis of Hope
 1. Ultrasound. \$1,500.00
 2. Additional. \$500.00
 - ii. Bishop's Brunch-Seminarians. \$600.00 (donation - no table)
 - iii. SOS - Ohio State KofC Council \$300.00 (paid - not included in total)
 - iv. Dawn Cavanaugh-Life Teen (\$100 per teen) \$800.00
 - v. Our Lady Help of Christians Food Pantry. \$500.00
 - vi. Sophia Smile \$500.00
 - vii. Feeding Medina County \$500.00
 - viii. Country Life Kid's Camp \$1,000.00
 - ix. SHC Golf Outing Sponsorship \$500.00
 - x. St. Francis Xavier Golf Outing Sponsor \$500.00
 - xi. Meadows Turkey Bowl \$500.00
 - xii. Children's Center of Medina County - Review
 - xiii. Birthcare of Medina County \$1,000.00
 - xiv. Spark Medina - More information to come.
 - xv. ICS Golf Outing Sponsorship \$500.00
 - xvi. **Total \$8,900.00 Meeting**

- c. Attendees: WGK Andy Swancer, David Swancer, Barry Norris, Dan Cathcart, Matt Lower, Kevin Blinkhorn, Brian Coughlin, Mark Shee, Michael Conley, Steve Durbin, Rick Dudas
 - d. Thank you to Rick Dudas for typing up the Minutes.
 - e. Motion made by Mark Shee, seconded by Dave Swancer to approve all of the Charities recommended by the Council Charity Meeting held on 4/4/2024 with the exception of xii & xiv. All present voted to approve the motion.
4. **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.
5. **Welcome Lexi Cerio Home (Bob Cavanaugh)** – The Parish will be welcoming home 10-year-old Lexi Cerio on Thursday, April 18th around 6:15pm in front of St. Francis Xavier Church. Lexi was diagnosed with synovial cell sarcoma, a rare form of cancer, in 2020. She is returning home from Seattle, following a 7-week long treatment. Please see flyer below for more details.



6. **SFX Calendar Date Request (Andy Swancer)** - The Council submitted a list of dates we will need to utilize St. Francis Xavier facilities for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to include the basement for monthly meetings, Pancakes with Santa, etc.
- a. Grand Knight Andy Swancer submitted list of requests to the Parish.
 - b. Grand Knight asked the Council if they were interested in conducting a Mother's Day Appreciation Dinner. The Council decided to move forward with doing a Dinner. Tom Schmidt volunteered to run the event (ie solicit volunteers, purchase and prep food, etc.) but could not be present on the day of the event. GK said he would oversee running the event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Brian Lombardi) – No Report

(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)	William F. Lahey (1)	Terry Moynihan (Br. Mark Moynihan) (1)
Jim Sieniawski (1)	Phil Russo (2)	Mark T. Tomecko (1)
	Kasper Family (1)	Reno Buca (1)

Mary Park (2)
Betty Braskie (1)

Eric Uturo (2)
Jacob Schmidt (1)

Rob Musial (2)
Elderly in Nursing Homes & Staff who care
for them

PRAYER OF CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

MOTION TO END THE MEETING – Motion made to end meeting by Rick Dudas, seconded by Dan Cathcart. Motion Passed

MEETING ENDED AT 8:39 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, May 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:40 pm!