



## MEETING: 2 MAY 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:** 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:**

- Mothers' Day weekend (weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): we will be handing out carnations after each Mass to the moms of the parish. We should look for Robb, who will make sure all doors are covered.
- Robb thanked those who responded to the call to be officers for the upcoming year. The slate of officers was handed out (see attached) and we will vote on June 6. We need a quorum for this meeting.
- We expect to skip the July council meeting and expect to have an installation of officers sometime in June or July.

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

- Checking balance: \$(bank statement not received)
- Old checking balance: \$(bank statement not received)
- Savings balance: \$(bank statement not received)
- 6 month CD balance: \$(bank statement not received)
- 9 month CD balance: \$(bank statement not received)
- 12 month CD balance: \$(bank statement not received)
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$0.00
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$36.00
- The 6 month CD is coming up on the rollover date. Robb will handle this.

**Membership Report:** by Dave McGlauffin

- We had an exemplification on 3/9 and inducted Will Hawthorne. Josiah Savoies was not able to make it but we expect him to attend an exemplification in the near future.
- Dave and others met with a prospective new member, Joseph Byrd, and strongly recommend him for membership. The Council voted unanimously to accept him.
- Dave is working with a number of other men who are prospective members.
- We have 3 new members this year and need another 2 to meet our membership quota for the year.

**Youth Report:** n/a

**Pro-Life Report:** n/a

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

- Terry McWaters and Martin Pospisil received their 4<sup>th</sup> degree cards tonight.
- On flag day there will be a flag retirement downtown. Members and Scouts are invited. We have a surplus of flags and have donated some to the American Legion.
- There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification soon. Robbie will provide details for anyone who might want to go.
- There will be an annual audit for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in August. Robbie is working to put materials together.

**Trustees' Report:** n/a



**The Insurance Agent reported as follows:** n/a

**The District Deputy reported as follows:**

- Dave Perez, the District Deputy, attended. He moved to SC in 2017 and works at the VA. He's a physician's assistant.
- Dave reported on the State Convention in Spartanburg. Next year's convention will be in May 2025 in Columbia.
- Dave encourages us to invite men we know to become Knights. "Even Catholic man deserves to become a Knight." He read a message from Patrick Kelly regarding what it means to be a Knight and how we affect the world.

**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:**

- Kevin Rush suggested to Dan and Carolyn Wagner that we might sponsor a chess tournament with the Cub Scouts or Scouts. His previous council in NJ did this. Robb mentioned that there used to be a chess club at the school and that it was very popular.

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

**Knights in Distress:**

- Please keep the following Brothers and family members in your prayers: (see attached)
- Dan thanked everyone who visited Ron Childress, who might be transferred home today.

**Closing prayer was offered by:** Robb McBurney at 7:25pm.

Attest,  
*Mitch Michaelis*  
Mitch Michaelis  
Recorder

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## Faith Director's Report

We are in the Easter season through Pentecost (May 19).  
Ordinary Time begins on Monday, May 20.

May 1	St. Joseph the Worker	
May 2	<b>Council Business Meeting</b>	6:30 PM
May 3	First Friday	Mass: 7:30 AM
May 4	First Saturday	No First Saturday Mass
	First Holy Communion	10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
May 4-5	6th Sunday of Easter	
	I Care, I Share Weekend	
May 5	May Crowning of Mary	after 12:15 PM Mass
May 11-12	Ascension	
	Mother's Day- <b>Knights Distribute Carnations</b>	
	Birthright Baby bottle Campaign Kick-Off	
May 17	CN Baccauareate Mass	6:00 PM
May 18	CN Graduation	11:00 AM Cola Metro Convention Center
May 18-19	Pentecost	
May 24	Diocese of Charleston Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate:	6:00 PM
	<i>at St. Joseph</i>	
May 25-26	Trinity Sunday	
May 27	Memorial Day – Church Office Closed	
May 28	SJS Graduation	6:30 PM
May 29	SJS Last Day	

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

### June 2024 – A Look Ahead

Jun 1	First Saturday	Mass 8:30 AM
Jun ½	Corpus Christi	
	I Care, I Share Weekend	
Jun 6	<b>Council Business Meeting - Election of Officers</b>	6:30 PM
Jun 7	First Friday	Mass: 7:30 AM

## Dan Wagner

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**From:** Dan Wagner  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 02, 2024 5:33 PM  
**To:** Robb McBurney; Mitch Michaelis; Dan Wagner  
**Subject:** Addendum to FD Report

Of interest to St. Joseph parishioners:

Bishop Jaques Fabre-Jeune, CS has approved the following priest assignments (May 1, 2024)

[including:]

Msgr. Charles Rowland, former Pastor of St. Joseph will retire effective July 31.

Fr. Matthew Gray, former Parochial Vicar and Pastoral Administrator at St. Joseph has completed his assignment with the Archdiocese for the Military and will be returning to the Diocese; he will be Administrator of St. Andrew Church in Clemson.

Fr. Andrew Fryml, past Chaplain at Cardinal Newman School will be Coordinator of Campus Ministry and Coordinator of Catholic Education in the Charleston and Columbia Deaneries. He will reside at the Basilica of St. Peter, effective July 1.

And, ... drum roll, please ...

Fr. Peter O'Steen will be Parochial Vicar for St. Joseph effective July 1. Peter will be ordained a priest on June 7 in Charleston.

(The other priest to be ordained is Erik Roman who will be Parochial vicar at the Basilica of St. Peter, effective July 1)

Proposed Elected Officers

Grand Knight	McBurney, Jr., Robert M.
Deputy Grand Knight	Gleissner, Luko R.
Chancellor:	McGlaufflin, David B.
Recorder:	Michaelis V, Otho E "Mitch"
Treasurer:	Wiggs, Jr., Robert W.
Advocate:	Gleissner, Richard R.
Warden:	Hayes Patrick
Inside Guard:	Ewing James
Outside Guard:	Hawthorne, Will
One Year Trustee:	Corbett, James J. (PGK)
Two Year Trustee:	Long, John R (PGK)
Three Year Trustee:	Bettin, Gary

Appointed Officers

Financial Secretary:	Wagner, Daniel F.
Chaplain:	vacant
Lecturer	Nerbun, Jr., Robert C.

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## Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

1. Assessment: Dues – 1 member

\$ 36.00

**TOTAL**

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**\$ 36.00**

Vouchers:

- none -

**May 2024 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 - George Washington (part 2), His Visions and Propheies of America given in 1777 and first recorded in 1858 - fact or fiction (Snoopes says fiction, what do you say?)** Yet there is documented evidence that in the long tradition among both the Maryland Province Jesuit Fathers and the Negro slaves of the Washington plantation and those of the surrounding area that the first President died a Catholic. The story is that Father Leonard Neale, S.J., was called to Mount Vernon, most probably by his African-American manservant Juba, from St. Mary's Mission across the Piscatawney River four hours before Washington's death. [On February 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the birthday of George Washington.] What follows is George Washington's Prophetic Vision as Recorded in the Library of Congress:

The father of our country, George Washington, was a man of prayer. We have all read of how he went into the thickets many times to pray during the winter while his army was at Valley Forge. However, little publicity has been given to the vision and prophecy he received at that time. The first-hand account of this vision was given in 1859 by an old soldier named Anthony Sherman. He gave it to a writer, Wesley Bradshaw, who published it. In the vision, God revealed to George Washington that three great perils would come upon the Republic. He was given to know that America was going through the first peril at that time. The old soldier who told the story of the vision said that the nation would soon see the account verified by the second peril descending upon the land.

This account was taken from the reprint in the U.S. war veterans' paper The National Tribune, in December 1880. The National Tribune is now called The Stars and Stripes. This article was reprinted in the Stars and Stripes December 21, 1950. In the report of this phenomenal and most important heavenly message for us at this hour, Wesley Bradshaw wrote: The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more.

**Message Disclosed**

[Let me pause for a moment to ask you to think about what perspective our government leaders had of the North American Continent or even to America.] Now on with the article. ... "Let us go into the hall," he said. "I want to tell you of an incident of Washington's life - one which no one alive knows of except myself; and if you live, you will before long see it verified. Mark the prediction, you will see it verified."

"From the opening of the Revolutionary War we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear commander's careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort. And God brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation."

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon, alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

### **An Uninvited Guest**

"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being (female). So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit (her presence). A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight



raising of the (her) eyes . “By this time, I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to speak (address her), but my tongue had become useless, as if (though it had become) paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor.

“Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed to fill with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor (herself) also becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations, which I have sometimes imagined, accompany death. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

### **First Great Peril**

“Presently I heard a voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn,’ while at the same time my visitor extended an (her) arm eastward. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay, spread out in one vast plain, all the countries of the world - Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. ‘Son of the Republic,’ said the same mysterious voice as before, ‘look and learn.’

“At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left he cast some over Europe. Immediately a cloud arose from these countries and joined - in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then it moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people (the War of Independence?).

### **Second Great Peril**

“A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, ‘Son of the Republic, the end of the century comes, look and learn.’

“And this time the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward. From Africa I saw an ill-omened specter approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking, I saw a bright angel on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word ‘UNION.’ He was bearing the American flag. He placed the flag between the divided nation and said, ‘Remember, you are brethren.’ “Instantly the inhabitants, casting down their weapons, became friends once more and united around the National Standard” (the Civil War?).

### **Third and Most Fearful Peril**

“Again I heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic look and learn.’ At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon **Europe, Asia and Africa**. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men. These men, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and the villages, towns and cities which I had seen springing up. “As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of the swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ Where the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast.

### **Heaven Intervenes**

“Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shown the word UNION, and who bore our national flag in one hand, and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle. “Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict I heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ As the voice ceased the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

“Then once more, I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with the loud voice: ‘While the stars remain, and the heaven send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the UNION last.’ And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word ‘UNION,’ he placed it upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down, said ‘Amen.’

### **The Interpretation**

“The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I, at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, ‘Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful for her is the third. But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land, and UNION.’ With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, the progress, and the destiny of the United States. Such, my friends,” the venerable narrator concluded, ‘were the words I heard from Washington’s own lips, and America will do well to profit by them.’

Postscript: According to Janice Connell, after Washington's death in 1799, "King William IV, [second] son of George III, [who was king during the Revolutionary War and Washington's lifetime,] declared Washington the greatest man who ever lived."

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)