



MEETING: 4 JAN 2024

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: Previous minutes have not yet been posted to the web site

Faith Director Report: by Dan Wagner (see attached)

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Robb thanks the members for sponsoring two tables at the proudly pro-life dinner.
- We are all encouraged to attend the pro-life march and rally on Saturday. It will be held rain or shine, at 11AM at the Russell House.
- January 21 will be the next Sunday supper we will sponsor at St. Thomas More. A few people are needed for cooking on Saturday afternoon. More help is needed starting at 3 on Sunday for loading, transporting, setting up and serving after the 5:15 Mass. We expect to feed about 150 students. The menu will be BBQ, beans, cole slaw and a dessert.
- February 13 is Shrove Tuesday and we are confident that we will be hosting a pancake supper for the parish.
- The February meeting will be moved to February 8, due to a parish event the previous Thursday and the GK workshop the previous weekend.
- Robb noted the support he has received from this council, other councils and the parish on the death of his mother. He expressed his appreciation.
- We will sponsor one of the Friday Lenten soup suppers this Lent. A suggestion has been made for ministries to partner. If we partner with the Youth, it will be on 2/23. Otherwise, we have a choice of dates. We decided to partner with the youth on the 23rd with an option to help another Friday if needed.

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

- Checking balance: \$8,464.76
- New checking balance: \$500.00
- Savings balance: \$1,107.51
- 6 month CD balance: \$2,050.61
- 9 month CD balance: \$2,043.07
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,045.79
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$342.34
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$43.50
- Dues letters have not yet gone out due to our not receiving the State Charity tickets yet.
- We will receive a letter with a dues statement and a form to report our service hours for the year.
- Our bank documents had the wrong names and were the wrong type of account (personal, not business.) We moved \$500 from our checking account to a new business checking account with the proper names. This will prevent problems with the IRS. As some point in the future, once papers have been signed and the new checking account is active, we will transfer to using the new checking account. There will be some fees (new checks, etc.) related to the new account which will be reported on in a future meeting.

Membership Report: by Dave McGlaulin

- There are no new members to vote on this month.
- We are looking to do an exemplification for the three new members from last month.
- Dave is trying to put together some documentation for the new member process.
- Dave presented a new form 100 tonight. We also have several others at different parts of the process.

Youth Report: by Tom Militello (see attached)



- Due to the generosity of the council members, we were able to sponsor the Proudly Pro-life tables without spending the \$250 in our budget for pro-life. This money can be spent later on other pro-life activities.

Pro-Life Report: n/a

Report of Fourth Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

- On 12/26, the Soldier's Dinner was held at Our Lady of the Hills. More soldiers than expected came (~175) as well as about 60 volunteers. Robbie said it was a very good event and appreciated by the soldiers. Volunteers are welcome – contact Robbie if interested.
- On January 17 there will be a First Responders' dinner at the 4th Degree Hall (1623 Marion St.)

Trustees' Report: n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- n/a

Chaplain's Message: by Fr. Christopher

- Fr. Christopher Lester introduced himself and gave a short biography. He is a 4th degree Knight.
- Fr. urged us to begin to prepare for Lent and discern what we should do to grow in the Lord this Lent.

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- n/a

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Dan Wagner made a motion to pay an unbudgeted expense to reimburse him for flowers sent to the funeral of Robb's mother. The motion passed and Robb thanked Dan and the council for the gesture.

Lecture Reflection: by Bob Nerbun (see attached)

Knights in Distress: see attached (in the Faith Director's Report)

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

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder

Knights of Columbus Council #12554
4 January 2024

Faith Director's Report

Merry Christmas!

The Season of Christmas ends after the Baptism of the Lord, January 8.

Jan 1 (Mon)	Mary, Mother of God
Jan 4 (Thu)	Monthly Business Meeting (6:30 PM)
Jan 5 (Fri)	First Friday 7:30 AM
Jan 6 (Sat)	First Saturday 8:30 AM
Jan 6/7	The Epiphany of the Lord – Fr. Frei says all Masses Farewell to Fr. Frei after all Masses
Jan 8 (Mon)	The Baptism of the Lord Mass at 7:30 AM – Fr. Frei's last Mass at St. Joseph.
Jan 14 (Sun)	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 15 (Mon)	MLK, Jr. Holiday – Office Closed Mass at 7:30 AM
Jan 15-18	Priest Convocation – No Masses, No Adoration
Jan 21 (Sun)	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 24 (Wed)	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Our Co-Patron)
Jan 28 (Sun)	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

NOTES:

No Adoration/Benediction on Tuesday, January 16
Church Office Closed on Mon., Jan 15

February 2023 – A Look Ahead

Feb 1 (Thu)	An Evening with Immaculée Ilibagiza: 7:00 PM information and reserve seats at: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/immaculee
Feb 2 (Fri)	First Friday 7:30 AM
Feb 3 (Sat)	First Saturday 8:30 AM
Feb 3/4	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb 8 (Thu)	Monthly Business Meeting (6:30 PM)
Feb 13 (Tue)	Shrove Tuesday – Parish Pancake Supper
Feb 14 (Wed)	Ash Wednesday 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM

Sick or Distressed Members

Bernie Corbett (brother of Jim Corbett)

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



Good afternoon,
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Deposits

I'll explain

TD BUSINESS CONVENIENCE PLUS
x3606

\$500.00 >

TD CONVENIENCE CHECKING
x9128

\$8,464.76 >

BUSINESS SAVINGS
x8694

\$1,107.51 >

BUSINESS 6 MONTH CD
x8147

\$2,050.61 >

BUSINESS 9 MONTH CD
x7238

\$2,043.07 >

BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD
x7436

\$2,045.79 >

Total

\$16,211.74

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Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

1. Assessment: Fees (McWaters, Readmission0	\$ 7.50
2. Assessment: Dues (2024) – 1 member	\$ 36.00

TOTAL	\$ 43.50

Vouchers:

3. Dan Wagner (flowers for funeral of Patricia McBurney)*	\$ 90.46
4. K of C Supreme Council (<i>per capita</i> (1/2 year))	\$ 218.00
5. Dan Wagner (supplies)	\$ 33.88

TOTAL	\$ 342.34

* this is an unbudgeted expense and must be approved by a motion and vote.

From: Tom Militello <tom.militello@gmail.com>
Date: January 4, 2024 at 6:24:23 PM EST
Subject: KoC Youth Report - 01/04/23

Worthy Grand Knight,

I will not be able to attend tonight's business meeting due to obligations at work, however, I do wish to provide a brief report from the Office Of Youth Ministry.

On behalf of the youth and youth leaders, we wish to thank KoC Council 12554 for their sponsorship of the the Proudly Pro-Life Dinner to be held tomorrow at the Columbia Convention Center. We were once again very blessed by the generous donation of the council members and were able to secure two tables / two Gold Sponsorships. In addition, six of our youth will be serving in volunteer roles throughout the evening. We are grateful for the support of the Knights and their families.

Leading up to Christmas Day our youth also raised donations to support the Missionaries of Charity in Monroe, NC.

On Christmas Wednesday the Youth Group went bowling with Father Christopher.

Last night at our weekly Youth Group Meeting, Father Frei blessed the Blossom House and three of our boys served as the Three Wise Men during the blessing. If you look closely on the doorway to the youth section of the Blossom House you will see the markings 20 + C + B + M + 24. Please know that the entire house was blessed with Holy Water including the room you are sitting in now.

Our next big event will be the Souper Bowl of Caring, which has been conducted by the Youth Group since 1994.

We will also be assisting on February 11th with the Community Sunday and are looking for a partner group on February 23 for the Soup Supper. Perhaps the KoC would like to partner with us.

With the permission of the Worthy Grand Knight I will invite our senior youth to participate in the upcoming dinner at USC.

Thank you for reading this letter from me.

Faithfully,
To Militello

January 2024 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 - Mary and the Church (our Mothers) from the Office of Readings 2023, anonymous author

The Son of God is the first-born of many brothers. Although by nature he is the only-begotten, by grace he has joined many to himself and made them one with him. For to those who receive him he has given the power to become the sons of God.

He became the Son of man and made many men sons of God, uniting them to himself by his love and power, so that they became as one. In themselves they are many by reason of their human descent, but in him they are one by divine rebirth.

The whole Christ and the unique Christ – the body and the head – are one: one because born of the same God in heaven, and of the same mother on earth. They are many sons, yet one son. Head and members are one son, yet many sons; in the same way, Mary and the Church are one mother, yet more than one mother; one virgin, yet more than one virgin.

Both are mothers, both are virgins. Each conceives of the same Spirit, without concupiscence. Each gives birth to a child of God the Father, without sin. Without any sin, Mary gave birth to Christ the head for the sake of his body. By the forgiveness of every sin, the Church gave birth to the body, for the sake of its head. Each is Christ's mother, but neither gives birth to the whole Christ without the cooperation of the other.

In the inspired Scriptures, what is said in a universal sense of the virgin mother, the Church, is understood in an individual sense of the Virgin Mary, and what is said in a particular sense of the virgin mother Mary is rightly understood in a general sense of the virgin mother, the Church. When either is spoken of, the meaning can be understood of both, almost without qualification.

In a way, every Christian is also believed to be a bride of God's Word, a mother of Christ, his daughter and sister, at once virginal and fruitful. These words are used in a universal sense of the Church, in a special sense of Mary, in a particular sense of the individual Christian. They are used by God's Wisdom in person, the Word of the Father.

This is why Scripture says: I will dwell in the inheritance of the Lord. The Lord's inheritance is, in a general sense, the Church; in a special sense, Mary; in an individual sense, the Christian.

Christ dwelt for nine months in the tabernacle of Mary's womb. He dwells until the end of the ages in the tabernacle of the Church's faith. He will dwell forever in the knowledge and love of each faithful soul.

Responsory.

R. I will set up my dwelling among you, and I will not cast you off.* I will live in your midst; I will be your God and you shall be my people.

V. You are the temple of the living God, as God himself has said:* I will live in your midst; I will be your God and you shall be my people.

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything! (10x)

Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you I always want to belong completely to Jesus.

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything! (10x)

Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you I always want to belong completely to Jesus. ext Sunday. Wow! That is great.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

let the splendor of your glory dawn in our hearts. May the coming of your only Son dispel all darkness and reveal that we are children of light. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen