



KNIGHTS

OF COLUMBUS

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Medina Knights of Columbus #4128

August 13, 2024

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - present
Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - present
Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - excused
Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - present
Recorder: Jonathan Cwalina - present
Treasurer: Mark Shee - present
Advocate: Barry Norris - present
Warden: Matt Lower - excused
Inside Guard: Dave Swancer - present
Outside Guard: Michael Conley - excused
1 Year Trustee: Andy Swancer - present
2 Year Trustee: Tom Maren - present
3 Year Trustee: Brian Coughlin - present
Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - present
Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - present

CALL TO THE ORDER:

General business meeting called at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 by Grand Knight, Rick Dudas.

Opening prayer (Our Father) and the Pledge of Allegiance were said by all in attendance.

Officer Roll Call: Conducted

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - BOB CAVANAUGH:

Prayers for a miracle for Lexi Cerio daughter of our brother Knight Brian Cerio.

MEETING MINUTES ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED

Approve final minutes from last month's meeting: Motion passed with a few corrections.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

1. Before the meeting started, Grant Tomecko (assisted by his father Deacon Mark Tomecko) gave a presentation to the Council on his Eagle Scout Project. Grant will be doing a 2 phased landscaping project at Zelig's Home - A Community where Women Thrive as they embrace Motherhood. Grant Tomecko is hoping to secure between \$500 - \$1,500 from the 4168 Knights Boy Scout Fund.

2. State Tour - July 13, 2024 at Mary Queen of Apostles in Brookpark. The goal of the Ohio State Council in 2024-2025 is to award 59 Star Councils and gain 1,860 new members.

I would like to see us try and become a Star Council. We need to start by completing Form 365, where we need a Program Director and a Family Director, a Community director (Mike Conley), a Membership Director (Dan Cathcart), and a Retention Chairman (currently unassigned). Other things we need to strive for are the Father Michael McGivney award for membership. Founder's Award for promoting insurance and fraternal benefits. Columbian Award for well rounded council programs; submitting the Columbian Award Application. Submit 365 (service program personnel report). Remain in good standing with Supreme. (Discussion?) Football Craze tickets.

3. Grand Knight training on July 29, 2024 at St. Ambrose with Tom Donovan, Teran Taggart, and Jim Maslach. Use e-Form 100, Audits (2 times per year), communications to membership, and 2 Fraternal Benefit Presentations to 14 Knights Twice per year. Report your council's Programs and Activities - reported the family activity of Council 4168 Year End Cookout. (Ohio State Council - KofCohio.Org For Members); Council Program Reporting. Reported on the Cookout and received 25 points.

4. Speaking of the 4168 Council Cookout 11 members, District Deputy, 1 Guest and families. Fun, Great Food, Installation of Officers, Nice Conversation, but not enough participation. We will not hold this event unless we get at least 25 Knights and their families.

5. We received a letter dated July 18, 2024 where Diane Bugner of Birthcare of Medina County thanked us for our “Awesome Gift” of \$1,000. Diane specifically thanked Matt Lower and Kevin Lynch for making the presentation.

6. I received a call from Dan Selby (son of Dave Selby). He asked if anyone had a connection with the St. Vincent DePaul Society so he could donate an old working lawnmower. Speaking of Dave Selby, Masses have been purchased by Council 4168 in the name of John Citrone and Dave Selby @ St. Francis Xavier.

COUNCIL’S FINANCIAL STATUS

Worthy Treasurer, please report on our Council’s Financial Status (Mark Shee reported):

8/13/2024	Charity	General	Gimme five	Troop 506	Total
Fund Bal.	\$13,755.72	\$8,361.50	\$1,228.81	\$3,000.00	\$26,345.77

Worthy Financial Secretary, please present any bills not previously approved for payment (our Financial Secretary Steve Durbin was excused). I seek a motion to pay the bills. The motion was carried. The bills are approved to be paid.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We need to recruit new members. Why don’t we attempt to address the congregations of St. Francis Xavier and Holy Martyrs? Besides that, no reports for new members. We have also placed messages to recruit new members in the St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady Help of Christians weekly bulletins. A discussion took place talking about the best time, Mass, and church to present our case for new membership. No motions or decisions made.

OTHER REPORTS:

Worthy Tom Maren - Knights in Action - Ultrasound Initiative: Waiting for the final notification from Supreme (coming soon). Once everything is ready, we will make a presentation to Tracy Rudnitskas. Possibility to involve Bishop (very busy, but may involve Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost. More to come.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Race for Glory, 2024: The Race still needs volunteers. Pre-registration is \$25.00 and only \$15.00 to walk. This will help 4 different charities (The Society, ICS, Special Olympics, and Knights 4168 Charities). Many members have already volunteered and sponsored. We do not have as many sponsors as last year and were hoping to find more.
2. 2024 Clambake on October 5, 2024:
3. Volunteers needed to help with picnic Mass tomorrow at 5:00 pm. We also need volunteers with Saturday vigil Mass.
4. Donations: Birthcare of Medina County, \$1,000 by Kevin Lynch and Matt Lower on July 9, 2024, \$500 to the Society on July 15, 2024 for sponsorship of the Golf Outing (Tom Schmidt, Dan Cathcart, Mike Conley, Matt Lower, David Cathcart), Donation to LifeTeen on 7/17/2024 by Dan Cathcart and Matt Lower with Father Tony, \$1,000 Barry Norris, Ed Martin, and Andy Swancer to Country Life Kids Camp on August 8, 2024.
5. We completed taking orders for the 4168 Council Golf Shirts. The order has been placed from 28 Knights who ordered 48 shirts. We will let you know about payment and delivery soon.
6. Herman Dorey Gas line: Andy Swancer discusses gas line repair. Andy stressed Biegel Plumbing will need someone to open and another Knight to lock building, once project completed. Brian Lombardi and Dan Cathcart will help.
7. SOS (Save our Seminarians) Check has already been written and signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mike Conley & WGK toured the Children's Center of Medina County on July 18, 2024. Our guides were Anna Guy-Leach and Ashley Krause. They are funded by the Federal and State of Ohio Governments, but their funding has been decreasing year over year. They assist The Police Department Detectives, The Sheriff, The Prosecutor, Social Services on the matters of Child Advocacy, Canine Advocacy, Family Visitation, and Human Trafficking. They help with matters of forensic interviews (giving the children a safe place to tell their story), Family Advocacy (assist the family every step of the way), medical exams (so the children know their bodies are healthy), and mental health referrals and caregiver support groups (for ongoing healing). The Family Visitation is vital for the Child's healing and well being. They perform 800 Foster Care visits Annually. Through Their Anti-Human Trafficking Services offer risk assessments, awareness events, and educational training. The Children's Center of Medina County performs a lot of services the County does not provide for the well being of Children and their families. Discussion took place to talk about the reasons to donate to this cause. Can I get a motion to donate \$500 to the Child Advocacy operational fund at the Children's Center of Medina County? Motion passed.
2. SFX Golf outing: Looking for more golfers, sponsors, and volunteers.

LECTURER'S REFLECTION - BRIAN LOMBARDI:

The Blessed Mother was assumed into the Kingdom of Heaven although a tomb exists. Many did not believe that Mary had died just like normal because of how sacred she was. As a result, the true belief that she ascended into heaven is now widely accepted.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Any prayers for other brothers for others outside the council?

Anonymous donor - Herman Dorey

Prayers for our country

Betty Braskie

Reno Buca

Kim Cathcart

Lexi Cerio

Brian Cerio Family

Debbie Coons

Courtney Courtney

Amber Doucet

Elderly in Nursing Homes

And Staff who care for them

Tim Homolak

Kasper Family

William F Lahey

Michael Matranga

Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan

Rob Musial

Phil Russo

Joan Selby

Jim Sieniawski

Bernadette Swancer

Mark T. Tomecko

Eric Uturo

Nick Wallace

CLOSING PRAYER:

Prayer for Canonization of the Blessed Michael McGivney said by all in attendance.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Call to adjourn meeting at 8:24 p.m. Meeting adjourned.