



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

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December 10, 2024

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - present
Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - excused
Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - present
Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - present
Recorder: Jon Cwalina - present
Treasurer: Mark Shee - excused
Advocate: Barry Norris - present
Warden: Matt Lower - present
Inside Guard: Dave Swancer - present
Outside Guard: Michael Conley - present
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 Order: Meeting began at 7:06 p.m.

Opening Prayer: The Lord's Prayer (Our Father) was said by all in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: All Knights in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America (USA).

Approve Minutes: Meeting minutes from last month have been distributed electronically, GK seeks a Motion to Approve. Motion by Matt Lower; Second by Brian Coughlin, approved by all in attendance.

Chaplain's Message: No message from Spiritual Director Bob Cavanaugh who was excused.

Grand Knight's Report:

- a.** Breakfast With Santa - Thank you Andy Swancer for Organizing the Event. Thank you every Knight (and their Spouses) involved with the Breakfast including: Steve Durbin, Brian Lombardi, Kevin Wright, Tom Maren, Bill Elligott, Gregg Finkler, Dave and Bernadette Swancer, Ken and Nancee Houseman, Steve Braskie, Mark Moynihan, Kevin Lynch, and Santa Claus aka Mike Schuerger, and WGK. I talked to a couple visitors. A young man named Jimmy Barnacle said he wanted to become a Knight. Tom Maren has a PSR Student by the name of Barnacle and will attempt to find out if Jimmy is his Dad. Also, a visitor (Tony Deserto) gave us \$50 and also wanted our contact information, so he can make more donations in the future. He also contacted us on our website. Bottom Line: we had around 100 paying customers and we made a profit of **\$19.85**.
- b.** Creche setup was this past Saturday at 9:00 AM. Matt Lower and Kevin Lynch and Marty Tusim and others spent about 3 hours setting it up. Thank you very much. Here is a report from Kevin Lynch: Matt Lower [master teamster & mechanic] Kevin Lynch [pilgrimage risk advisor] Steve Durbin [journeyman Bethlehem roofer] Marty Tusim [lead connector] Dave "the bull" Swancer, Brian Lombardi [photographer & architect] Brian Feron [statue support specialist] All help was very much needed. I'd give Brian Feron some props-if we had less than 7 it would have taken much longer as there wouldn't be enough men to start unpacking statues while the roof is getting fastened down. Jen Webb came by and got a group photo as we were wrapping up. I'll ask her for it.

- c.** Parking volunteers were requested by SFX Principal Ms. Danene Beal tonight for the concert (Kevin Lynch, Tom Schmidt, Bill Elligott, Larry Aylward, and Greg Finkler were assisting).
- d.** Presentation on Sunday December 1st at the Medina Eagles Aerie 2224 - Chancellor Dan Cathcart and PGK Tom Schmidt (if in attendance) will report on this event.
- e.** #WeGiveCatholic took place on Tuesday December 3rd. As of the Last Meeting, Council 4168 gave \$2,000 to St Francis Xavier as a part of this effort. In total, St. Francis Xavier Parish raised \$66,027 from 343 donors and St. Francis Xavier School raised \$93,231 from 344 donors.
- f.** Knights Council 4168 visited The Center for Pastoral Leadership Wickliffe, OH on Sunday November 17, 2024. The Knights visiting were Dan Cathcart, David Cathcart, Kevin Lynch, and Dorothy and Rick Dudas. We attended 10:00 AM Mass celebrated by Father Andy Turner, Co-celebrant Father Chris Trenta, and Bishop Michael Woost was also in the Chapel. We enjoyed Bruch after Mass and broke Bread with Seminarians Cameron Galla from OLHC and Dylan Perman from St. Martin of Tours. We made a “BIG CHECK” donation to Father Andy Turner (for the Rector’s Fund). After Brunch, Cameron and Dylan gave us a tour of the Seminary. Father Chris Trenta gave us an in-depth tour of the Mary Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel. The Chapel was re-dedicated by Bishop Edward Malesic on August 17, 2024 (two months earlier). The Chapel and Seminary renovations were made possible through the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign - Catholic Community Foundation - Cleveland Catholic Diocese.
- g.** Cameron Galla - We have talked about our Seminarian quite a few times since we found out in September about his mission and quest to become a Catholic Priest. We invited him to our Clambake and a number of us talked to him at that event. We have had a number of suggestions on how we can help Cameron out: Making a monetary donation or holding a benefit in his behalf. This past week, we were talking at the Officer’s Meeting. Tom Maren brought up an interesting idea. Why don’t we schedule a time and a place for any knight who wants to participate and have a discussion with

Cameron about his hopes, dreams, vision, goals, and possible financial needs in the future. One more thought: The Ohio State Council has a program called RSVP Refund Support Vocations Program - Form 2863. Basically, for every \$500 you give a Seminarian, the Council will receive a rebate of \$100 (maximum rebate is \$400). Worthy District Deputy, do you have anything to add? What do you think? Discussion? Our District Deputy reiterated the message of the RSVP program and encouraged us to help our Seminarian Cameron Galla. Some discussion was held, but Knights felt we should talk to Cameron more in depth. No Resolution.

- h. Our Super Bowl Monday Raffle is taking place right now. We had a Kickoff on Sunday December 8, 2024 at Jojo’s Sports Bar and Grill. WGK would like to thank everyone who came out (Brian Lombardi, Kevin and Erin Lynch, Jim and Anna Prebis, Barry Norris, Randy Krause, Dave Steirer and Matt Lower). Tickets were available before and after the meeting or via a text message to me. Our Worthy Chancellor is going to ask you to sell at least 10 tickets. I think we all can do better than that. WGK: I think each and *every Knight in this Council should strive to sell 20 tickets*. That is bringing in \$400 to this Council’s Charity Fund. We gave away a lot of money this past year (over \$13,000.00). We can give out even more with your help. This week, I will be sending out a brochure and information sheet everyone can personalize. Let’s try to give a little more effort into raising money for the deserving individuals/organizations in Medina County.
- i. Start Thinking About the St. Patrick’s Day Reverse Raffle / Dinner / Dance - Our Worthy Chancellor has more to say about this fundraising event.

Financial Report: Worthy Financial Secretary, please present any bills not previously approved for payment. I seek a motion to pay the bills, second, all in favor? (Motion passed). Bills are approved to be paid. Worthy Treasurer, please report the Council’s Financial Status.

<u>Charity</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Gimme5</u>	<u>Troop 506</u>	<u>Clambake</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$10,755.72	\$8,211.54	\$1,228.81	\$2,000.00	\$1,535.35	\$23,731.16

Other Reports: 4th Degree - Joseph Bender Assembly 1766 and SK Bob Bilbrey reports a Reverse Raffle will take place in Wadsworth on February 8, 2025. 100

Tickets will be sold for \$40.00 each. Also, the 4th Degree Christmas Party will be held on 12/21/2024 @ 6:00 PM. Talk to Bob, if you are interested in attending either event.

Membership Report: Worthy Chancellor and Membership Director, please give us your report and present applications for new Members and Transfers.

- Membership - Still in need of more promotion by all to welcome & encourage new members. Circling back with both SFX & Holy Martyrs with an appeal in their bulletins. Last month, we received e-membership transfers from both Keith Hayes (Holy Martyrs) and Ron Wheeler (St. Francis Xavier). Both Men have been emailed and messaged, but they have yet to respond. Does anyone know either of these Men, and if yes, can you reach out and contact them?

Chancellor's Report:

- a. We have had some engaging events in the last month. First on November 17th, we visited the Center for Pastoral Leadership and St. Mary and Borromeo Seminary for Mass and Brunch. We also toured the facilities, especially the Mary Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel. Our Tour guides were Seminarians Cameron Galla and Dylan Perman as well as Father Chris Trenta, who gave an in depth tour of the Chapel. The renovations were made possible through the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign (Catholic Community Foundation). During Brunch, the Knights (Rick Dudas, Kevin Lynch, David Cathcart, and Dan Cathcart) presented Father Andy Turner a check (to the Center for Pastoral Leadership), met with Bishop Michael G. Woost, and enjoyed the visit.
- b. On December 1, WGK Rick Dudas, Race Director and PGK Tom Schmidt, Chancellor Dan Cathcart, David Cathcart, and Leaders from Integrated Community Solutions, Special Olympics of Medina County met to present special awards to the Medina Eagles Aerie 2224 Leadership and speak of our mission in lieu of their Generous \$2,000 gift to the Race for Glory.
- c. We kicked off our Annual Raffle (this year called the Super Bowl Monday Raffle), as stated previously. The Cathcart's are once again rewarding Knights in our Council that sell at least 10 Raffle Tickets. For every 10 tickets sold, you will be entered into a drawing for 3 Rare Bourbons. As

always, it is not an event to be missed. Keep in mind this is the largest fund raising event for our Council and our Charities depend on it.

- d. Lastly, we will be looking for a Project Leader to assist Ed Martin with the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance & Reverse Raffle, which will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025 in the Church Basement. We need help promoting sales of tickets and donations of Gift Baskets (silent auction). The Entertainment will be provided by Celtic Rush and the Corned Beef dinner will be from Sully's Irish Pub.

Other Reports:

Worthy District Deputy Tom Donovan: The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be held at St. Joseph and John School Gymnasium - 12700 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH on Friday January 17, 2025 from 7:00 - 7:30 PM and registration will begin at 6:30 PM. The competition is for Girls and Boys ages 9-14 (as of January 1, 2025) and the Cost is FREE. Basketball Freeform Competition will be taking place on January 17, 2025. More from WDD: Council should hold a Membership Drive (before Lent). Super Cash Bonanza Kickoff is 02/15/2025.

Unfinished Business:

- Herman Dorey - A Commercial Appraisal done on Hoffman Hall. We do not have the appraisal, yet. Once we receive the appraisal, we will schedule a Herman Dorey meeting to discuss it.
- This item was missed in the last meeting on November 12, 2024. The Clambake Proceeds were almost \$4,800.00 and the expenses were over \$3,200.00. It was suggested at the November Officer's Meeting that instead of donating 70% to Charity, we donate a flat \$1,500.00. When we talked about this fact, was the money going to the Society / SHC or our Charity Fund? Can we have a discussion, motion, all in favor. Motion passed. The discussion consisted of some Knights suggesting we only Give \$1,000.00 to the Society, as we have in the past. A motion was raised by Dan Cathcart, seconded by Dave Swancer, and approved by the Council to give The Society \$1,000.00 from the Annual Clambake Profits.

New Business: No New Business

Lecturer's Report: Reflection. Brothers, the month of December in the Catholic Church is dedicated to Advent, or the Coming of Christ. We also just celebrated a related Solemnity yesterday for the Immaculate Conception. To help us see the deeper link between waiting for Jesus's coming and Mary's Immaculate Conception, let's take a moment to review some high points of both. The Immaculate Conception, remember, isn't about Mary's receiving Jesus in her womb-that's the Annunciation that we celebrated 9 months ago. Rather the Immaculate Conception is when God chose to conceive Mary in St Anne's womb without original sin. And Advent is about waiting for the birth of the Savior Jesus and thus both are related to births of a baby, but also as importantly as St Anselm tells there is a closer relation than we normally realize. He points out that God begot the Son through whom all things were made and Mary gave birth to him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist and without Mary's Son nothing could be redeemed. He further points out that God, then is the Father of the created world and Mary the Mother of the re-created world. In other words, God is the Father by whom all things were given life-like the baby Jesus- and Mary the mother through whom all things are given new life-again like a new born baby. This might seem like circular semantics, but it's much bigger than that when you really take time to process it in our feeble minds. Simply-God created Mary and Jesus-both coming to earth as babies to save us all. So here are three challenges for the coming month: 1. This Advent, take some time by yourself in prayer to ask God what he is waiting to do in your life. Before making our New Years' resolutions, it's good to seek what God is planning for you. 2.. Starting this Sunday and for the 9 days up through Christmas Eve, we celebrate the O Antiphons. The most popular is O Come O Come Emmanuel, which is the antiphon for Christmas Eve, but there are 8 other O Antiphons that you can easily look up on your phone and reflect on each day 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.

Grand Knight's Summary: None

Closing Prayer:

Prayers for the following:

Anonymous Donor - Herman Dorey

Prayers for Our Country

Betty Braskie

Reno Buca

Kasper Family

Ed Martin

Kim Cathcart

Terry Moynihan brother of Mark Moynihan

Lexi Cerio

Rob Musial

Brian Cerio Family

Joan Selby

Debbie Coons

Jim Sieniawski

Courtney Courtney

Bernadette Swancer

Amber Doucet

Mark T. Tomecko

Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)

Tim Homolak

Eric Uturo

Father Tom Kowatch

Nick Wallace

Wayne Boggs

The Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney was replaced with a Hail Mary.

Adjournment: A Motion was raised by Brian Coughlin to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Tom Schmidt. Motion Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.