



## MEETING: 2 FEB 2023

**Council was called to order at:** 6:35 pm by GK Robb McBurney

**Prayer was offered by:** GK 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.

**Faith Director Report:** by Dan Wagner (see attached)

### **The Grand Knight reported as follows:**

- Robb thanked everyone for helping clean out the Blossom St house last meeting. We will move back in after the renovations in 3 months.
- The passing of Donnie Cooper and his funeral were mentioned. We intend to have a Mass said for him – Dan will take care of this.
- BBQ sales are underway. Last weekend's sales were good. Robert Startz has spearheaded this effort and needs help, especially as Robb will be out of town this weekend and can't help. We are asked to volunteer with Robert at whatever Mass we attend. This is a large fundraiser for us and was asked for by Msgr. Harris so help is greatly appreciated. There is a QR code for online ordering we which can give to people. Cooking will be all day Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> - help is welcome beginning at 9AM. Dan believes the QR code site, especially from a phone, is very cumbersome. Alternatives are to use the card reader (needing an app and an account) or using PayPal directly. Most people have cards (rather than cash or check) so it's important to be able to easily take card payments. Help is also needed to distribute on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> after Masses.
- We will not have a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper this year.
- Soup suppers will resume after Friday Mass in Lent. We've been asked to provide soup for March 3. We need setup at around 4PM. The supper is after 5:30 Stations and 6:00 Mass. A cleanup crew is needed as well. We need 10-12 crockpots of soup. Bread and beverages are also needed and are provided by other volunteers normally, but we need to be prepared to bring these items if needed. Robb and Dan will check with the parish on this. Robb will send out an online signup form for us to volunteer soups.
- The youth free throw challenge will be on Feb. 26, volunteers are needed. This is a Sunday afternoon – times TBD.
- We've been requested to help with the PTO fundraiser for Cardinal Newman. We are not sure at this time what we will do for a fundraiser, but bartenders are needed. The theme is "Savannah Nights" and will be held on April 1. Details will be provided at the next meeting. Proceeds are used for various purposes, such as field trips, teacher supplies, extra educational events, etc.
- Robb will attend the Grand Knights meeting this Saturday at St. John Neumann.

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

- Checking balance: \$8,075.78
- Savings balance: \$7,106.03
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$2,183.25
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$2,537.00
- Dan asked if it might be time to invest some of our savings now that CD rates are rising. He asked the Trustees for advice on this. Robbie said we previously kept \$5,000 in a CD and that we might take this money from savings.
- An audit is due by 2/15. The Trustees need to decide when to conduct the audit.

**Membership Report:** by Dave McGlaughlin

- John Ryan is transferring to our council.
- Charles Kennedy is a prospective candidate – Dave will meet with him this weekend.



- We received a volunteer form from a parishioner (female) who has a “permanent live-in partner” that expressed interest in becoming a Knight. We are not sure if this situation would prevent the gentleman from joining. We have a question pending with Fr. Miles, the Judicial Vicar. We want to be kind and pastoral about this but also need to uphold Church teachings.

#### **Youth Report:**

- n/a

#### **Pro-Life Report:** by Robb McBurney

- Robb recognized Tom Militello for bringing two tables of youth to the pro-life dinner, and several Knights, including Rick Gleissner, who attended the SC March for Life.
- Holly Gatling has asked us to send letters to committee members who are putting together legislation to restore the fetal heartbeat bill. Robb will send a link.

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

- The First Responder’s dinner was very successful. Robbie thanked the Seawells and Grecian Gardens for help with the food. Several Knights helped and were thanked.
- Robbie thanked several Knights, including Tom Militello for help with the Soldiers’ Dinner in December.

#### **Trustees’ Report:**

- n/a

#### **The Insurance Agent reported as follows:**

- n/a

#### **The District Deputy reported as follows:**

- n/a

#### **Chaplain’s Message:**

- n/a

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

- n/a

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

- Rick Gleissner informed us that SVdP has 19 pork shoulders they don’t know how to distribute and offered to sell or donate some to us for the Super Bowl BBQ. Robb will talk with him about this.

#### **Lecture Reflection:** by Bob Nerbun (see attached)

#### **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, Jim Corbett, the Faithful Navigator of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

**Closing prayer was offered by:** Robb McBurney at 7:45pm.

Attest,  
*Mitch Michaelis*  
Mitch Michaelis  
Recorder

Knights of Columbus Council #12554  
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## Faith Director's Report

Ordinary Time ends and Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

- February 3: First Friday  
St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr / Blessing of Throats (Mass: 7:30 AM)
- February 4: First Saturday (Mass: 8:30 AM)
- February 5: Annual Scout Mass (12:15 PM)  
Bishop's Scout Convocation (2:00 PM)
- February 10: Annual Senior Mass (11:30 AM) and Luncheon (after Mass)
- February 20: Confirmation (4:00 PM)
- February 22: Ash Wednesday, *day of fast and abstinence*  
Masses: 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM
- February 24: Friday of Lent *day of abstinence*  
Stations (5:30 PM), Mass (6:00 PM), Simple Soup Supper (after Mass)
- February 26: First Sunday of Lent  
Vespers (3:30 PM)

**On days of fast**, (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday) one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.

**On days of abstinence**, (Fridays of Lent) meat and poultry (i.e. warm-blooded animals) should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

Please consider joining our Ministry of Hospitality: Greeters & Ushers

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## Financial Secretary's Report

### Monthly Report

#### Receipts:

1. Dues (30 members)	\$1,051.50
2. State Charity Drive	\$ 360.00
3. "Round-Up"	\$ 102.50
4. BBQ Sales	\$ 889.00
5. BBQ Donations	\$ 134.00

**TOTAL** -----  
**\$2,537.00**

#### Vouchers:

1. K of C Supreme Council ( <i>per capita</i> )	\$ 222.00
2. Dan Wagner (State <i>per capita</i> )	\$ 211.25
3. Justin Damask (seminarian support)	\$ 250.00
4. St. Joseph Capital Campaign (annual support)	\$1,500.00

**TOTAL** -----  
**\$2,183.25**

**February 2023 Lecture to the K of C Council 12554 - Blessed Mary Ever Virgin and the Mother of God**      The following is based on Day 313 of The Bible in a Year (2022) with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Bible verses come from the Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (RSVCE) This lecture covers two dogmas concerning Mary and some exegesis of Scripture that supports these dogmas - Perpetual Virginity of Mary and Mary the Mother of God.

### **The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

#### **Luke, Chapter 1:26-44**

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" 35 And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. 36 And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

#### **Mary Visits Elizabeth**

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth

heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”

## **Luke, Chapter 2:1-7**

### **The Birth of Jesus**

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. 2 This was the first enrollment, when Quirin i-us was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. 7 And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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1. Why would Mary be PERPETUALLY a virgin - the phrase Blessed Mary EVER Virgin is contained in the Confiteor and in one of our Eucharistic prayers at Mass? Let us begin with an unusual place - the phrase “her first-born son.” According to Father Mike, the biblical phrase “brothers” of Jesus comes from the Greek word meaning brethren or relatives (kin) like Abraham and Lot (uncle and nephew) or James the “brother” of Jesus (cousins). **That** Jesus is the ONLY son of Mary is an ancient tradition dating back to apostolic times. **That** she gave birth to her first-born son does not imply that she had other children or that she ever had relations with her spouse Joseph, before or after the birth of Jesus. **Additionally**, being perpetually a virgin means that her vagina was never opened either before, or after the birth of Jesus of sexual intimacy with Joseph. **And that** Mary gave birth to Jesus as he passed through her body, in the same manner that he passed through the closed doors to the upper room after his resurrection.

2. Mary is also the ark of the New Covenant

**What was IN the ark of the Old Covenant?** (~~physically this ark was to be made of Acacia wood and coated entirely with gold. Its dimensions were 3.9 feet long and 2.3 feet wide and tall, and along its top edge was a king's crown fashioned in solid gold.~~) This Ark contained: **(1)** the manna (the bread from heaven which sustained the Israelites on their long journey to the Promised Land), **(2)** the commandments (a.k.a., the WORD of God), and **(3)** Aaron's staff (the symbol of the priesthood).

**What was inside Mary?** Jesus. And who is Jesus? He is: **(1)** the true bread that came down from heaven (to sustain us on our journey to our heavenly reward), **(2)** the WORD of God made flesh, and **(3)** He is the great High Priest. Thus, in the womb of Mary we see the fulfillment of those three "artifacts" in Ark of the Old Covenant.

Remember, the scripture maximum: the Old Testament is revealed in the "New," and the New Testament is hidden in the "Old."

3. Now consider the reference **to Mary** in the Book of Revelation in Chapters 11-12.

John the Beloved looks into heaven and sees the ark of the (old) covenant that Jeremiah took and hid due to the advance of the Philistine army. Then John says of his visions: "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; ..." Later he says: "And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery." What does "giving birth to a son mean?" It could mean the Church giving birth to Christians who are sons of the Father through Baptism **OR** it could also mean Mary giving birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Father Mike opines that the ark then simultaneously "morphs" (as in a dream) into the woman clothed with the sun, where "Mary: gives birth to the son ... the Messiah, Jesus. Father Mike concedes that this is a stretch, but here's the next thing.

4. Consider Luke's gospel, Chapter 1, verse 39, "Mary arose and went ... into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah." This is remarkable,

because the Book of Samuel tells of the loss of the ark of the old covenant to the Philistines, and how it was eventually brought to the city of Jerusalem by King David. How was this done? He went into the hill country of Judah to seek the ark, and in doing so says words similar to those which Elizabeth says upon seeing Mary? **David** says, “How can the ark of the Lord come to me?” And **Elizabeth** says to Mary, “who am I that the **Mother** should of my Lord (Mary - the Ark of the New Covenant) come to me, ... behold when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy.” And when David was bringing the ark into Jerusalem, what was he doing? He was leaping and dancing (just as perhaps St. John was in Mary’s womb) before the ark. Now one might ask, is this analogy really necessary? Well it is not necessary says Father Mike, but he says it is poetically necessary, and even fitting!

5. So here is the whole story going all the way back to when Moses was leading the Israelites out of Egypt and they made the ark of the covenant, all the way to **this moment here in Luke’s gospel**. Here is the fulfillment of all the promises of God, the fulfillment of the covenant of God, the fulfillment of God’s presence. The ark was where the presence of God would abide. So, what is Mary in the moments she is carrying Jesus in the womb? She is where the presence of God (the Word made flesh) is abiding. So there is something here - a connection, even if different Christian religions might argue about these Catholic beliefs. However as Catholics, these are two things we **MUST** believe - Mary **IS** the Mother of God AND that she is the Blessed Mary **EVER** Virgin - and these are some of the reasons why we believe these realities.

Mystical revelations supportive of these two dogmas can be found in:

1. The Mystical City of God by Venerable Mary of Agreda. (Amazon for \$17 + shipping.)
2. The Refugee from Heaven from writings by Venerable Cora Evans. (\$17 + shipping from The Mystical Humanity of Christ publishing company.)