



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Medina Knights of Columbus #4168

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January 14, 2025

Grand Knight: Rick Dudas - present
Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Lynch - present
Financial Secretary: Steve Durbin - present
Chancellor: Dan Cathcart - excused
Recorder: Jon Cwalina - excused
Treasurer: Mark Shee - excused
Advocate: Barry Norris - present
Warden: Matt Lower - present
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 - excused
Spiritual Director: Bob Cavanaugh - excused
Lecturer: Brian Lombardi - present

Call to Order: After the Rosary, the Meeting began at 7:08 p.m. (13 Brother Knights in attendance - WGK Rick Dudas, Barry Norris, Brian Lombardi, Dave Swancer, Matt Lower, Tom Maren, Kevin Lynch, Marty Tusim, Steve Braskie, Kevin Wright, Steve Durbin, Bob Bilbrey, and Tom Schmidt).

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 Tom Schmidt, approved by all in attendance.

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

Grand Knight's Report:

- a.** The most important topic of the night: **The Super Bowl Monday Raffle - Monday February 10, 2025 Ohio Lottery' Pick-3 @ 12:30 PM.** First of all, if you need tickets or need to turn in ticket stubs and money, please see Marty Tusim. Marty has all the available tickets and will record your sales.
- b.** The results thus far: First of all, we have to state that this raffle is critical for all the Charities we support. Counting the check we are about to give the Society next week, we have given over \$14,000 to local charities this year (2024). We want to keep up the great effort by this council. As of this afternoon, we have distributed over 700 tickets to our Brother Knights. We have also collected the proceeds from over 200 tickets before tonight. Before this meeting, the most recorded sales are by: Greg Finkler (67 tickets), Dan Cathcart (47), Rick Dudas (41), and Jim Prebis, Marty Tusim, and Andy Swancer (around 20 tickets each). Great effort, but we still have 27 more days before the Raffle.
- c.** We have an appraisal on Hoffman Hall. We need to schedule a Herman Dorey Meeting, so I propose we hold it on January 29, 2025 at my home (7677 Chatham Road). We need to hold an election of Officers for the Herman Dorey Corp., talk about the appraisal, and a course of action. Anyone can attend. Discussion?
- d.** Yesterday, we distributed an email concerning an attachment called "The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728A". Council hours are on the left and Assembly hours are on the right. If you have the form, give it to Steve Durbin tonight or send it to him s3fdurb@zoominternet.net or drop it

in the mailbox @131 N.East St. Please complete the document before 1/27/2025.

- e.** Ohio District 1 has a 4th Degree Exemplification at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Westlake, OH on May 4, 2025. Go to the website <https://www.kofcohdist1.org/exemplification/> for more information. On that page is a fillable PDF document. You need a proposer from Assembly 1766, the signature of our Financial Secretary Steve Durbin, and the signatures of the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comptroller - Assembly 1766(Cost \$60).
- f.** Creche @ St. Francis Xavier Church was taken down on Saturday January 11, 2025. Special thanks to: Matt Lower, Bob Bilbrey, Brian Lombardi, Dave Swancer, Kevin Lynch, David Cathcart, Steve Durbin, and Steve Braskie who all braved the elements.
- g.** The 2025 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition will take place Friday January 17, 2025 at St. Joseph and John Gymnasium 12700 Pearl Road Strongsville. Registration at 6:30 PM. Competition @ 7:00 PM.
- h.** Nocturnal Adoration: First Friday of the Month at St. Francis Xavier. This is a unique opportunity to share our faith together as Knights and in the Officers meeting it was suggested as a possible Fraternal Opportunity. Consider participating (February 7, 2025).
- i.** We have had many discussions since Michael Scheurger and Father Edward Suszynski informed us of our Seminarian Cameron Galla. In November, a group of us met Cameron and another Seminarian Dylan Perman at St. Mary Seminary. We received a very nice Thank You note from Cameron. Since then, we have had a number of tabled discussions in this forum and the Officers meetings about contributing to our Seminarian. Dan Cathcart reached out to Father Andy Turner and his Administrative Assistant Angie Pavlik about contributing to him. Father Andy said when the Knights contribute, the money goes for books, transportation, and other items surrounding their education. Angie Pavlik says the Seminarians are incurring tuition at John Carroll of around \$30,000 per year. About a week ago, I sent Cameron a message about our Fraternal Organization wanting to know more about his intention, goals, and mission concerning his quest of discernment as a Catholic Priest. Last week, our Officers once again recommended Council 4168 give Cameron \$1,000. If we give this amount, KofC Supreme will refund us \$100 for each \$500 we contribute to the Seminarian (through

the RSVP program). Discussion. Motion Dave Swancer Second Marty Tusim. Approved

Financial Report: Worthy Financial Secretary, please present any bills not previously approved for payment:

Dues \$250.00 Gimme5 \$10.00 Supreme \$365.25.

I seek a motion to pay the bills Brian Lombardi, second, Tom Schmidt 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>Total</u>
\$8,755.72	\$9,555.89	\$1,228.81	\$2,000.00	\$21,540.16

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. Talk to Bob, if you are interested in attending this event.

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

- Membership - Not much to share. As of late, we have not had any new members join our council. Hope our Brother Knights have been inviting new prospects. WGK note: Ron Wheeler from St. Francis Xavier and Keith Hayes from Holy Martyrs have indicated they want to join our council, but our Membership Director (Dan Cathcart) has unsuccessfully tried to contact them. If you know either of these gentlemen, please contact Dan or WGK.
- More good news - we are less than a month from the February 10th drawing of the Super Bowl Raffle winner. This is the biggest fund raising event which supports our KofC Charities. We need to stretch sales of at least 10 tickets. Brothers and Lady Knights will be invited to the cathcartd for a Feast of delicious food, fine wine, and bourbon. So far, we have 1 Blanton's and 1 Eagle Rare (donated by Cathcarts and Schmidts). A list of those invitees will be shared after the raffle sales conclude.
- We need all hands of deck for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Reverse Raffle Dinner Dance on March 22, 2025. We need help selling raffle and dinner

tickets, donated silent auction baskets, and volunteers to assist Ed Martin with planning and execution. Stay Tuned.

- The Race for Glory profits were \$13,486.63 - increase of \$1,805.61 over last year. Great Job Tom Schmidt, Kevin Blinkhorn, Mike Conley, Brian Coughlin, and all who contributed to the worthy cause supporting The Society, Special Olympics of Medina, Integrated Community Solutions, and our Knights Charities, will split the proceeds 4 ways. The Race for Glory 2025 will be August 23, 2025.
- The scheduled date for the Clambake 2025 will be October 4, 2025.
- Discussions with Father Andy Turner and Angie Pavlik to support our Seminarians. Tuition, Room, and Board approached \$40k annually and they can use our help on this important mission.

Other Reports:

Tom Schmidt: A BIG Check presentation will take place on January 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM. The check will contain the Society proceeds from the Race for Glory. Please join Tom if you can.

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business

New Business: No New Business

Lecturer's Report: As you may know, in the Roman Catholic church. January is dedicated to "The Most Precious Name of Jesus" whose feast day we celebrated on January 3rd. We're reminded just how important a name can be. Throughout human history, certain names stand out as distinguishable-some personally and some for all mankind. Names like Kennedy, and Lincoln, and lately Trump are attached to certain attributes of a person's role in the world stage. The names of our parents, children and grandchildren are first in our minds when we think of people that impact our daily lives. One name that is resounding in most of our consciousness lately is Lexi. We all watched her set an example, even as a young child, to be a model of hope. This year of Jubilee, which comes only every 25 years, Pope Francis has declared as the Jubilee of Hope and we strive to be Pilgrims of Hope for the world around us to see. The way we Knights act and react to events going on around us set an important example for our families and all those we meet. As we watch the Lexi go to her final rest, people will watch

how we react, and thus we must react as Pilgrims of Hope. What does that mean? It could mean that we pray more, outwardly and verbally to our families or even in public. It could mean that we gather together and celebrate Lexi's life as a beacon of hope. It could be how we explain to our family how it can be God's will to take a young child back to Himself when it's His will to do so. So I ask you men to gather and think of the ways we as a council and we as Knights personally can honor our brother Brian. Sister Kelly Lexi and their family now and going forward. Closing with this thought. The church teaches us the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. I've already mentioned Hope, but the three really are intertwined and inseparable. We walk in Faith, we die in Hope and we are resurrected by Love. 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: SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS

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
Debbie Coons
Courtney Courtney

Joseph Richards
Joan Selby
Jim Sieniawski
Bernadette Swancer (hip surgery)

Herman Dehring
Amber Doucet
Elderly in Nursing Homes (and staff caring for them)
Tim Homolak
Father Tom Kowatch
Wayne Boggs

Mark T. Tomecko
Eric Uturo
Nick Wallace

The Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney was recited by the Knights of Columbus #4168.

Adjournment: A Motion was raised by Kevin Wright to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Dave Swancer. Motion Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.