



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Medina Knights of Columbus #4168  
September 10, 2024

**Grand Knight:** Rick Dudas - present  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** Kevin Lynch - present  
**Financial Secretary:** Steve Durbin - present  
**Chancellor:** Dan Cathcart - excused  
**Recorder:** Jonathan Cwalina - excused  
**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 - excused  
**Spiritual Director:** Bob Cavanaugh - present  
**Lecturer:** Brian Lombardi - present

## CALL TO THE ORDER:

General business meeting called at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 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:**

This upcoming election season we have an opportunity to show who the Knights of Columbus are, and by extension, who we are as Catholic men. The country is very divided, and the discourse very divisive and negative, we can help to change that.

We are going to have elections that go our way, Supreme Court decisions that go our way, local community movements that go our way, and many that don't.

We can be Christ to others by the way we react to the discourse, the way we interact with those we don't agree with, and how we react to results. We react like Christ would - with love.

No matter who is in the White House, the governors house, the mayors house, God is still on the throne.

## **MEETING MINUTES ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED**

A motion to accept the August Minutes was raised by Barry Norris and seconded by Andy Swancer. Motion passed with a few corrections (WGK corrections made and re-distributed).

## **GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:**

1. We still have charitable checks to distribute. During our last meeting, Dr. Jim Prebis, Marty Tusim, and Brian Coughlin gave SPARK of Medina \$500. Check to the OLHC Outreach Food Pantry was given by Dave Swancer and Rick Dudas on August 17. Remaining are: SFX Golf Outing (9/23/2024-Dan Cathcart), ICS Golf Outing (9/27/2024-Kevin Lynch & Tom Schmidt), Oasis of Hope (TBD-Tom Maren & Kevin Lynch) and a few more not scheduled.
2. We received a note and a check for \$25 from Maria Davison, whose father Josef Hoffmann is former Grand Knight, Medina Township Volunteer Fireman/ Founder, and Medina Township Trustee. She thanked us for remembering him with his name on the Hall. We sent Maria a Thank You note.

3. We received a Thank You note from Pat Vujevich, who is the Director of the OLHC Outreach Food Pantry for our \$500 donation.
4. Messages were placed in the SFX and OLHC Sunday Bulletins to recruit new members.
5. We received (and paid) a Herman Dorey bill for repair of the Natural Gas Line at Hoffmann Hall.

## **COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATUS**

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

9/10/2024	Charity	General	Gimme five	Troop 506	Total
Fund Bal.	\$13,755.72	\$8,261.50	\$1,228.81	\$3,000.00	\$26,245.77

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

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Worthy Membership Director Dan Cathcart was Excused from the Meeting tonight. No Report

## **OTHER REPORTS:**

Worthy 4th Degree Representative Bob Bilbrey - No Report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Race for Glory, 2024: Tom Schmidt reported the Race raised around \$12,000-13,000 for 4 charities with about 90 runners and walkers participating.
2. 2024 Clambake on October 5, 2024: Tom Schmidt reported that Gas Grills and Volunteers are still needed throughout the day at Camp Paradise. Please review the outline below created by Tom Schmidt and help where you can.
  - a. Ticket Sales

- b. Logistics - Transporting To / From Camp Paradise
    - i. Who (Knight/truck)
    - ii. When
  - c. Supplies
    - i. Beer - Paul Kipfstuhl donation from Fat Heads
    - ii. Water - Tom Schmidt donation from Race for Glory
    - iii. Desserts
    - iv. Gumbo
    - v. Clam Chowder
    - vi. Other Donations
  - d. Chicken and Clams (and other vegetables) preparation
    - i. Grills - possible large grill from Molly Conner - Sully's. Others - Tom Maren donating 3 propane tanks (see more below).
    - ii. Cooks / Chefs
  - e. Grills
  - f. Other Volunteers
  - g. Notes: to summarize
    - i. We will pick up stainless steel cookers on Saturday morning. They open at 9:30 AM.
    - ii. Inside the cookers, we will have to set up the chicken, sweet potatoes, and clams.
    - iii. The corn is packed separately and not shucked.
    - iv. Coleslaw, paper goods, rolls, and butter are packaged separately.
    - v. The Process:
      - 1. Water is placed at the bottom of the steamers.
      - 2. The cooker's burners are lit at 2:00 PM. The chicken, sweet potatoes, and clams are inside the steamers at the lighting.
      - 3. The cookers produce steam for 35 to 45 minutes (2:45 PM). Chicken, sweet potatoes, and clams cook for another 45 minutes (3:30 PM).
      - 4. Chicken is pulled from the cookers and finished off on the grill. The chicken are halves - both white and dark meat.
      - 5. The shucked corn replaces the chicken in the cooker.
      - 6. Corn, Potatoes, and clams continue to cook for another 30-45 minutes (4:15 PM).
      - 7. We could round up propane grills and get them in place by Friday (3 propane tanks are available for use).
3. Golf Shirt Order has arrived. If you have not contacted Dan Cathcart about your order and payment, please do so ASAP.
  4. At the last meeting we talked about the Children's Center of Medina County and a donation of \$500 to their Child Advocacy Operational Fund (check was cut by Mark Shee).
  5. Our Knights of Columbus Bowling team is still looking for Bowlers - Please Contact Tom Maren.

6. We are still waiting for the Appraiser, who is experiencing serious Health Issues - per Andy Swancer.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. We had an Eagle Scout Project presentation by Grant Tomecko (assisted by Deacon Mark Tomecko - his Dad) at the last meeting. His project is a 2 Phased landscaping effort at Zelig's Home (a Community where Women Thrive as they embrace Motherhood). Motion raised by Matt Lower to give Grant \$1,000 from the Boy Scout Fund. Seconded by Andy Swancer. Motion approved. Mark Shee wrote a check for \$1,000 to Grant Tomecko.
2. Our Lady Help of Christians has a new Seminarian Cameron Galla, who has started at Borromeo Seminary and John Carroll University. I (WGK) have spoken to Father Ed Suszynski (Pastor of OLHC) Cameron and we traded contact information. In our Officer's Meeting we talked about an annual amount of ~ \$1,000 to Cameron until his Ordination in about 8 years. WGK also mentioned this to our District Deputy Tom Donovan who stated "Congratulation Such a Blessing The Knights are in full support of the Seminary both individually and as a group. Through the RSVP program the council can give a direct check to Cameron, Any amount over \$500 earns the council a \$100 rebate for the council ie Council gifts check of \$500 receives \$100 check so net gift to council is only \$400. I would also invite Cameron to your council social events and any other events perhaps host him for a dinner or lunch over the. School breaks If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me ". A discussion of Cameron Galla took place after this information was presented. A decision was made to table any discussion concerning a contribution. Also noted by the membership that Students becoming Knights, as well as Priests, contribute \$0 in dues annually. We will make an attempt to contact Cameron and invite him to our Clambake (for free - a \$40 value) or invite him to one of our Meetings.
3. Per Mike Conley - Transport Articles from Sacred Heart Church in Wadsworth to Catholic Charities in Medina on October 3, 2024. Mike Flanagan is the contact at Sacred Heart Church. Kim Mahon is the Board Member at Catholic Charities (Kim's husband Brian has been cc'd on the message.
4. The Society is looking for Table Sponsors at the Annual Boo Bash on October 18, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 PM. The Council recommended we

reimburse Michael Conley for up to \$200 for supplies (candy and decorations). Organizations will need a couple people to hand out candy and decorate their table. The Society serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This community event has been successful in the past years and will continue for many years to come.

5. The Tony Imburgia Memorial Texas Hold'Em Tournament will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Hall 620 N. Broadway Street Medina, OH on Saturday November 2, 2024. Doors open at 4:00 PM. Please contact Dan Cathcart (to play or to volunteer).

### **LECTURER'S REFLECTION - BRIAN LOMBARDI:**

Brothers, the month of September is dedicated to the Holy Cross, celebrated by the Church on September 14th. Bishop Barron calls out that it took nearly 1000 years for humanity to even accept that Jesus, the Son of God Himself, could have died in such a horrible manner. Back at that time, everyone associated the cross with torture for criminals and as an object of terror. They couldn't even think about the cross without cringing in fear. Back then, nobody wore crosses around their necks or gazes at a crucifix in hope. Fast forward to today, when it is commonplace and even inspirational look out and see crosses in the skylines on churches, and compliment people on the beauty of their new neckless with a cross on it. In fact, Sept 14th is actually titled the "Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross". Feast? Like a celebration? What changed? It was the gradual acceptance over time that death on a cross was the price of our salvation. And yet, we now replace the horrible cross with our daily problems, which we now label pretty much anything that doesn't go our way as our "crosses".

Gentlemen-Crosses are bigger than that. For instance, we just learned last evening that Holly Honsey, a young mother in our parish with 4 young children passed away. (WGK note: please remember Stacy Gilbert, too). When we hear that kind of news, we cringe, just like the people did at the crucifixion, and rightly so. So let's keep in mind to not elevate our problems to become crosses and rather be aware and act justly when real crosses arise. Instead, we, as Knights, must be called into action to step up when we hear of people in need.

So this month's 3 level challenge: .1 Offer a rosary for the repose of the soul of Holly and for God's protection of their family going forward. .2 Find a way to

assist in the needs of the Honsey family (and Gilbert family) in the coming days, weeks, and months of adjustment and healing to lighten their load. .3 Take some time privately in the coming month, to sit down and ask God to reveal to you some answers to the bigger theological questions like "God, why do these kinds of bad things happen?" We avoid these questions, but at some point we'll all be faced with them. (As a person who has been near death twice, I'd be happy to share my insights into the meaning of life and death.)

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Before proceeding to the Closing Prayer, does any Brother know of a member of this council or any family members who are sick or in distress?

Anonymous donor - Herman Dorey	Tim Homolak
Prayers for our country	Kasper Family
Betty Braskie	Terry Moynihan brother of Mark
Reno Buca	Moynihan
Kim Cathcart	Rob Musial
Lexi Cerio	Joan Selby
Brian Cerio Family	Jim Sieniawski
Debbie Coons	Bernadette Swancer
Courtney Courtney	Mark T. Tomecko
Amber Doucet	Eric Uturo
Elderly in Nursing Homes	Nick Wallace
And Staff who care for them	

Hail Mary and Glory Be to the Father said by all in attendance.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Call to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned.