



MEETING: 3 DEC 2020

Council was called to order at: 6:35 pm by GK Robert Startz

Prayer was offered by: Robert Startz

The roll of officers was called and noted as follows (P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused, V-Vacant):

Chaplain: E
Grand Knight: P
Deputy Grand Knight: A
Chancellor: P
Recorder: P
Financial Secretary: P
Treasurer: P
Lecturer: P
Advocate: P
Warden: P
Inside Guard: P
Outside Guard: P
Trustee (3rd Yr.): A
Trustee (2nd Yr.): A
Trustee (1st Yr.): A

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Motion to approve last meeting's minutes passed. Minutes posted online to Council's website.

Membership Report:

Robert will meet Logan Brown, a law student who wants to join on Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. Robert asked several members to help interview him.

Another potential member, Jonathan White, was previously voted in contingent on having his marriage convalidated. This has been done and Dan reached out to encourage him to attend a virtual exemplification.

The results of balloting were: n/a

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- The insurance agents would like us to schedule a parish wide meeting to present insurance options on Tuesday, January 19. The members feel this is too early and that February would work better to get us beyond the holidays and to give time to promote the event. The 3rd Thursday (2/18) was suggested as a potential date.
- Advent food drive – Robert has reserved 2 shopping carts for picking up bags after Masses this weekend. Rick says a few volunteers would be welcome to stock the pantry.
- Pork butt sales – the kitchens are still closed. Robert will speak with Rob McBurney about whether and when this might change.
- Blood drive – we would like to have one but with the overflow for Masses in the gym, we lack space. Robbie Wiggs suggests waiting until 2021 to consider this.
- Peter has given us raffle tickets and told Robert that the Manning council has essentially dissolved during Covid. We have extra tickets because of this.
- We are still in need of a Youth Director.

The Treasurer reported as follows: by Robbie Wiggs

- Checking balance: \$6,127.45
- Savings balance: \$7,100.92

The following communications were read:



- SC Right to Life sent a letter re: this year's prolife dinner at Seawell's. Tickets will be \$45 per seat. We have budgeted \$250 for this and ask members to directly contribute to SCCFL via Tom Militello. We can't individually make charitable contributions to KoC but can contribute directly to SCCFL.
- We received a letter from Kate Huntsman from Jackson, MO encouraging Christians to work together.

Financial Secretary report: by Dan Wagner

- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$100.00
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$100.00

See attached report. Dues notices will be mailed this month. Dues remain the same (\$36). The next audit needs to be completed by 2/15/21.

The Trustees reported as follows: n/a

Report on Service: n/a

The Chancellor reported as follows: n/a

The following committees reported:

- Membership: n/a
- Fundraising: n/a
- Youth: n/a
- Community: n/a
- Church: see attached Faith Director's Report provided by Dan Wagner
- Family and Council Committee: n/a
- Retention: n/a

Discussion on Council Calendar: n/a

New business was taken up and disposed as follows: n/a

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows: n/a

Report of Patriotic Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

See attached. Approximately 200 meals were delivered to residents of Christopher Towers. Robert asked members be notified of the dates for Masses for Damien Masse, which are being requested.

The Insurance Agent reported as follows: n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows: n/a

Announcements: n/a

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the following Brothers and family members in your prayers: Lester Johnson, Frank Toth, Bill Jones, Rick Gleissner, William Gatling, Bernard Corbett, Lagaré Kopack, Alberto Alvarez, Shobit Svama

Under Good of the Order: by Lecturer

- See attached



Chaplain's summation: n/a

Closing prayer was offered by: Robert Startz at 7:30pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder

Knights of Columbus Council #12554

Treasurer's Report

3 December 2020

Checking:	\$6,127.45
Savings:	\$7,100.92

Notes:

- All deposits and checks have cleared.

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Financial Secretary's Report
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Receipts:

1) In Memory of Damian Masse	\$ 100.00

TOTAL	\$ 100.00

Vouchers:

1) St. Joseph Catholic Church ~ Mass Intention Damian Masse	\$ 10.00

TOTAL	\$ 10.00

Notes:

- Annual Dues Statements, Fraternal Survey of Activities and State Raffle Tickets will be mailed this month.
- Bi-Annual Audit due by 15 February 2021

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Church Director's Report
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- 1) Happy Advent! The Advent Season began with the Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 28.
- 2) The Bishop's Dispensation for Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect through (at least) the end of January.
- 2) Beginning in Advent, all Masses returned to the Church. Social Distancing limits the attendance to approx. 80 per Mass (40 for the 10:30 AM Mass due to the presence of the Choir). Overflow seating with simulcast of Mass is provided in the Gym. Holy Communion is brought to the Gym at the appropriate time. This applies to weekend and Holy Day – including Christmas – Masses.
- 3) Confessions are offered from 4:00 – 5:00 PM on Saturdays in the Hall/Gym
- 4) Masses continue to be livestreamed (FaceBook & YouTube) and broadcast on Catholic Radio (90.9 FM, WZJO). See the website for schedules and details.
- 3) **Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are: 7:30 AM, 12:15 & 6:00 PM. (No Vigil Mass.)
- 4) Giving Tree: the appeal for cash donations for Children's Gifts is going very well. **In addition, we will have a "Sneaker Sunday" in which athletic shoes are collected for Catholic Charities. Sneaker Sunday is NEXT weekend, December 12 & 13. Many donations of Men's and Women's Athletic Shoes (new) are still needed. Our goal is 100 pairs (75 mens, 25 womens).**
- 5) **The Christmas Mass Schedule:**
Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve (Vigil of Christmas)
4:00, 6:30 & 10:00 PM

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day
9:00 & 11:00 AM.
- 6) **Friday, January 1, 2021 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are: Vigil, Dec 31 at 6:00 PM; Holy Day at 9:00 & 11:00 AM
- 7) Volunteers are very much needed to serve as Greeters/Ushers. We have a dedicated corps, but it is only about half the size we should have. All that is needed is a friendly attitude and the ability to arrive 45 minutes before the start of Mass. Training is provided. Please see Dan with questions or for more information.

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Report of the Fourth Degree

3 December 2020

Bishop England Assembly hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for Christopher Towers. Meals were delivered to residents' rooms due to Covid-19.

Sir Knights Sam Kopack, Jr and Damian Masse were mentioned during the Blessing Prayer at the Thanksgiving Dinner at Christopher Towers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Wiggs, Jr.

What in the world is happening?

I. Background preliminaries:

- a. Unusual Presidential election at the end of the liturgical year
- c. Have a contended Presidential Elect who considers himself a practicing Catholic
- d. He promises he will lift of all presidential restrictions on abortion up to birth
- e. Promises that he will lift religious freedom from health care workers
- d. There are indications of implementing gender neutral policies in educational curricula
- f. BLM and Antifa loot and burn buildings
- g. statues of saints are torn down by activists
- h. Catholics find cardinal against cardinal, bishop against bishop, and our pope ,who is quoted often out of context, at times has not taken the initiative to clarify allegedly-made unusual statements
- i. Churches are shuttered with sometimes extremely limited occupancy - much less than bars, liquor stores, grocery stores, and other questionable venues that are nonessential
- j. many religious, especially Catholic, are martyred in Russia, China, the Middle East, and Africa
- k. End of year gospel excerpts:

11/28/20 (last Saturday) Gospel of Luke 21

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

11/29/20 (last Sunday - the 1st day of Advent) Gospel of Mark 13

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. ...

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

Now my lecture---

II. Fatima Review:

- (1) The **FIRST** secret of Fatima is the vision of hell. After which Our Lady, says kindly and so sadly: "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.
- (2) The **SECOND** secret said that the 1st World War would end soon, but Our Lady warned about the coming of a 2nd World War if the world would not change and pray the rosary, and in particular, on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months, confess, receive Holy Communion, recite part of my Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour meditating on the mysteries **with the intension of offering me REPARATION**.
- (3) The **THIRD** secret is surrounded by controversy, so I'll defer to St. Pope John Paul II. In 1980 Pope John Paul II was asked explicitly to speak about the third secret. He said: "Because of the seriousness of its contents, in order not to encourage the world-wide power of Communism to carry out certain coups, my predecessors in the chair of Peter have diplomatically preferred to withhold its publication. On the other hand, it should be sufficient for all Christians to know this much: if there is a message in which it is said that the oceans will flood entire sections of the earth; that, from one moment to the other, **millions** of people will **perish** ... there is no longer any point in really wanting to publish this secret message. Many want to know merely out of curiosity, ... but they forget that 'to know' implies for them a responsibility. It is dangerous to want to satisfy one's curiosity only, if one is convinced that we can do nothing against a catastrophe that has been predicted." (Then) He held up his rosary and stated: "Here is the remedy against this evil. Pray, pray and ask for nothing else. Put everything in the hands of the Mother of God." Asked what would happen in the Church, he said: "We must be prepared to undergo great trials in the not-too-distant future; trials that will require us to be ready to give up even our lives, and a total gift of self to Christ and for Christ. Through your prayers and mine, it is possible to alleviate this tribulation, but it is no longer possible to avert it, because it is only in this way that the Church can be effectively renewed. How many times, indeed, has the renewal of the Church been effected in blood? This time, again, it will not be otherwise. We must be strong, ... we must entrust ourselves to Christ and to His holy Mother, and we must be attentive, **very** attentive, to the prayer of the Rosary."

Later on Cardinal Caffarra revealed contents of a letter sent to him from Sister Lucia

who said: “The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family. Don't be afraid,” Sister Lucia said, “because whoever works for the sanctity of Marriage and the Family will always be fought against and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue.” She concluded: “nevertheless, Our Lady has already crushed his head.”

III. Our Lady of America:

A recent article was done on apparitions and messages given to Sister Mary Ephrem (SME) These messages were approved by an appropriate commission of bishops for private devotion. Now excerpts from April 4, 2020 in the National Catholic Register.

“Beginning in 1938 Our Lady of America is have said to SME, ‘I desire to make the whole of America my shrine by making every heart accessible to the love of my Son.’ ... She said, : “I wish America to be the country dedicated to My purity. The wonders I will work will be the wonders of the Soul. They must have faith and believe firmly in my love for them. ...” “Our Lady did not mince words: ‘The hour grows late. My Son's patience will not last forever. Help me hold back His anger, which is about to descend on sinful and ungrateful men. Suffering and anguish, such as **never before experienced**, is about to overtake mankind. It is the darkest hour.’”

Our Lady of America requested, “Reform of life is what I ask as the sign and proof of my children's love for me. God looks at the heart, and if it resembles the Heart of His Divine Son, it is with the greatest pleasure He regards it ... But to make your hearts grow more and more like to the Heart of the Son, you must go to the Mother, whose heart is most like His. From this Pure and Immaculate Heart you will learn all that will make you more pleasing to the Divine Heart of the Son of God.”

“Do not disregard the voice of your Mother. It is the voice of love trying to save you from eternal ruin. ... on the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, Oct. 7, 1956, Our Lady, holding a rosary, gave a warning, and **still** another avenue of hope. [W]hat I am about to tell you concerns in a particular way my children in America. Unless they do penance by mortification and self-denial and thus reform their lives, God will visit them with punishments hitherto unknown to them ... My dear children, either

you will do as I desire and reform your lives, or God Himself will need to cleanse you in the fires of untold punishment. You must be prepared to receive His great gift of peace. If you will not prepare yourselves, God will Himself be forced to do so in His justice and mercy.”

Our Lady of America said, “Making the Rosary a **family** prayer is very pleasing to me. I ask that all families strive to do so. **But** be careful to say it with great devotion, meditating on each mystery and striving to imitate in your daily lives the virtues depicted therein. Live the mysteries of the Rosary as I lived them, and it will become a chain binding you to me forever. They who are found in the circle of my Rosary **will never be lost**. I myself will lead them at death to the throne of my Son, to be eternally united to Him.” Our Lady assured (SME), “My Immaculate Heart will win in the end, and the Spirit of Christ will dwell in the hearts of men. Those in whom this Spirit is not found will be condemned to eternal hell-fire ... Weep, then, dear child, weep with your Mother over the sins of men. Intercede with me before the throne of mercy, for sin is overwhelming the world and punishment is not far away.” At the time she also said she had a great interest in America’s young people, for them to become the next leaders of renewal.

“It is the United States that is to lead the world to peace, the peace of Christ, the peace that he brought with Him from heaven in His birth as a man in the little town of Bethlehem ... Unless the United States accepts and carries out faithfully the mandate given to it by heaven to lead the world to peace, there will come upon it and all nations a great havoc of war and incredible suffering. If, however, the United States is faithful to this mandate from heaven, and yet fails in the pursuit of peace because the rest of the world will not accept or co-operate, then the United States will not be burdened with the punishment about to fall.

“Our Lady of America reminded us ... saying: “Evil is so insidious it often passes for good. The simple and pure of heart alone can detect the difference. Many good works and many a good person or persons are thwarted or destroyed by **apparently** good people who are manipulated by the powers of evil, because they do not possess that finer sense of being able to detect a false spirit from a true one.

“... she again repeated, O my children, you still aren’t listening. I see the

destruction coming but you do not believe me ... The Divine Spirit is there but you are continuing in your blindness and so blotting out the Divine Light and closing your ears to eternal truth. I beg of you to heed my voice or there will be no more time for you to turn back the Divine Wrath. I weep for you because I love you and wish, my dear children, to spare you this terrible suffering.

On Jan 3, 1984 Our Lady of America gave a **final message**: “If my warnings are taken seriously and enough of my children strive constantly and faithfully to renew and reform themselves in their inward and their outward lives, **then there will be no NUCLEAR WAR**. There must be much more good than evil prevailing in order to prevent the holocaust that is so near approaching. Yet I tell you, my daughter, even should such a destruction happen because there were not enough souls who took my warning seriously, there will remain a remnant - untouched by the chaos who, having been faithful in following me **and spreading my warnings**, will gradually inhabit the earth again with their dedicated and holy lives. These will renew the earth with the power and light of the Holy Spirit. These faithful ones of my children will be under my protection and that of the Holy Angels, and they will partake of the life of the Divine Trinity in a most remarkable way.

III. **Our Mother of Akita:**

Akita Japan's Approved Messages (accompanied by Apparitions and Miraculous Events) [at Akita in northern Japan beginning in 1973 from Sr. Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa] (Excerpts are taken from Akita: Mother of God as CoRedemptrix
Modern Miracles of Holy Eucharist)

“Just before retiring the diocesan Bishop of Niigata, Bishop John Shojiro Ito, in consultation with the Holy See, wrote a pastoral letter in which he recognized as being authentically of the Mother of God, the extraordinary series of events that had taken place from 1973 to 1981 in his diocese, at Akita, Japan. In June 1988 Cardinal Ratzinger, approved the Akita events as "reliable and worthy of belief". In fact the Philippine ambassador to the Vatican, in 1998 spoke to Cardinal Ratzinger about Akita and the Cardinal: "personally confirmed to me that these two **messages** of Fatima and Akita are essentially the same".

- (1) The first message received by Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa on June 6, 1973, was a call for prayer and sacrifice for the glory of the Father and salvation of souls.

- (2) The second message, August 3, 1973, was for prayer, penance and courageous acts of sacrifice can soften the anger of the Heavenly Father.
- (3) The third message surrounds events of Akita confirmed by definite miracles, two were cited by the Bishop in his pastoral letter. Our Lady stressed the importance of praying the Rosary, and above all of accepting from God whatever He may send in the course of each day . . . whatever suffering . . . and to offer it up in reparation for so many sins committed throughout the world at this time. Our Lady begged especially for prayers for bishops, priests, and religious, and for reparation before the Blessed Sacrament. (Again,) Our Lady said: "I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering to the Father, together with all the victim souls who console Him, the sufferings endured by the Son on the Cross, by His blood and by His very loving Soul. Prayer, penance, and courageous sacrifices can appease the anger of the Father."

In his pastoral letter, Bishop Ito said that it would have been difficult to believe in a message from Our Lady of Akita that is so terrible, unless there was overwhelming proof that it was indeed from Her. But he points out that the terrible chastisement of which Our Lady speaks is on the condition: "If men do not repent and do not better themselves." ... The Bishop added it is a serious warning, while at the same time one perceives in it the maternal love of Our Lady. In Her message warning the world of the annihilation of a great part of humanity, she said: "The thought of the loss of numerous souls makes me sad." [Repentance: How do we repent and better ourselves? Repentance is a "sorrow of heart and detestation for sin committed with the resolution not to sin again." "As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, [God] the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. ... Each day, **recite the prayers of the Rosary**. With the Rosary, **pray for the Pope, the bishops and the priests**. The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, and bishops against other bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres; churches and altars will be sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will tempt many priests and religious to leave the service of the Lord.

The demon is trying hard to influence souls consecrated to God. The thought of perdition of so many souls is the cause of My sadness. If sins continue to be committed further; there will no longer be pardon for them. Only I can prevent the disaster. Whoever entrusts themselves to me will be saved." With courage, convey these messages to your superior. He will tell each one of you to continue prayers and acts of reparation for sins steadfastly; while ordering all of you to pray fervently. Pray very much the prayers of the Rosary. I alone am able to still help you from the calamities which approach. Those who place their total confidence in Me will be given necessary help."

Oremus.

Akita Prayer:

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, I consecrate my body and soul to be entirely one with Thy Heart, being sacrificed at every instant on all the altars of the world and giving praise to the Father pleading for the coming of his Kingdom. Please receive this humble offering of myself. Use me as Thou wilt for the glory of the Glory of the Father and salvation of souls. Most Holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from Thine Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as Thy special child. Amen

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel