



**MEETING: 7 DEC 2023**

**Council was called to order at:** 6:35 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.

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

**The Grand Knight reported as follows:**

- The Blossom Street house has been renovated and we have a room to meet in.
- In January we will sponsor a table for the youth at the Proudly Pro-life dinner. We are also asked to provide seats for Fr Frei and Fr Lester. We would like to fund 2 tables. Checks should be made out to the South Carolina Citizens for Life, council 12554 in the note line. We'd like donations in the next week or 10 days. The keynote speaker will be the founder of the Babylon Bee, who should be interesting for the youth.
- There will also be a pro-life march – we are asked to attend and help if possible. We are asked to confirm if we will attend by Christmas. Robb encourages us to attend and to invite others if possible. Our participation will help send a message to our political leaders and encourage our church leaders. We also need numbers as there will be counter-protesters at the event.
- Robb spoke about the Pew report showing that 70% of Catholics in the pews do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He believes that survey was done accurately and encourages all of us to do our part in helping with this problem.
- We have been asked by St. Thomas More to give a date for when we can provide food for a Sunday Supper early in 2024. This is where we feed about 150 college kids that attend Mass and Bible study at the center. Robb asked for date suggestions. We cook/shred BBQ on Saturday (some help needed) and make sides/load/transport/serve on Sunday beginning at around 3PM. Tom suggested Jan 21 as it will get them off to an early start.
- Our food drive collected approximately 3,500 pounds of food for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. We expect about 500 clients/month to be served in the pantry weekly.

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

- Checking balance: \$9,464.76
- Savings balance: \$(no figure given)
- 6 month CD balance: \$(no figure given)
- 9 month CD balance: \$(no figure given)
- 12 month CD balance: \$(no figure given)
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$850.00
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$1,250.26

**Membership Report:** by Dave McGlauffin

- We have a couple of new members with us tonight. Terry McWaters (reinstatement) and Martin Pospisil (transfer.)
- We have a form 100 for Josiah Savoie, an Air Force member. He was at the Biergarten and helped with the event. A number of the council members have met him and speak highly of him. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.
- Another prospective member, Will Hawthorne, was spoken of highly by Rick Gleissner. He helped out with the SVdP food drive. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.
- This brings us to 3 of the 5 new members we need for the year (ends in June) for Star Council.



**Youth Report:** by Tom Militello

- Tom provided decals to support the efforts to increase awareness of the Eucharist and spoke about how the youth are working on spreading awareness.

**Pro-Life Report:** by Tom Militello

- Tom spoke about the Proudly Pro-life dinner and march (see above.)

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

- On 11/12 we there was a flag retirement ceremony with the Columbia Fire Department. The scouts provided 5 boxes of flags to be retired. About 100 flags are burned in a ceremony.
- On 11/19 a turkey dinner was provided for the residents of Christopher Towers. Knights from various councils including ours helped out.
- 12/26 will be the Soldiers' dinner (100 – 150 soldiers) at Our Lady of the Hills. Volunteers are welcome and needed.
- The First Responders dinner will be 1/18 for various groups of First Responders. Volunteers are welcome.
- Robbie made 4<sup>th</sup> degree application forms available.
- The Marines are still in need of toys and items for children 0-4 years old. There is a collection site on Greystone Blvd.

**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:**

- n/a

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

**Knights in Distress:**

- See the Faith Director's report for a list of Sick or Distressed members/family.

**Closing prayer was offered by:** Robb McBurney at 7:30pm.

Attest,  
*Mitch Michaelis*  
Mitch Michaelis  
Recorder

Knights of Columbus Council #12554  
7 December 2023

## Faith Director's Report

We are in the season of Advent! Emmanuel is coming!  
The Season of Christmas begins with the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Dec. 1 (Fri)	First Friday	7:30 AM
Dec. 2 (Sat)	First Saturday	8:30 AM
Dec. 2/3	1st Sunday of Advent	regular Mass schedule
Dec. 8 (Fri)	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	7:30, (9:00 school) AM, 12:15, 6:00 PM
Dec. 9/10	2nd Sunday of Advent	regular Mass schedule
Dec. 12 (Tue)	OL Guadalupe CNS Choir Concert	7:30 AM Mass (i.e regular daily Mass) (7:00 PM Church)
Dec. 13 (Wed)	School Christmas Program	(6:30 PM Gym)
Dec. 16	Rorate Mass	6:30 AM
Dec. 16/17	3rd Sunday of Advent	regular Mass schedule
Dec. 17	Adult Choir <i>Messiah</i>	(4:00 PM Church)
Dec. 23/24	4th Sunday of Advent	regular Mass schedule
Dec 24 (Sun)	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4:00, 4:15 (Gym), 6:30, 10:00 PM
Dec. 25 (Mon)	<b>Christmas Day</b>	9:00, 11:00 AM
Dec 26 (Tue)	Feast of St. Stephen Soldier's Dinner	No Mass, No Adoration Our Lady of the Hills
Dec. 30/31	Holy Family Sunday	regular Mass schedule
Dec. 31 (Sun)	Vigil MMoG*	6:00 PM
Jan. 1 (Mon)	Mary, Mother of God*	10:00 AM

**Adoration**, in the Adoration Room, on Tuesdays following morning Mass (8:00 AM – 12:00 noon); **Benediction** at 12:15 PM.

### NOTES:

On Saturdays Dec 9, 16 and 23 Confessions will begin one hour earlier (i.e. 3-5 PM)

No Adoration/Benediction on Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed on Fri., 12/8

Church Office Closes at 12:30 PM on Thurs., 12/21 and reopens at 8:30 AM on Wed., 12/27

Church Office Closes at 12:30 PM on Fri., 12/29 and reopens at 8:30 AM on Tues., 1/2

\* Holy Day Obligation abrogated (lifted) for Mary, the Mother of God.

## January 2023 – A Look Ahead

Jan 5 (Fri)	First Friday	7:30 AM
Jan 6 (Sat)	First Saturday	8:30 AM
Jan 6/7	Epiphany	regular Mass schedule
	Farewell to Fr. Frei	after all Masses
Jan 8 (Mon)	Baptism of the Lord	Mass at 7:30 AM (extra Mass)

### Sick or Distressed Members

Bernie Corbett (brother of Jim Corbett)  
Ron Childress  
Jim Corbett  
Laddy Gatling  
Bill Jones  
Legare Kopack (widow of FGK Sam Kopack)  
James Kinard  
Mitch Michaelis  
Bob Nerbun  
Paul Osemene  
Frank Toth  
Terry McWaters

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## Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

1. Biergarten Sales (online)	\$1,250.26
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,250.26</b>

Vouchers:

1. Robb McBurney (gift from Council for Mindy)	\$ 100.00
2. Justin Damask (Seminarian)	\$ 250.00
3. Pack 100 (annual support)	\$ 500.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 850.00</b>

NOTE:

2023 Bier Garten Analysis	
TOTAL NET	\$ 2,573.49



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\$ 100 Robb McB  
\$ 250 Semu Justin Damask  
\$ 500 Pack 100

\$ 2,500 Budget  
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Statement Beginning Balance	\$7,880.20
Plus: Deposits and Other Credits	\$0.00
Less: Checks and Other Debits	\$1,915.44
Statement Balance As Of: 12/07/2023	\$6,068.76

Transactions By Date

Checks Cleared

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
10/19/2023	847 CHECK	\$103.70		\$7,880.50
11/6/2023	848 CHECK	\$910.00		\$6,970.50
11/6/2023	849 CHECK	\$196.59		\$6,773.91
11/10/2023	850 CHECK	\$66.64		\$6,707.27
11/14/2023	852 CHECK	\$138.51		\$6,568.76
11/30/2023	851 CHECK	\$500.00		\$6,068.76

Check Transactions

Number	Date	Amount
847	10/19/2023	\$103.70
848	11/6/2023	\$910.00
849	11/6/2023	\$196.59
850	11/10/2023	\$66.64
851	11/30/2023	\$500.00
852	11/14/2023	\$138.51

\$ 1,925.44  
Checks Cleared

Deposits

\$ 41.00  
70.00  
500.00  
1,250.00  
1,535.00

\$ 3,396.00

Check Balance \$ 6,068.76  
Deposits 3,396.00  
Total \$ 9,464.76

CD Balances (1, 2, 3)

## **December 2023 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 -**

December 8<sup>th</sup> Second Reading from the Office of Readings, A sermon by St Anselm, quote:

O Virgin, by whose blessing all nature is blessed!

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night – everything that is subject to the power or use of man – rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God.

The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God himself, its Creator, it sees him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before his life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Saviour of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.

Prayer:

Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord; for His love is great.

And for and with Mary from this day forward all generations will call her blessed.