

Knights of Columbus Council #12554  
Minutes of Business Meeting  
April 4, 2024

The Meeting, held in the Knight's Rooms in the Blossom Street House, was called to order by the GK at 6:35 PM.

**Opening**

- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the Minutes of the March 2024 Business Meeting (approved as distributed)

**Faith Director's Report**

- Attached.

**Grand Knight's Report**

- Thanks to all who helped with the St. Joseph Feast Day Event
- Thanks to all who helped with Holy Week Masses
- Will Attend the State Convention
- Next Event will be distributing Carnations for Mother's Day
- Introduced new District Deputy: David Perez

**District Deputy's Report** (out of order)

- Brought Greetings from State & Supreme Deputies
- Gave Personal Background: married with 8 children, Veteran, a PA who works at Dorn VA Hospital
- Encouraged Members to take advantage of Fraternal Benefits
- Email: [davidperezpa@yahoo.com](mailto:davidperezpa@yahoo.com)
- Cell: (813) 317-3491

**Financial Secretary Report**

- Attached.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Attached.
- Balance all accounts: \$16,997.42

**Membership Director's Report**

Excused; GK gave report

- Will Hawthorne had his exemplification
- Application for Dr. Eugene Callahan read. Approved.

### **Report of the Fourth Degree**

- Brought Easter Greetings from Bishop England Assembly 1072
- Reviewed 3 Major Functions recently hosted by the Assembly
- Upcoming Event: Flag Day – June 14 – Flag Retirement ceremony

### **Field Agent Report**

Excused, GK gave report

- Recruiting Field Agents – Webinar for those interested April 16 & 24 – see GK for details

### **Lecturer's Reflection**

- Attached.

### **Good of the Order – Members in Distress – Closing Prayer**

- FS gave an update on Worthy Warden Ron Childress
- Members in Distress – see attached list
- Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney

### **Adjournment**

- 7:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Wagner, FS & FD

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## Faith Director's Report

Alleluia! He is Risen!

We are in the season and octave of Easter.

Easter season ends with Vespers on Pentecost, May 19.

This week we said farewell to Fr. Christopher Loester.

Apr 4 (Thu)	<b>Monthly Business Meeting</b> 6:30 PM
Apr 5/6	Diocesan Eucharistic Revival/Congress K of C 103 <sup>rd</sup> Annual State Convention - Spartanburg
Apr 5 (Fri)	First Friday – Mass 7:30 AM Diocesan Eucharistic Revival – “About Town” Dr. Edward Sri, 7:00 PM, Gym (seating is first come, first served) <i>-- there are other Eucharistic Congress events about town on Friday</i>
Apr 6 (Sat)	First Saturday – Mass 8:30 AM Diocesan Eucharistic Congress – Main Event Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM (ticketed even)
Apr 6/7	Divine Mercy Sunday I Care, I Share Food Drive (St. Vincent de Paul Society) <i>Help needed before all Masses to receive donations from Easter Food Drive</i>
Apr 7	Conclusion of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena 2:00 PM Adoration 3:00 PM Devotion
Apr 12 (Fri)	Senior Life Lunch & Learn: Cyber Security (12:00 noon)

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

May 2023 – A Look Ahead

May 2 (Thu)	<b>Monthly Business Meeting</b> 6:30 PM
May 3 (Fri)	First Friday – Mass 7:30 AM
May 4 (Sat)	First Saturday – Mass 8:30 AM First Holy Communion: 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

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## Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

1. Assessment: Dues – 4 members	\$ 144.00
2. State Charity Drive	140.00
3. “Round-Up” Unrestricted Donations	38.00

**TOTAL** -----  
\$ 322.00

Vouchers:

1. Liability Insurance (State Council – pay Dan Wagner)	\$ 145.86
2. State Charity Drive (State Council – pay Dan Wagner)	640.00
3. Bonding FS & T (K of C Supreme Council)	70.00

**TOTAL** -----  
\$ 855.86

April 4, 2021  
Taxesolver's  
Report

TO Bank

TD Business Convenience Plus \$ 9,366.<sup>01</sup>

TD Convenience Checking \$ 322.<sup>00</sup>

Savings \$ 1,107.<sup>65</sup>

\* 6 mth CD \$ 2,072.<sup>37</sup>

12 mth CD \$ 2,065.<sup>09</sup>

12 mth CD \$ 2,063.<sup>81</sup>

Total

\$ 16,997.<sup>42</sup>

Sick or Distressed Members

Ron Childress

Bernie Corbett (brother of PGK Jim Corbett)

PGK 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

Bob McBurney (father of GK Robb McBurney)

*George Labonne -  
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**April 2024 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 - Drinking the Blood of Christ - Palm Sunday 2024, what follows is a paraphrased homily given by Bishop Barron:**

From Jeremiah 31:3-34 we read, “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, ... But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, says the Lord. I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Now let us think of the many covenants God made with mankind beginning with Adam (the tree of Good and evil). After Adam, then Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. These covenants were not contracts - each was always meant as a mechanism for God to say, I will be your God, and for each of us to say, You will be my God. That is to say, that God would be loyal and faithful to us, His people; and we, His people, would be loyal and faithful to Him. Yet we know that these covenants were violated, hence God in His mercy reached out to mankind after times of tribulation again and again, saying, I will make a new covenant, and beginning with Abraham these new covenants were sealed with a blood sacrifice - the blood of animals.

As examples, Abraham had the 2 halves of the various animals. The covenant signified may this happen to me if I violate this covenant. Then Moses had a great number of sacrificed animals with their blood first splashed on the altar, and then on the people. Note the exchange of blood. This might cause us to think of the more modern day act of becoming “blood brothers” and the blending of blood - a type of blood bond. Also think of David’s covenant which was sealed by the blood of thousands of animals. Finally, with Aaron on the Day of Anointment Israelite priests placed the blood of lambs on a scapegoat with the rest of the blood sprinkled on an altar and on the people.

As we know, these often made covenants were just as often breached. And Jeremiah knew all about these old covenants of blood sacrifices and of their breaches. Thus in Jeremiah 31:31 and the following he says “the days coming when I will make a **New Covenant** with the house of Israel - it will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers before them, but I will place my law within them, and write it on their hearts and they will be my people, and I will be their God.”

Note with each of these previous covenants the law God’s covenant was external to the people - blood sprinkled upon them. But here God says, now I will write this law within them on their

hearts - inside of them not external - and they will be my people. With this reading our Church wants us to meditate on Jeremiah so as to recall that 600 years later at a Passover supper hosted by a young rabbi and his 12 disciples, Jesus will say over the Passover bread, "this is my body given for you" and over the **second** cup says "this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for the forgiveness of sins." Emphatically, Bishop Barron states in his homily that "nobody hearing him at that table that night would have missed the reference to Jeremiah 31:31 and the NEW Covenant predicted by Jeremiah."

Barron points out, that this is the ultimate sharing of blood between God and His Holy people, because He is offering His own blood for them to drink. And Barron asks us to remember that Moses splashed the blood on the people, and Aaron as High Priest on Yom Kippur indeed splashed the blood symbolically on his people. Barron then says, "What's happening here is God Himself, He is offering His life blood for His people to drink; to take into themselves; and to become their life. What Jesus of Nazareth is saying here implicitly to His disciples is that Jeremiah 31:31 is NOW in their hearing fulfilled."

Where does this lead us asks Barron, "where does the law of God go now as the church drinks the blood of Christ? It's not out there somewhere written on stone tablets, it's not just there as a moral challenge. Jesus is himself the law of God. Jesus himself is the Torah made flesh. Therefore when we drink his blood, God is writing His law upon our hearts. Everything anticipated in the Old Testament - a history of covenant, everything that Jeremiah foresaw is fulfilled at the Last Supper and is fulfilled with the pouring out of the blood of Christ." Barron points out that he often has said that, "the whole purpose of covenant, law, temple, prophesy, and everything was to bring divinity and humanity together." Then he asks, "So who is Jesus?" And he answers by saying, "He is **in His person**, the coming together of divinity and humanity. He is the **covenant in person**. So when each of us eats his body and drinks his blood, the covenant comes inside of each of us, and **the law is written on our own heart**."

Baron's homily begins "wind down" as he moves from Jeremiah 31:31 (and the following) to the Last Supper, and then to every time we attend Mass. About the Mass he points out that some may say, "Oh, the Mass is a nice time to get together, to celebrate our community, to hear the word of God, to sing together." But he makes the point, "yea, great, but that is not the heart of it, that's not the heart of the Mass. What is the heart of the Mass? Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. And then one by one, each of us comes forward to eat and drink the body and blood of Jesus. Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of



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Bishop Barron passionately ends his homily by saying, “It comes true for each of us every single time each of we comes forward to eat and drink the body and blood of Jesus. The Lord is writing His law, his covenant upon our hearts. Do I want to be happy? Do I want to find the point, my purpose in life? Then I should come to Jesus and stay with Him, eat His body and drink His blood, bring His law literally inside my body, and in that God’s faithful revelation comes to its fulfillment.”