



# **KNIGHTS**

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# **OF COLUMBUS**

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**IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.**

Medina Knights of Columbus #4128

October 8, 2024

**Grand Knight:** Rick Dudas - **present**

**Deputy Grand Knight:** Kevin Lynch - **excused**

**Financial Secretary:** Steve Durbin - **excused**

**Chancellor:** Dan Cathcart - **excused**

**Recorder:** Jon 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 - **excused**

**2 Year Trustee:** Tom Maren - **present**

**3 Year Trustee:** Brian Coughlin - **present**

**Spiritual Director:** Bob Cavanaugh - **excused**

**CALL TO THE ORDER:** Brothers, we are about to open this council meeting. All persons who are not Knights or honored guests shall please retire from the chamber. The doors shall now be closed and the guards assume their positions.

**OPENING PRAYER:** The Lord's Prayer was said by all in attendance.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING:** The minutes were approved.

**CHAPLIN'S MESSAGE:** The Worthy Chaplin was not present for this meeting.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:** We just heard yesterday that Ed Martin (a Brother Knight) had a Stroke over the weekend. As of now, this is all we know (from Jennifer Webb @ SFX): We were dismayed this morning to learn that our friend and very active fellow parishioner Ed Martin has had a stroke. He is being transferred to an Akron hospital with intermittent loss of feeling on the left side of his body. His wife Stevie is asking for our prayers. Ed is a reader at Mass, and very active with the Boy Scouts. He serves as the Advisory Board Chair on the Executive Committee for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, and volunteers regularly with the Scouting troops here at St. Francis Xavier. Just yesterday, in fact, he and other Scouts spent a few hours on a service project to help a local family, and he was making plans last night to take on work at three homeowner sites listed on our Day of Service sign-up sheet . And so we pray! **Good and gracious God, thank you for the many ways Ed has labored in your vineyard and quietly sought to do your will. We pray that you will work through his doctors to heal this tireless servant from this stroke and restore his body, mind and spirit. Cover him and all who love him with your Spirit of grace and peace, and lead them to an even greater trust in You. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Charitable Checks: We distributed the Eagle Scout Project check to Grant Tomecko tonight and the donation to the Children's Center of Medina County. Besides Feeding Medina County and the Meadows Turkey Bowl - what else do we have to present in 2024 (note: is Bishop's Brunch / Seminarians and SOS Ohio State Council completed?)

Review of the 19th Annual Clambake. We have to start out by thanking Tom Schmidt for his excellent organization and planning of the Clambake. Even though Tom was unable to be at the Clambake, he did an excellent job of managing this successful project. We cannot forget everyone else involved to make this a success. Tom Maren stepped up to recommend Farm House Foods, because Lobster Brothers could not supply us on the date chosen. Besides Tom and Tom, The following thanks are for

volunteering and donations: Matt Lower, Kevin Wright, Larry Aylward, Wayne Boggs, Jim Sieniawski, Mike Conley, Kevin Lynch, Brian Coughlin, Brian Feron, Barb Maren, Jim Prebis, Mark Moynihan, Steve Durbin, and Brian Lombardi, Andy Swancer, myself, and anyone else we missed. Donations were from Tom Schmidt, Michelle and Paul Kipfstuhl, Rick Niese, Jim Prebis, Lisa and James Morrison, Gregg Finkler, Dan and Patty Cathcart, Larry Aylward, Kevin Lynch, Michael Conley, Dorothy and Rick Dudas, Brian Feron, Steve and Francine Durbin, Jim and Brenda Sieniawski, and Kevin Blinkhorn, and excuse me if I forgot anyone else. Just a note, for all indications, it appears we have made a little more \$ than last year. The Knights Council 4168 thanks everyone. We also got to meet the Seminarian from OLHC Cameron Galla. Cameron did his best to circulate around the room and

hopefully, you were able to talk to him. Here is a testimonial we all received from Brian Feron: Great job on the clambake. I think all the guests had a good time. At the Clambake, It was wonderful to meet and speak with Cameron Galla, the young man our council is in discussions about support for his journey toward priesthood. I met Cameron on a job with his employer installing HVAC systems about two years ago. He was a hard worker and willing to learn a trade. Cameron has now felt the calling and I think it is important to support his education in the hopes that he will fulfill God's will and return to us as a talented priest, hopefully serving in our area. Cameron appeared confident in his decisions so far and I think an annual council grant will help toward the expense of his education.

**Respectfully submitted, Brian Feron**

Do we want to have a discussion about how we can help Cameron with his education and future at the seminary - note we have to make sure that since this is for an individual, it does not violate the rules of our IRS 501C8 designation - discussion? We received a Thank you letter from Tracy Rudnitskas and the Oasis of Hope for helping them obtain their second Ultrasound Machine. We have another Oasis of Hope item in New Business.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>Charity.</u>	<u>General.</u>	<u>Gimme Five.</u>	<u>Troop 506.</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$12,255.72.	\$8,261.50.	\$1,228.81	\$2,000.00.	\$23,745.77

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Our Knights of Columbus Bowling team is looking for some new Bowlers. If you are interested, please contact Tom Maren.

B. No progress with getting the Appraisal on Hoffmann Hall (the appraiser we were waiting for has been sick).

C. Mike Conley - the Community Director is out of town. Here is his report: Community BooBash at Camp Paradise at 4283 Paradise Rd, Seville OH on October 18, 2024 from 5-8pm with spooky fun with trick or treating at the cabins and prepared food/candies for all in the great lodge, and some games, crafts and face painting for the kids (big and little!). Invite your friends and neighbors. No charge! As a table/cabin sponsor, we will need a couple of people from the Medina KofC (arrive at 4:30pm) or help set up from 4-5pm, that will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters and we will also have a lawn game in front of our table/cabin that we will help the guests with! YI have some spooky decorations to decorate our table/cabin, and could use the help! The Society serves individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities, and this community event has been a success the past few years and we plan to continue the event for many years to come! Come join the fun!!!! We need at least 2 people to tend to the event for the Medina KofC. I will be there and appreciate anyone else that wants to join me.

**Sincerely, Michael Conley, 216-312-1294**

D. 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).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We received a postcard requesting us to “Please Donate Today” to the Newbridge Place - This 501(c)(3) organization out of Lodi, OH supports those battling severe mental illness - many of whom are veterans. They have 24 hour care, which reduces risk of hospitalization, jail, or homelessness. They wrote to us asking for a donation. Is there any discussion / interest? Note: no decision made.

E. Oasis of Hope is having a “Life is a Gift” Extravaganza on November 8, 2024 @ Whitehall Columbia in Columbia Station. We could sponsor a table for about \$350 and tell them to invite others as their guests. BTW: last year’s \$1,000 table is now between \$2,500 - \$3,000. I think we should pass on this and besides the table, you may be expected to open your checkbook. Any discussion? We decided to give Oasis of Hope a check for \$500.00.

F. The St. Francis Xavier Hospitality Sunday is held here in the basement on the First Sunday of the month. The SFX Ministries usually set up tables, so people can talk to their representatives about their missions. Over the next two months, the Hospitality Sunday will be on November 3rd and December 1st. Andy Swancer notified me this morning that on December 1, 2024 we are scheduled to hold a “Breakfast with Santa” Pancake Breakfast here in the Basement. I have already confirmed with Jennifer Webb that the Breakfast with Santa is definitely on the schedule. Andy is currently putting together the plans for this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Andy Swancer. More details will be forthcoming soon.

**LECTURER’S REFLECTION:** Brothers, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, to honor Mary’s title of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on October 7th . There is a great story behind Mary’s title of Our Lady of the Rosary that ties closely into our manhood as Knights of Columbus. During the Battle of Lepanto, in 1571, the fleet of naval ships, called the “Holy League” comprised of kingdoms who followed the Catholic faith battled and destroyed the fleet of the Ottoman empire, motivated by the Protestant Reformation, that was intent on

conquering the Catholic empires. If this battle had gone the wrong way, there would be no Catholic church today-we'd all be Protestant. But the turning point in the battle was Mary. Pope Pius V, knowing this battle was taking place, stayed up all night praying the rosary, and unbeknownst to him, all the sailors of the Holy League also stayed up all night and prayed the rosary. The next day, the overmatched fleet of the Holy League defeated their enemy and pulled off what is known as one of the biggest underdog naval victories of all time. Clearly, Mary would not let her Church be overrun by the heresies of the Ottoman empire and Protestantism. As men of today, we face similar tests to our faith. It is becoming more uncommon for men to be outwardly holy and frowned upon societally to be known as a Man of God. Thus our battle hasn't ended but just changed. But Mary hasn't changed. She will continue to lead us into battle against the heresies of today-things like online gambling, vulgar speech, and acceptance of abortion which threaten our society and the men around us-many our friends and family members. As Knights, we represent men battling for the Church teachings. But we cannot do this alone, we need Mary and we need each other. So this month's 3 level challenge:

1. At the next council meeting in November let's try to have as many of us get here early enough to say the Rosary before our meeting.
2. Try to say the rosary every day during the month of October. This dependence on Mary will bring many spiritual blessings to your life.
3. If you've never done so, plan a trip to the many Marian shrines around here within an hour drive like Lourdes grotto. See map below for some suggestions. Take your wife and family with you to demonstrate that you are still the spiritual leader of your household and a Knight of Columbus.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S SUMMARY:** (none)

**PRAYERS:**

**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**

**Ed Martin**

**Terry Moynihan brother of Mark**

**Moynihan**

**Rob Musial**

**Joan Selby**

**Jim Sieniawski**

**Bernadette Swancer**

**Mark T. Tomecko**

**Eric Uturo**

**Nick Wallace**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.