

Medina Knights of Columbus Council #4168 Minutes Tuesday June 11, 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) - E
Recorder – (Thomas Schmidt) - E	Warden – (Matt Lower) - P	Trustee (1 Year) – (Tom Maren) - P

CALL TO ORDER

General Business Meeting was called to Order by Grand Knight Andy Swancer 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 May minutes were electronically distributed. Motion was made by Brian Lombardi, seconded by Matt Lower to accept the Minutes electronically. All present voted to approve the Minutes distributed by the Council.

Spiritual Director: Deacon Bob Cavanaugh - No Report

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 July 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Rosary at 6:40 pm.
- 2. This meeting will be the last for current WGK Andy Swancer. Elections for the remainder of 2024 and beginning of 2025 will be held during the June 11, 2024 meeting (later that evening).
- 3. We have conducted some great projects, during the tenure of WGK.
- 4. Still need another bowler for the 4168 Bowling Team to replace Tom Schmidt.
- 5. Columbia Gas has shut off (partially? hot water working?) Natural Gas Line to 131 N. East Street (Hoffman Hall). Currently working with Arrow Plumbing and Biegel Plumbing to fix the problem. Working on getting 3 estimates. Currently, re-testing the Stove (gas line in basement and slab).

FINANCIAL REPORT:	as of 5/14/2024
Charity Fund	\$17,665.72
General Fund	\$ 9,594.46
Give Me Five	\$ 1,073.81
Troop 506	\$ 3,000.00
Clam Bake	\$
Race for Glory	\$ 0,000.00

\$ 0,000.00 Final Four St. Patrick \$ 0,000.00

TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$31,323.73

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT - Steve Durbin

Receipts - \$60 Dues

Motion made by Rick Dudas, 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 Rick Dudas or Kevin Lynch if you are interested in becoming a Service Program Committee Chair

Chancellor's Report (Dan Cathcart) -

 And did you see PGK & Race Director Tom Schmidt of our Race for Glory fundraiser presenting a check for \$500 to Sophia's Smile.



- 2. The Race for Glory Sponsorship and Entry forms are available to anyone in the Council. Please contact Tom Schmidt, Dan Cathcart, or Rick Dudas
- 3. And lastly, did you place your \$20 Greg Norman Medina Council embroidered shirts order yet? Loved seeing them at our home last night for the feast and at 10:00 AM Mass this morning by many of our Council! DO NOT MISS OUT! See the details on our website https://medinakofc.org/purchase-knights-of-columbus-council-4168-golf-shirt/

Church Director (Brian Coughlin) – No Report Community Director (Mike Conley) –

- 1. Looking for Knights and their families to participate/attend the Cookout at Camp Paradise on July 20, 2024. District Deputy Tom Donovan suggested we can also hold the Installation of Officers at the Cookout. Stay tuned.
- 2. Community Director Mike Conley is looking to step down, so if anyone wants to volunteer to become the next Community Director, please see Rick Dudas.
 - Reminder: End of the Fraternal year is June 30th.

Family Director- Open Position (Safe Environment Certification)

Membership Director (Dan Cathcart) - No New Members

Fourth Degree Report (Bob Bilbrey) -. No Report

Field Insurance Agent (Stephen Carrick) – Stephen Carrick is our Field Agent and will handle all fraternal benefits moving forward. If any member has a question concerning Mutual Funds, please contact Investment Advisor Representative Chris Winston. Chris can be reached at christopher.winston@kofc.org or 440-973-8288.

Knights in Action Ultrasound Initiative (Tom Maren) -

- 1. Everything has been approved Waiting to hear from Tracy Rudnitskas on the latest news.
- 2. The Oasis of Hope Love, Hope, and Life Walk was held between June 22 and June 30, 2024. This event was the largest fundraiser of the year for Oasis of Hope.

DISTRICT DEPUTY (Tom Donovan)

- 1. Talked about St. Ladislas donating Ultrasound machine to Pregnancy clinics
- 2. Our Council had a Great Year We do an excellent job of raising money for local charities.
- 3. The State Convention: A goal was set to raise \$1 million about 210,000 tickets.
- Circle of Honor
- 5. Saturday July 13, 2024 Road Show Mary Queen of the Apostles in Brookpark.
- 6. Suggested Installing Officers at our Cookout.
- 7. Statement from the State Convention "70% of Catholic Men have not been asked to join the Knights of Columbus".

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

- 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. Please sign up for Volunteer opportunities.
 - d. We need more runners and walkers, as well as sponsors (Sponsorship: Platinum \$1000,Gold \$500, Silver \$250, and Bronze \$100.
- 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)-** Please visit the Council website and order your shirt. You're unlikely to find a better value than these \$21 shirts.
- 8. 2024 SHC Clambake (Tom Schmidt) October 5th Date Confirmed
- 9. **Eagle Scout Project (Dan Cathcart)** –Blake completed his Eagle Scout project by Landscaping the Septic Tank area at Camp Christopher. Review the website for pictures (https://www.gofundme.com/f/zn5v3-eagle-scout-project-camp-christopher-pavilion).
- 10. Council Barbecue w/ Spouses (Rick Dudas) Date is set for July 20th at Camp Paradise. Tom Schmidt confirmed the date with Melanie Kasten Krause.
 - a. Email has been sent out to the Council with specifics.
 - Please consider joining us for this event. Not only will we be eating Smoked Pulled Pork prepared by Matt Lower, but we will also be Installing 4168 Officers for 2024-2025 by our District Deputy Tom Donovan.
 - c. Contact Rick Dudas by July 17, 2024, if you want to join us at Camp Paradise.
- 11. Approved for Funding in 2024 (Andy Swancer)
 - a. Oasis of Hope
 - a.i.Ultrasound. \$1,500.00
 - a.ii.Additional. \$500.00
 - b. Bishop's Brunch-Seminarians. \$600.00 (donation no table)
 - c. SOS Ohio State KofC Council \$300.00 (paid not included in total)
 - d. Dawn Cavanaugh-Life Teen (\$100 per teen) \$800.00
 - e. Our Lady Help of Christians Food Pantry. \$500.00
 - f. Sophia Smile \$500.00 (presented)
 - g. Feeding Medina County \$500.00
 - h. Country Life Kid's Camp \$1,000.00
 - i. SHC Golf Outing Sponsorship \$500.00
 - j. St. Francis Xavier Golf Outing Sponsor \$500.00

- k. Meadows Turkey Bowl \$500.00
- I. Birthcare of Medina County \$1,000.00
- m. ICS Golf Outing Sponsorship \$500.00
- n. Total \$8,900.00 Meeting
- o. Per last meeting, Tom Schmidt created a volunteer sheet and distributed at the meeting. Knights could sign up to present the above listed organizations with their donation check. Please see attached document.
- 12. **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!
 - 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.
 - Bender Assembly to revisit issue at March meeting for formal motion on donating.
- 13. Who is SPARK Medina (Brian Coughlin)
 - A. Melissa Bilikam, Katy Medley, Ellen Nolan- All 3 are 10+ year Medina residents who raised their children engaging in service in our community and wanted to create ease & access to service opportunities that fill actual need. They create easy, prepackaged service opportunities targeted to kids ages 1-18 (with grown ups) that are packed with meaning and directly fill needs with existing nonprofit partners in Medina. Having funds to be able to offer programming to underserved kids, so that they can have the feeling of giving back to their community, is always a goal.
 - B. Non-Profit Partners & Beneficiaries:
 - A. Assisted Living Facilities, Children's Center, Cups Cafe, Feeding Medina County, Giving Place Thrift Store, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of Medina County, Little Free Libraries, Little Free Food Pantries, Medina County Schools, Medina County Job & Family services, Medina United Methodist Food Pantry, Operation Homes, St. Francis/Catholic Charities Food Pantry, Medina Personal Care Pantry, HOPE Recovery Community
 - C. Programs:
 - A. Snack Packs, Period Underwear Kits, Smile Mail, Kindness Cart at Hospice, Rope Pulls, Birthday Bags, Operation Homes Buckets, Habitat for Humanity Baskets, Personal Hygiene Bags, Childrens Garden Accessories

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Notes from Officer's Meeting 6/2/2024 (Rick Dudas)
 - a. Herman Dorey Meeting:
 - Still working on estimates for a new Natural Gas Line. Received 1 from Arrow Plumbing. Still need to receive 2 more estimated.
 - ii. Tenant has installed a new floor.
 - iii. Several participants talked about marketing the property with no objections.
 - b. July 20, 2024 Cookout.
 - i. Installation of Officers
 - ii. Invite Father John and Chaplain Bob Cavanugh
 - iii. We need to file forms 185 and 365 with Supreme
 - iv. Food Pulled Pork and everyone to bring dishes to share
 - v. Who will get the keys to the Camp Paradise building.
 - c. Race for Glory August 24 Need participants and sponsors.
 - d. Clambake October 5, 2024
 - i. Advertise in Bulletins and Facebook
 - ii. Goal make more than \$300 profit (last year 10/7/2023)
 - iii. Possibly hold 50/50 raffled and/or sideboards?
 - e. Tony Imburgia Texas HoldEm Tournament 11/04/2024
 - f. State K of C Road Show 07/13/2024 Mary Queen of Apostles Brookpark, OH
 - g. Attendees: Tom Donovan, Kevin Blinkhorn, Rick Dudas, Matt Lower, Kevin Lynch, Dave Selby, Dave Swancer, Brian Lombardi, Steve Durbin.
- 2. Eagle Scout Project Grant Tomecko (Dan Cathcart) We received a request to help with a donation to an Eagle Scout Project. This request is to help fund a portion of the project. The Donation phase of this Eagle Scout Project will be used to create "Donation Totes" like baby monitors benefiting the Zeal's Home a caring community that empowers pregnant and parenting women to take positive and effective action on behalf of themselves and their children by providing physical, emotional, spiritual, and professional support. Zeile Home is part of the Women's Giving Circle launched by the Diocese of Cleveland in April of 2024.
- 3. **Tony Imburgia Scholarship Fund (Dan Cathcart) –** The Medina Knights will award 10 \$500 Scholarships May 21 at SFX at 9:15 during the school awards ceremony to:
 - a. Jacob Knudsen Grade 5
 - b. Joshua Knudsen Grade 7

- c. Jack Nunney Grade 3
- d. Claire Nunney Grade 6
- e. Grayson Wheeler Grade 1
- f. Sophia Brauser Grade 5
- g. Brooke Wujcik Grade 4
- h. Emily Bors Grade 6
- i. Jackson Reilly Grade 7
- j. Cecilia Josephine Young Grade 5
- 4. Council Election of Officers
 - a. Grand Knight Rick Dudas
 - b. **Deputy Grand Knight** Kevin Lynch
 - c. Chancellor Dan Cathcart
 - d. Recorder Jonathan Cwalina
 - e. **Treasurer** Mark Shee
 - f. Advocate Barry Norris
 - g. Warden Matt Lower
 - h. Inside Guard Dave Swancer
 - i. Outside Guard Michael Conley
 - j. 1 Year Trustee Andy Swancer
 - k. 2 Year Trustee Tom Maren
 - I. 3 Year Trustee Brain Coughlin

GOOD OF THE ORDER (Brian Lombardi) -

- 1. Talking to Young men about the Knights of Columbus Most do not know anything about the Knights.
- 2. Catholic men need to hear about the Knights of Columbus. Why?
- 3. God Called us to be here.
- 4. Being a Knight is Life Changing.
- **5.** Rosary
- 6. June Sacred Heart Month Men are known for their Heart.
- 7. July Precious Blood Coursing through our bodies.
- 8. Challenge Ask men to join us and become a Knight/

(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 (2)	Bernadette Swancer (3)
Prayers for our Country	Michael Matranga (2)	Brian Cerio Family (2)
Lexi Cerio (2)	William F. Lahey (2)	Terry Moynihan (Br. Mark Moynihan) (2)
Jim Sieniawski (2)	Phil Russo (3)	Mark T. Tomecko (2)
	Kasper Family (2)	Reno Buca (2)
Mary Park (3) Betty Braskie (2) Pearl Tusim (1) Kim Cathcart (1)	Eric Uturo (2) Debbie Coons (1) Nick Wallace (1)	Rob Musial (2) Elderly in Nursing Homes & Staff who care for them (2)

Holy Intercessory Prayer to St. Jude

PRAYER OF CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

MOTION TO END THE MEETING - Motion made to end meeting by Rick Dudas, seconded by Dave Swancer. Motion Passed

MEETING ENDED AT 823pm

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER: No Drawing

MINUTES RECORDED BY: Rick Dudas

NEXT K of C COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING: In SFX Church Basement, Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:40 pm!