



MEETING: 4 NOV 2021

Council was called to order at: 6:30 pm by GK Robb McBurney

Prayer was offered by: Robb McBurney

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Chaplain's Message: by Fr. Frei

- Fr. Frei was involved for 10 years at his parish in Aiken.
- Father reminded us of the power of the Rosary and the importance of praying it.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Thanks to Dave for the brownies provided for us tonight
- We have a new Knight – Gary – moved from Charlotte
- Next week, Robb will send a survey for us to thoughtfully give feedback on future plans for the council.
- Our email addresses have been harvested again and members have received spam emails, supposedly from Robb. We are working on making this not happen again.
- Felician Sisters – run clothing, food and medical ministry in Kingstree. We are asked to contribute personally if we would like so the council can give a single check. See Dan this week to donate. These contributions will be presented by the state council.
- Officer's meeting 11/14, 3PM. This will be for planning to move forward on projects for the remainder of the year as well as the budget.
- Robb will be forming a committee to consider our involvement with Columbus Hope. Members will be contacted to be part of this. Robb wants to move beyond just selling Tootsie Rolls.
- Bags for SVdP – delivered to parishioners on 11/28, collected the next week for I Care, I Share. Volunteers are asked to help at Masses that weekend.

Financial Report: by Dan Wagner, Robbie Wiggs (see attached)

- Checking balance: \$5,115.01
- Savings balance: \$7,103.43
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$0
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$0

Membership Report:

- We've had some transfers in, but need to work on recruiting.

Trustees' Report:

- n/a

Program Reports:

- Fundraising: n/a
- Youth: Tom Militello
The annual SC Citizens for Life prolife dinner is coming up on 1/6. We have sponsored two tables the last several years for youth to attend. Tom is asking if we can sponsor one table through the council and another through individual donations. Each table is \$300. A motion to do so was made and approved.
- Community: n/a



- Church: see attached Faith Director's Report provided by Dan Wagner
- Family and Council Committee: n/a
- Retention: n/a
- Pro-life, by Bob Nerbun
Bob reported on the regular prayers offered by various Catholics at the abortion clinic. Council members are invited to join – contact Bob for times if you are interested. Bob also reported about the 1st Sunday Rosary at the pro-life statue at St. Joseph's. Catholics from our parish were involved in the America Needs Fatima rally.

Report of Fourth Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

- See attached

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- Paul reiterated the importance of following up from time to time with the Field Agent to make sure a member's coverage, beneficiaries, etc., is appropriate. People have had unexpected problems when a death occurs; keeping things current can help prevent problems.
- We should also make sure someone who will handle our affairs knows about our policies, long term care wishes, annuities, etc.
- Robb asked about registrations for the presentation on Mutual Funds. Paul said that, unfortunately, progress has been slow. We probably won't be able to schedule a presentation until next year.

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- n/a

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- n/a

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Robb would like to move forward with a project of Luke Gleissner's.

We have reserved the parish hall on Sat. 2/19 for an investing seminar. Luke has assembled a group of people who have volunteered to help. Daniel Wallach (Knight and deacon candidate) is an investment advisor for "responsibly invested funds" and will financially support and present at the seminar. Jacob Imam with New Polity (online group for Christians in politics and investing – podcast called "Good Money") has also offered to help. He would like to speak on JPPI's "sacrificial investing" and local investing. Chad Dowdy, NW Mutual, will sit on a panel. Chad Garcia, Ave Maria Mutual Funds will also sit on a panel. Other speakers are also lined up. Plan is for a keynote address, breakout sessions with the panels. Topics TBD, but will focus on investing and financial planning for Catholic men and their families. Thomas Glasgow, who might become a Knight, works in marketing and has agreed to set up targeted ads for people who might be interested in the seminar, and also to introduce men to the Knights. He has also offered money for the ads; Luke is wondering if we could use those funds for membership fees. This needs more discussion. Luke has not yet talked with other councils to see if there is an interest in this seminar. Luke would like to focus on men at St. Thomas More who are interested in learning to invest. Logistics like food, etc., are to be worked out. Robb has talked to people he knows as well about possibly speaking on topics such as the pitfalls of investing.

- John Long asked if there would be a registration fee. Robb says that he thinks we can handle the cost, but registration would still be wise as it will give people who sign up a reason to actually attend.
- Jim Corbett suggested asking for another type of donation, such as food for SVdP, in lieu of a fee.
- Dan Wagner pointed out that a small fee might be helpful in encouraging people to actually attend. Maybe free for college students.



- A motion was made and passed to move on with the planning for this event.
- Luke asked if we have permission to use the Knights of Columbus logo, etc. Robb stated that we can since our council is sponsoring the seminar.

Good of the Order: n/a

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Lecture Reflection: by Bob Nerbun

- See attached. Bob spoke on the Immaculate Conception.

Grand Knight Summary: n/a

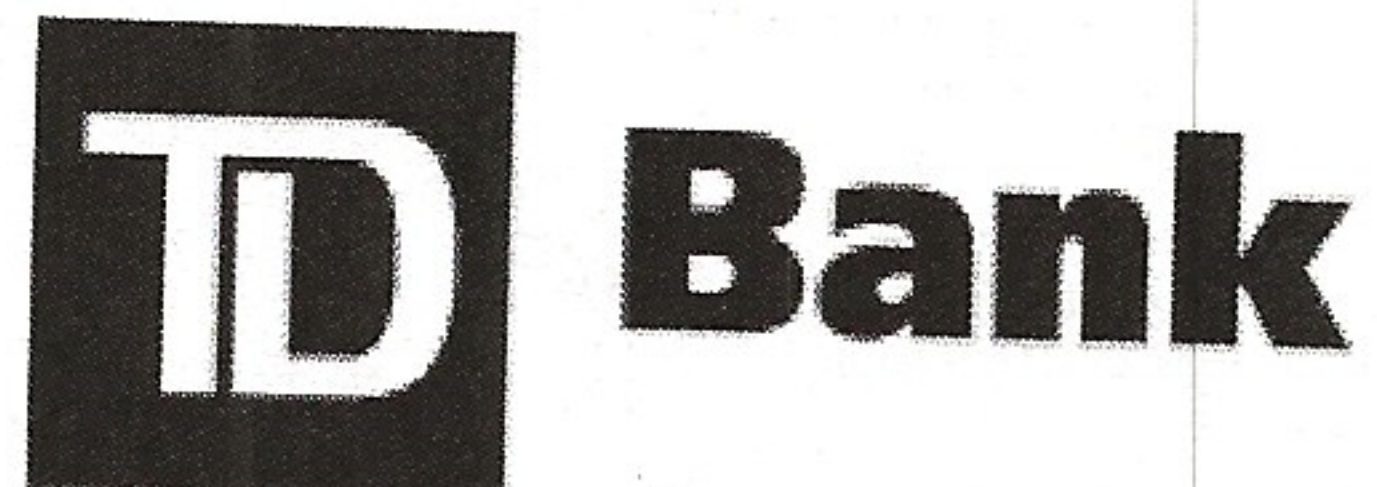
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Knights in Distress:

- 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 Svarna, Ron Childress
- CJ Camry was mentioned by Bob Nerbun, though not a member of the council.
- We are praying for Anne Nerbun and Alison Corbett.

Closing prayer was offered by: Fr. Frei at 7:30pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder



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TD CONVENIENCE CHECKING x9128	\$5,115.01	\$5,115.01	\$0.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS x8694	\$7,103.43	\$7,103.43	\$0.00
Total	\$12,218.44		

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4 November 2021

Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

-- none --

TOTAL

\$ 0.00

Vouchers:

-- none --

TOTAL

\$ 0.00

Presently, we have received donations from 2 Knights in support of the Felician Sisters of SC totaling \$200.

Faith Director's Report

In November, we had the Solemnity of All Souls on the First and the Feast of All Saints on the Second. The Annual Mass of Remembrance was well attended. Knights served as Ushers, Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We noted the passing of Brothers Rick Coker and Damian Masse in the past year.

Sunday, November 21 is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King of the Universe

In November, Ordinary Time will conclude, and the Season of Advent will begin on Sunday, November 28. November 21 is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King of the Universe

During Advent, please remember to Keep Christ in Christmas!

Wiggs, Robert W

From: Wiggs, Robert W
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 5:43 PM
To: Dan Wagner (dan@stjosephcolumbia.org); Dan Wagner (Carolyndan@aol.com)
Cc: 'mcburneyfamily4@gmail.com'; Wiggs, Robert W
Subject: FW: Order Confirmation (#759832)

Dan,
Fyi

Several items:

1. Recently, I have been voted into the Board of Christopher Towers through the 4th Degree.
2. As a part of the new kitchen at Christopher Towers – hopefully by next Thanksgiving it will be finished – plans have been submitted for approval to the city.
3. With that in mind, at the 4th Degree [Board] request, along with Dottie Galloway I am registered for the ServSafe Manager training & exam on November 15th [food safety training] – Certified Food Protection Manager which meets DHEC requirements – I've ordered the \$115 manual and registered today for the \$135 course & exam.
4. KofC 4th Degree will be serving Thanksgiving dinner at Christopher Towers – Vince DiMaria and his wife are bringing a large tray of mac n' cheese ☺ - I've already purchased 4-20 plus lb turkeys.
5. KofC 4th Degree will be serving dinner to the First Responders on December 15th tba
6. KofC 4th Degree will be serving dinner [spaghetti and meat sauce] for 250 soldiers on December 27th
7. Treasurer's report: Checking \$5,115.01 Check# 802 for \$200 has cleared Check# 803 for \$65.99 has cleared
 Savings \$7,103.43
8. St. Joseph's Parish Blood Drive report – No available date so far since no accessibility to the gym.

Thanks
Robbie

Have a safe day!

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"...no job is a good job unless it's a safe job." H. L. Solis

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From: flongin@clemson.edu <flongin@clemson.edu>
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The Immaculate Conception - Our Lady of America

On May 17, 1846, the bishops of the United States proclaimed Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, the principal patroness of our country. Thus we have the powerful short prayer:

By Thy Holy And Immaculate Conception O Mary, Deliver Us From Evil

What makes this short prayer so powerful?

Today's headlines tell of: war; natural and terrorist disasters; lawlessness; loss of faith; and total disregard for the sacred reality of human life, marriage, and the family. Those who have eyes to see recognize this as godlessness in our culture and society, which seems to have now spanned to the four corners of the earth. Evil seems to be winning.

But those with faith in Our Lord, and trust in the Intercession of Our Lady know with certainty that evil will not win. Heaven has time and time again given us the weapons and means of protection – the Rosary, devotions, and intercessory prayers. And with the greatest of importance, Heaven has given us the way back – the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist all merited by the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus! Our Shepard will not abandon us!

As a key part of a devotion to Our Lady of America we are given a defense against evil contained in this very short prayer **“By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception O Mary, deliver us from evil.”** When Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin was conceived without sin, the order of all creation was forever changed. Before the fall, Adam and Eve were above the angels in dignity and closest of all creation to the Holy Trinity as they enjoyed completely living in the Divine Will, as sin had not yet entered into the world. After the fall, they fell so distant from the Holy Trinity that they were now under the dominion of the fallen angels. All humanity from that point forward were vastly separated from the Holy Trinity. And evil wanted it to stay that way – FOREVER. But then...

...One of our own was protected from the inherited sin of Adam & Eve and was **not** under

the dominion of evil. Our Lady, Conceived without Sin, was thus elevated to the greatest heights of all creation. Through the gift of the Immaculate Conception, the order of creation which existed before the fall was reclaimed (at least for Our Lady.) And set into motion the plan of Heaven to save us, who **are** conceived **with** sin. Through the FIAT of Our Lady, Our Savior was born into humanity, and Salvation was brought to mankind! Through the Passion of Our Lord, Salvation was opened to ALL. Now we could be saved. Praise God!

But in a vain attempt evil has not given up. We are constantly bombarded by the wickedness and snares of evil. Not a single moment goes by where we are not in need of grace and protection to withstand these attacks. The Prayer to St Michael the Archangel is a prayer of protection and deliverance that is well known - we say it after every Mass here at St. Joseph's and in many other Catholic Churches throughout the US. The Our Father is yet another. These prayers are powerful protection and should be prayed often.

One more is given in this devotion. It is short, sweet and to the point. It calls on the one who has been assigned by the Holy Trinity to crush evil – Our Lady. And it asks her to invoke the power of the second greatest gift (the Immaculate Conception) given to mankind which opened the path for the Greatest Gift, the Incarnation and Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This short prayer, **“By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception O Mary, deliver us from Evil”** calls on Our Lady to exercise the grace of her exclusive gift for our protection and to deliver us from evil.

But it also calls us to recognize the Immaculate Conception as the model for our own pursuit of purity and perfection; and to use Our Lady as a guide for our lives. It calls us to seek the life, grace, and relationship with the Holy Trinity as it existed before the fall. Can we achieve that here on Earth? Not perfectly. But with prayer, penance, and the Sacraments we can get close, and live-in peace, even as the headlines tell us the world is not at peace and evil is growing more and more.

I can only imagine what the fruits of the final battle between Our Lady and evil will be. Perhaps the infinite creativity of the Holy Trinity will provide a way where we are once again in complete unity with the Holy Trinity and **live in the Divine Will**. If we think about this, it may come to mind that there is a hint of just this in the Our Father that gives hope – **“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven”**. Only time will tell how this will be made manifest. I expect it will be Glorious!

Most of this lecture is taken from the website OurLadyofAmerica.org

Prayer to Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of America

Oh Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's light shining in and about you. Be our leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.

We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son, Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your

children of America, as your instruments of peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us.

May your valiant spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in “renewing the face of the earth.” Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen.

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Pro-Life Report by Bob Nerbun, Pro-Life Coordinator

Every Tuesday during this past October at 8:15 am (right after the 7:30 am Mass) about 5-8 Catholics have gathered at PP on Middleburg Drive to pray three sets of decades of the rosary for an end to abortion. Additionally, on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Fridays this past month 10-15 Catholics have gathered at 9:30 am at PP again to pray the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross and the Pro-Life Chaplet of Divine Mercy. On the 3rd **Saturday** of October about 30 Catholics were at PP and about another 10-15 attended via Zoom to pray three sets of decades of the Pro-Life Rosary to end abortion. On each of these Fridays and the Saturday, a Deacon from Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church was present and led our prayers. Council members and their family members are invited to join us.

Additionally, on the 1st Sunday of October, several of our council members and spouses again continued our dedication to praying the Rosary after the 8 am Mass at the Statue of the Unborn Child for the purpose to end abortion. All council members attending the 8 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month are invited to join with us.

On Saturday October 16th, Catholics from the Columbia area participated in the national

40-Days-for-Life campaign from 5 am to 3 pm at PP. About 30 Catholics were present for the 8-10 time slot, and another 10 were present for the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally from 12 noon to about 2 pm. However, 1 or more Catholics were present from 5 am to 3 pm, when the last member of PP was leaving the PP building.

Finally, once again our Council Knights with their spouses will lead the rosary for the unborn and an end to abortion this Sunday, November 7th after the 8 am Mass at the Statue of the Unborn between our church and the Roland Educational Building. Please consider joining us, **remember to bring your rosary.**