



## MEETING: 12 MAY 2022

**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:** n/a

**The Grand Knight reported as follows:**

- Robb welcomed our new Knights. Patrick Kelly, a transfer, and three newly inducted Knights, Martin Kaminski, Patrick Hayes, and Sean Briody. Our new Knights introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Council.
- On Friday May 13 at 2PM, our new Bishop will be installed in Charleston.
- Re: Ukraine and the Knights' efforts to help, donations can be made through the national website (koc.org). Over \$15 million has been raised so far. We are asked to continue to help and pray as the war will likely continue for a long time.
- The USCCB has asked all Catholics to fast and pray on Friday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, for the Supreme Court and the abortion issue.
- A list of proposed officers has been distributed (see attached.) We expect to have elections at the June meeting and need a quorum of at least 10 members. If anyone wants to nominate themselves or someone else for any position, please contact Robb prior to the meeting.
- We hope to have a budget for members to review at the June meeting. A Zoom option will be available to attend the meeting.
- Robb mentioned Jim Corbett and Allison, his wife. Allison underwent more surgery in California which went as well as it could. They are back home now and Allison is undergoing rehab. We are encouraged to pray for and help the Corbetts. A particular need is for meal preparation. Luke Gleissner suggested speaking with the Young Families ministry this weekend to see if they can provide meals as well.
- Robb says we are moving to FlockNote for Council communications and will discuss it at the June meeting. Apparently, Outlook treats emails coming from FlockNote as spam and we need to watch for this.

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

- Checking balance: \$5,499.59
- Savings balance: \$7,104.26
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$642.03
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$288.00

**Membership Report:**

- Dave reported on the new members and says that there are four possible new members we are meeting with.
- There is an eMember initiative, where men can become members but not have any degrees. One person might be interested in this.
- Robb encouraged us all to recruit.

**Trustees' Report:**

- n/a

**Program Reports:**

- 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
- Pro-life: by Bob Nerbun (see attached)

**Report of Fourth Degree:** by Robbie Wiggs

- Robbie mentioned that officers are being chosen and a scribe is needed. He also invited members to consider joining the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.
- There will be flag retirement ceremony coming up, especially with flags donated by Scout Troop 100. The date and time are to be decided.

**The Insurance Agent reported as follows:**

- Mike Sabilia welcomed the new members and offered to meet with them re: insurance products offered by the Knights.
- There is a fraternal benefits night coming up in June. 6/3, 7:30PM and 6/15, 7:30PM. This is a webinar but at least 7 attendees are required.

**The District Deputy reported as follows:**

- The District Deputy introduced himself, especially to the new members. He expressed optimism about our being able to meet in person again and mentioned that SC is doing well in recruiting and council growth.

**Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:**

- n/a

**New business was taken up and disposed as follows:**

- Dan mentioned a Knight that needs to withdraw from our Council due to relocation and family issues, especially the suicide of a child. The family is in need; Dan asked that we consider giving \$100 to the family to meet their needs, even though he is leaving the Council. A motion was made and approved to do this.

**Good of the Order:**

- n/a

**Lecture Reflection:**

- See attached

**Grand Knight Summary:**

- n/a

**Knights in Distress:**

- Please keep the following Brothers and family members in your prayers: Frank Toth, Bill Jones, Rick Gleissner, William Gatling, Bernard Corbett, Lagaré Kopack, Alberto Alvarez, Allison Corbett, Jim Corbett, the Faithful Navigator of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Gayle Michaelis, Patrick Kelly's children, who were involved in a car accident

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## Financial Secretary's Report

### Receipts:

1. Dues (6 members)	\$ 216.00
2. State Charity Drive	\$ 60.00
3. Donations ("Round Up")	\$ 12.00

### **TOTAL**

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**\$ 288.00**

### Vouchers:

1. Robb McBurney – St. Thomas More Dinner	\$ 122.03
2. SC State Council – State Charity Drive	\$ 520.00

### **TOTAL**

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**\$ 642.03**

## Faith Director's Report

We continue in the season of Easter for a few more weeks.

Tomorrow, Friday, May 13 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities has declared this day to be a Day of prayer for the Supreme Court of the United States. The faithful are invited to fast and pray on this day.

May 26 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. In our Diocese, like most in the United States, this Solemnity is transferred to the 7th Sunday of Easter: Sunday, May 29.

Proposed Slate of Officers  
2022 - 2023  
K of C Council #12554

Officer Positions	Name
Grand Knight	McBurney Jr, Robert M
Deputy Grand Knight	Gleissner, Luke R
Chancellor	Walsh, Courtney E
Recorder	Michaelis V, Otho E
Treasurer	Wiggs Jr, Robert W
Advocate	Gleissner, Richard R
Warden	Childress, Ronald M
Inside Guard	Mc Glaufin, David B
Outside Guard B	lake, Patrick T
One Year Trustee	Corbett, James J
Two Year Trustee	Long, John R
Three Year Trustee	Startz, Robert Franklin

Appointed Officers	Name
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Financial Secretary	Wagner, Daniel F
Chaplain	Frei, Fr. Will
Lecturer	Nerbun Jr, Robert C

Respectfully Submitted,  
PGK Robert Startz, Chair  
Nominating Committee

**May Lecture to the K of C, Council 12554 Come to the Altar - a shortened version of Father Mike's homily November 4, 2018**

- I. Yesterday Francis X. Maier wrote a web article in The Catholic Thing in which he said that "Over the years, U.S. Catholics have been described more than once as "Protestants who go to Mass." Why did he mean by this statement?
- II. Father Mike likens Catholics to be 2 kinds of people who are **FANS** of any sport
  - A. People who want to watch - football, baseball, basketball
  - B. People who want to play, ... but they were settling for watching
  - C. Yet, he goes on to say that he really believes that there is only one type, those who want to participate and play well, yet they settle for watching - that not bad, but it is settling
- III. Same thing for Catholics attending Mass
  - A. Many show up to only watch
  - B. And yet they know all the moves of the priest, know how to do the watching
  - C. **But** we are not made to watch the Mass
  - D. Even though we are made for worship, we only end up watching. Catholics don't know how to attend mass - he says everyone is called to come to the altar. And yet everyone of us has this in common - we love God and want to love Him more.
- IV. Remember the man in the gospel; he wanted to love God more and so he comes up to the Jesus and asks "What is the greatest commandment?"
  - A. Jesus effectively responds: Love God with everything you have and everything you are
  - B. But how are we to love? - Well to love, we will the good the other! How can we love God? He doesn't need anything!
  - C. Scripture tells us there are two ways: we are called to obey Him (keep my commandments) + worship Him
  - D. In Luke Chapter 4, in response to Satan's temptations, Jesus says we are called to love the Lord our God and Him alone shall we serve (now the Hebrew word for serve is **ABUDI**, which means both obey and worship)

- E. The heart of religion is NOT a Creed, NOT the Word of God - NOT Scripture (this is God's word to us ourselves and sometimes our words back to God),
- F. Creeds have a place. Yet it's not what we believe **BUT** who we believe in and **WHY**. **AND** at Mass we have readings from God + it's who we believe in that allows us to leap into the heart of worship. But what's the heart of worship? Sing a song - nope; say a prayer - nope; the heart of worship is sacrifice;
- V. What is the heart of sacrifice? It's the altar, it is the place of sacrifice - the place where we lay down the gift and raise up the gift
- A. This is why the temple was so important to the Jews - it was the **ONLY** place where they could worship. The synagogue was a place of prayer and learning, but they did not worship God there. They worshiped God in the temple where there was an altar, and it was here that they could sacrifice.
- B. When sent into exile, one of their prayers of lament was: Where do we worship now, because we do not have a temple, therefore no altar, therefore no sacrifice?
- VI. In Egypt the Jews worshiped the same gods as the Egyptians, and so before God could lead them out of Egypt, he had to **KILL** their gods! Remember the seemingly arbitrary plagues of Egypt, the river turns to blood, frogs overrun everything, flies fill the air, the sun is blotted out ... These were the Egyptian gods - the river (Nile god), frogs (Higit god), flies, the sun god (Ra). Thus, the true God defeated **ALL** His rivals.
- A. Then He says to the Jews you need to defeat the rivals in your heart by taking a lamb, slaughter it, brush its blood on the door posts and lintel of your home.
- B. One of the reasons for this is that the lamb was sacred to the Egyptians which meant that the Jews could never **EVER** go back to Egypt, thus Jews had killed their last rival, and God set them free from their rivals, so that they could be free to worship Him and Him alone ultimately to begin worshiping in the desert.
- C. In Exodus 24 after they did all this stuff, God says: here's what worship is:

Moses reads from the book, then he teaches them something, then the people all say “everything the Lord has said we will all do,” then Moses slaughters an animal, he takes ½ of the blood and pours it on the altar, and the other ½ on the people, then he gathers the 72 Elders and they ate and drank in the presence of God.

D. What do we do at Mass?: In the penitential rite we have been set free from our rivals so we can worship God. We hear from God’s word, then we hear it explained, then the priest says these words (“the Lord be with you”) over the sacrifice (of bread and wine) we respond (and with your spirit), the priest then says “pray brethren that my sacrifice **AND YOURS** may be acceptable to God the almighty Father, then the sacrifice is offered, and the blood is poured out on the altar, when the congregation is presented with the Holy Eucharist the priest says “Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,” when the Priest/Eucharistic Minister says “the Body of Christ we say Amen,” and then we then eat (and drink) in the presence of God.

E. **This is the true and eternal sacrifice and the true and eternal worship.**

VII. Now today many might leave church thinking “well I guess it was okay, but I didn’t really **feel** it,” the priest was fine, I like going to this church, but **not** that church because the priest is kind of **boring**, the music is okay here but not **over there**.

A. Consider a 1<sup>st</sup> century Jew? He prayed in the synagogue on Saturday, but at Passover he would go to the Temple to worship. Here’s how it went: he’d go to Jerusalem, take a 1 year-old, spotless male lamb. It live in his house for 1 week and he would come to love it. **It would even eat from his table.**

B. He’d then take the lamb, carry it around his neck, and take it to the Temple, where there was a chest high wall, the priest would give the family father a knife to slit its throat (it is the least painful and quickest way to kill the lamb), the priest would catch the blood in bowls/chalices which would be passed successively to other priests down an “assembly line” until it was poured out on the altar; now the sacrifice was not complete until the final priest poured out the blood on the altar. Then the father would take the lamb, skin it, clean

it, bring it home, roast it, and the family would eat it that night.

C. Suppose a young Jew were to say to his mom or dad after coming home that night, that "I didn't really feel anything at worship today, I didn't feel anything about sacrifice or prayer today," they would look at him and say "so, what was it about? About you? **OR** Was it about giving a sacrifice to God?"

D. But that's like you and me. IF we say oh I didn't get anything out of Mass, then that means is all about me, **unless the Mass is about worship.**

E. The altar is the place where we come not to get something, but to give something - to worship. **UNLESS religion is about worship - we come not to watch but to actually worship.** Because the **heart of religion is worship and the heart of worship is about sacrifice.**

VIII. Our problem is that we are so conditioned to watch (like watching the sports and being entertained, if it's no good, then we're not entertained, and it **WAS** no good). So we begin to base the value of worship about what we got, and how we were entertained.

A. There is a megachurch in Chicago, where 20,000 persons attend there every Sunday. One day Father Mike was shuttled by a Catholic couple past the church, where the wife said that before and while they were dating, she went to that church and that she learned so much about Jesus. Eventually, while they were dating, they agreed that she'd go to a Catholic Mass, if he would go to church with her.

B. After attending her service she's thinking to herself, **YES** she totally won! So she asked him what did he think about the service? He said, that was **INCREDIBLE**. The music was like being at a U2 concert - it was **AMAZING**, the light show with the smoke was **AWESOME**, and finally the pastor, who preached, was really engaging and I loved it a lot, but I just have one question, .... and she said what's that? ... **When do you worship?**

C. She said: what are you talking about? He said: well we sang some songs and



prayed, I learned some things about God, but when do you stop and actually let it be about Him? ... When do you worship? ... Because the heart of religion is worship? The heart of worship is sacrifice. Where's the sacrifice? The place of sacrifice is an altar. In a church without an altar there is no sacrifice. If there is no sacrifice, then there is no worship.

IX. So if we as Catholics come to church, regardless of how we feeling, if we engage, if we do not just watch, but if we worship, we approach the altar and then we worship. We want to love the Lord our God with everything we have and everything we are. Okay, so let's worship Him, and everything will change. Let's come to the altar and everything will change. Everyone **HERE** wants to do what God wants, so let's worship Him.

X. Last thing from Father Mike - In a letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28, the author says "Jesus doesn't have to offer a sacrifice again and again, "He offered it once for all."

- A. Question for you Bible scholars. When did Jesus **offer Himself**? He did it **once for all, when he offered Himself**. But **WHEN** did He do this? ...
- B. He did it in 2 places in 2 ways, **BUT** only one time. Yes, He did it on Calvary on the cross - that **IS** correct. But where did Jesus actually say the words: I offer Myself as a sacrifice. **At the Last Supper!** He said: friends, take this all of you and eat of it, this is my body offered for you, given for you (a sacrifice), take this all of you and drink of it for this is my blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you.
- C. Then Jesus says these powerful words, **DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME!** Jesus made it so clear - **ABSOLUTELY SO CLEAR**. Here's how I want you to worship me: offer up the sacrifice, **offer up me**. Sacrifice offered once for all, blood poured out, body given over. So does it matter how we feel that determines our worship?
- D. After the homily you know the next part of the Mass is where we stand up and say the Creed (and that's is who we are worshiping), and then we have the Offertory - and generally for many the Offertory is the time when they typically check out - it's intermission time. **BUT IT'S NOT!** The Offertory is the time that we metaphorically place the lamb around our

shoulders and we carry it to the temple. Whenever you go the Offertory, just imagine that's the moment you have "this lamb around your shoulders," this thing that you have lived with, the thing that is valuable, this thing that is precious, this thing that you are going to sacrifice and bring to the Lord. That you are going to bring and worship. So the question for each of us is: what will we bring to the altar at our next Mass? What valuable and precious gifts can we offer up to our Lord - ourselves, our spouse, our children, grandchildren, our time, treasure, our talent? What will we offer up?