



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

November 12, 2024

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - **excused**

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

Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - **excused**

Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - **present**

Recorder: Jon Cwalina - **present**

Treasurer: Mark Shee - **present**

Advocate: Barry Norris - **present**

Warden: Matt Lower - **present**

Inside Guard: Dave Swancer - **present**

Outside Guard: Michael Conley - **present**

1 Year Trustee: Andy Swancer - **present**

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

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

Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - **excused**

CALL TO ORDER:

Monthly meeting in session at 6:59 p.m. All in attendance recited the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance (U.S.A.).

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

“When you score, act like you’ve been in the end zone before.” I think we can apply this lesson to our election results this year. Our country swung back in a direction that more properly aligns with our beliefs, and the temptation is there for us to celebrate, perhaps do a bit of a touchdown dance, or spike the football. But I think all know our community and our country is still rather polarized. Let’s redouble our effort to show who we are as Catholics. As I’ve mentioned before, when the Supreme Court overturned the Roe V Wade decision, I think we missed an opportunity. Let’s keep supporting organizations like Birth Care, let’s keep up the effort to get clinics ultrasound machines, let’s support legislation that encourages and supports adoption, paid family leave, support for single moms, child care safety nets, support for families of children with special needs, and the like. We can gain so much more support for our way of life, for what we believe, by loving those around us who need it the most, WHEN they need it the most.

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT:

A. We are going to change the way we handle our Annual Fundraising Raffle. In past years, it was Known as the “Final Four’Tune Raffle”. We held the raffle at the time of the NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament. Unfortunately, we found out last year’s Raffle interfered with the St. Patrick’s Day Reverse Raffle / Silent Auction / Dance. So, we have decided to move the raffle closer to the NFL Championship on Sunday February 9, 2025 and call it the **SUPER BOWL RAFFLE**. It will still be based on the Ohio Lottery (12:30 PM Monday February 10, 2025), One prize of \$3,000, Ticket Printing Sponsor will be Gary Chidsey, CFP from the Lazor Agency, ticket printing process will begin this week, and the “Kick-OFF” is also TBD (this month). Get ready to sell some raffle tickets.

B. Ed Martin - Health Status: Ed is recovering from his stroke. He is currently at home while going through rehabilitation. Jennifer Webb told me he seems sharp even though his arm is in a sling. Keep praying for Ed Martin’s total recovery

C. Hospitality Sunday - Results from Jennifer Webb: it was a Great Celebration of Ministries. The Men’s Ministries knocked it out of the park with smoked meats, putting competition, and I’m glad the Knights could be part of the celebration. This event gave the parishioners an idea of each ministries mission and purpose.

D. This coming Sunday morning the The Medina Knights have been invited to Mass at Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel at Borromeo / St. Mary Seminary. After Mass, brunch will be served followed by a tour of the upgraded Seminary. The changes to the Chapel and Seminary were possible through the Diocesan Fund Raising Event - Heart of a Shepherd Campaign. As of this meeting, Dan Cathcart, David Cathcart, Kevin Lynch, and Dorothy and Rick Dudas will be attending. All Knights in Council 4168 are invited to the Mass and Tour. The seminary is located at 28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe, OH.

E. The \$500 charitable contribution to the Meadows Turkey Bowl, which we budgeted back in April / May, 2024, is ready for presentation by Brian Coughlin - world renowned Touch-Football MVP.

F. #WeGiveCatholic is December 3, 2024. Last year, our Knights Council gave \$1,000 to this charity. As of this November 12, 2024 General Meeting, the Donation from Council 4168 this year was changed to \$2,000.00. This motion was raised, seconded, and approved by the Brother Knights present.

G. Breakfast with Santa will be held in the SFX cafeteria on Sunday December 1, 2024. This event is led by PGK Andy Swancer. Andy talked about still needing volunteers to step forward to cook, serve, and clean up.

H. I (WGK) will be in contact with our Worthy District Deputy Tom Donovan to find out more information on the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. This usually takes place between Christmas and New Years. Stay Tuned.

I. We (as a Council) received very nice Thank You letters this month from both Oasis of Hope and The Children's Center of Medina County. These were the second set of letters from both organizations. Also, Our Lady Help of Christians publishes a Newsletter (The Harvester) twice a year and the Director of the Outreach Food Pantry publicly thanked the Knights of Columbus Council #4168, WGK Rick Dudas (and Dorothy), and Dave & Bernadette Swancer for being instrumental in supporting the Food Pantry, both financially and through efforts working at the Pantry (stocking shelves / distributing to deserving families).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

<u>Charity</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Gimme 5</u>	<u>Troop 506</u>	<u>Clambake</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$10,755.72	\$8,181.54	\$1,228.81	\$2,000.00	\$1,165.35	\$23,331.16

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our Membership Director is still encouraging and hoping members will spread the Good News of our Council's Efforts. We have Bulletin details at SFX and OLHC but yet no inquiries. Our Website and Facebook page have details too. But, if you think back to how you chose to join the Knights, I'm betting it was from a personal invitation. Let's ALL be sure to meet potential Knights where they are as our Holy Father reminds us especially in this time following the election. We are grateful for our democratic process, but with just under 50% not winning with their candidate, we need to be sensitive to all so let's all make an effort to be inviting to share this great journey we are on as Catholic Men... In building awareness of our efforts, we did participate in Ministry Sunday (as previously mentioned) at SFX on November 3rd. Kudos to DGK Kevin Lynch and Warden Matt Lower for leading our booth. Also thanks to Steve Braskie for being there with us. I did secure one potential transfer - Giuseppe DiTullio who recently moved here from Mayfield Heights. Details have been sent to him.

OTHER REPORTS:

A. The Tony Imburgia Memorial Scholarship Texas Hold Em tournament took place on November 2, 2024 with much work and preparation by all as noted in my email recap sent on this past Monday. After expenses, we made \$2,624.94. The money was down from last year but it was still a successful event.

B. Next up is the Breakfast with Santa Pancake Breakfast on December 1, 2024. PGK Andy Swancer sent us an email on November 7th. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and clean up.

C. Creche setup at St. Francis is Saturday December 7th. Can you help out? Reach out to WGK Rick Dudas for more details. One item of note: Marty Tusim has informed us that at the last Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Brother Knight Ken Houseman mentioned that several statues used in the Creche need repair on bottoms where the bolts are attached. Is this correct? If yes, has anything been done to correct the problems? Do we have time to correct this year? Andy Swancer mentioned the Ox needed to be repaired but did not know of any other issues. Past repairs have been done in Italy, so this year is out of the question. Any other discussion?

D. Once more, our Council will lead the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance & Reverse Raffle on March 22, 2025. With that, we are moving our Final Four'Tune Raffle from March to February 10, 2025 to align with the Super Bowl. We have a leader (Rick Dudas) to take on this effort on after PGK Mike Conley's incredible journey. This is our largest Fund Raising effort and is critical to funding our charities. Please stay tuned for more details.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT:

Bob Bilbrey was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but here is his report: December 21 is the fourth degree Christmas party at the Wadsworth Hall. Doors open at 6 for happy hour, socializing and appetizers with dinner starting at 7. We ask everyone to bring their favorite dessert or appetizer. The menu will be: Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala, Rotini and Marinara, Redskins Herb Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Salad, dressing, rolls, and butter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Clambake numbers: Total Expenses \$3,274.65 Total Revenue \$4,810 Net Profit \$1,535.35 Normally, from the Clambake, we give the Society about 75% of the profit (\$1,075.00). Can we have a discussion on whether we should continue this practice or should we give the entire Net Profit (\$1,500.00) to the Society / SHC? Note from WGK: Apparently, this item of unfinished business was omitted in my absence. These numbers will be finalized and on the agenda (in Unfinished Business) at the December 10, 2024 General Meeting.

LECTURER'S REFLECTION:

Brothers, the month of November is dedicated to remembering the dead, those in heaven and those in purgatory awaiting the call to full unity with Christ in heaven. It's helpful for us to remember that we needn't wait to die to begin the process of purification, or as we often refer to it in a religious context as "purgation". Sure some people die and go straight to heaven but that is likely a select few that have fully prepared themselves here on earth before they died-btw these are the souls the Church christians as "Saints". Many mystics have revealed that the purgation after death is much more difficult after death than prior to it. So bluntly, if we're going to undergo a purification eventually as Christians, we might as well begin the process here on earth. If you're open with sharing your faith, you've probably been challenged on the idea of Purgatory by friends and especially Christians of other faith traditions. The common rebuttal is "Where does it say that in the Bible?" So briefly, there are many references to purification after death prior to entering heaven in the bible. The best are found in Maccabees, which will raise the eyebrows of our Protestant brethren. "But that's not a book in the Bible" they'll challenge so we need to be prepared to adequately explain why it surely is. If you recall, St Jerome in the 400's translated the Hebrew books and compiled the first Bible known as the Vulgate. But prior to that the Greeks translated the Hebrew Old Testament books into the Septuagint

which included the 7 books missing from Protestant Bibles including Maccabees. But if all that is too much to remember, there are references to a place of purification in the New Testament as well in Matthew (MT 5:25-26) and First Corinthians (1 Cor 3:11-15). However the challenge will likely that the word itself "Purgatory" is not specifically written to which we can cite that neither is the word "Trinity" and all Protestants believe in the triune unity of God later referred to as the Trinity. I believe it's beneficial for us as Knights to be aware of these kinds of fundamental details behind our beliefs. After all, we're men of service "In Christ", and thus everything we do needs to link us back to our Catholic faith is the living tradition that Jesus came to teach us. So here are three challenges for the coming month: 1. Pray a rosary for the men of our council and the global KofC who have died this year (we of course remember recently Dave Selby, and John Citrone who passed in 2024). 2. Go to Catholic Answers and study the articles on Purgatory and the Catholic bible to understand these two fundamental beliefs. 3. We have two excellent opportunities to deepen your faith in life upcoming in January. Exodus90, which is a 90 day spiritual exercise for Catholic men and a Book Study that I'll be leading on "The Interior Castle" the Catholic life changing instruction on life by St. Teresa of Avila. If anyone is interested in either of those can contact me at blombardi.61@gmail.com.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Prayers for the following:

Anonymous Donor - Herman Dorey	Kasper Family
Prayers for Our Country	Ed Martin
Betty Braskie	Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan
Reno Buca	Rob Musial
Kim Cathcart	Joan Selby
Lexi Cerio	Jim Sieniawski
Brian Cerio Family	Bernadette Swancer
Debbie Coons	Mark T. Tomecko
Courtney Courtney	Eric Uturo
Amber Doucet	Nick Wallace
Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)	
Tim Homolak	

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.