



MEETING: 1 AUG 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 Robb McBurney

- We are continuing ordinary time through August
- This weekend is I Care I Share Weekend – Knights are asked to help collect and transport food to the pantry
- CCD registration is now open through Ben Jett
- August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The parish office will be closed. 7:30AM, 12:15 and 6PM Masses will be offered.
- The close of the parish's 75th Anniversary will be in September. Look for a Gathering for Good celebration, special Masses and a parish picnic. We're encouraged to submit pictures and videos for a montage to be shown.

The Grand Knight reported as follows.

- At the Grand Knights' meeting, we received the 25th anniversary certificate for our Council. Robb is deciding on an event for us to celebrate this. Robb is reaching out to founding members still in the Council. Robb read a letter from Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight, regarding his congratulations for our anniversary.
- We will not be having a Biergarten this year to avoid conflicts with the parish anniversary and other Council activities this fall.
- There will be a fundraiser this fall, not yet determined what that will be. Christmas trees and wreaths or fall mums are under consideration. We will need to be available on short notice to participate.
- We have been encouraged by our leadership to start CORE Bible studies in the parish. These are not limited to Knights, but allow us to serve other men in the parish. Our Deputy Grand Knight is working on this- we should let Luke or Robb know if we are interested in participating. The curriculum we are looking at is called "That Man is You."
- We will have a budget to approve in September so attendance is encouraged at the next meeting. We need to complete the audit by 8/15. The proposed budget will be distributed via email prior to the meeting.
- We are having last call for new name badges. Anyone needing a badge should let Robb know – the council will cover the cost.
- On 9/22 at St Thomas More we will be sponsoring the Sunday night supper. Volunteers are needed for cooking the day before and transporting and serving the meal.

Financial Report: by Robbie Wiggs (see attached)

- Checking balance: \$8055.26
- Old checking balance: \$1270.00
- Savings balance: \$1107.83
- 6 month CD balance: \$2101.93
- 9 month CD balance: \$2091.27
- 12 month CD balance: \$2093.34
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$(no report provided)
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$(no report provided)
- We intend to amend the minutes when receiving the Financial Secretary's report

Membership Report: by Dave McGlauffin



- We have 3 new members, 2 of which have had exemplifications
- We are scheduling the 3rd exemplification
- We have 2 transfer members in process as well
- We have 2 prospects and 5 others who did not work out

Youth Report:

- n/a

Pro-Life Report: by Robb McBurney

- There was a discussion at the Grand Knights' meeting regarding how we have been deemed a "radical" organization by some political groups, including the current Democratic nominee for President. Robb believes we need to make ourselves more visible and challenges us each to do something for the pro-life cause this month. This is with an eye to testifying that being pro-life is not a radical or threatening thing.
- We were reminded that Bob Nerbun can use help in the local pro-life movement.
- Robb reminded us that the March for Life will be coming up early next year and encouraged us to start thinking about how we might participate.
- Robb spoke about the political climate in SC re: pro-life issues and mentioned the primary losses of several State officeholders who opposed stronger pro-life laws in SC.

Report of Fourth Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

- Robb showed the Sir Knight of the Year for 2024 award presented to Robbie Wiggs
- Robbie reported on the audits for the Council (biennially) and Assembly (yearly)
- There will be a banquet in September related to a new endeavor for the Tunnels to Towers foundation. All Knights are invited to attend. Robbie will provide more information when available.
- The Christopher Towers meal will be held the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. All Knights are invited to help out; various jobs are available.
- The Soldiers' dinner will probably be 12/27 at Our Lady of the Hills. More information will be provided later. This event feeds 150-200 soldiers who are not able to go home for the holidays. We are invited to help out.
- The First Responders' dinner will be held the 3rd week of January – we are invited to help. This is a coat and tie event.
- The flag retirement ceremony was postponed due to heat and will be rescheduled.

Trustees' Report: n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- The District Deputy sent his regrets due to a conflicting activity. He will return at our September meeting.

Chaplain's Message: by Fr. Peter

- Fr. Peter is a member of a Greenville council and will transfer here. He is looking forward to being involved.
- Fr. Peter introduced himself and told the story of his vocation. He was ordained in May and this is his first assignment.

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:

- No list was provided this month.
- Specially mentioned: Ron Childress is moving to DC to be with his family as he deals with cancer. Dave McGlaulin's daughter is having brain surgery soon.

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

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder

Good afternoon, **ST JOSEPH K OF C COUNCIL** .

Today is Aug 1, 2024. | Last accessed: Jun 17, 2024 5:48 PM ET.

Banking

	Available Balance	Today's Beginning Balance	Pending Transactions
TD BUSINESS CONVENIENCE PLUS > x3606	\$8,055.26	\$8,055.26	\$0.00
TD CONVENIENCE CHECKING > x9128	\$1,270.00	\$1,270.00	\$0.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS > x8694	\$1,107.83	\$1,107.83	\$0.00
BUSINESS 6 MONTH CD > x8147	\$2,101.93	\$2,101.93	--
BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x7436	\$2,091.27	\$2,091.27	--
BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x0670	\$2,093.34	\$2,093.34	--
Total	\$16,719.63		

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August 2024 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 - The Power of the Eucharist

Much of the following is taken from several of Bishop Barron's YouTube talks on the Eucharist.

Thomas Aquinas said that at the word of consecration, this is all about a fire that is kindled in a new place. It's the same Christ, the same fire, all over the world, that is kindled in a new place. Remember our Lord's words, "I've come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already ablaze!" Upon moving into his new residence in Rochester, MN bishop Barron got out his Mass kit, assembled everything for Mass, consecrated the Eucharist, and finally placed consecrated hosts into the Tabernacle. Accomplishing this he **had a vivid sense of again kindling this fire.**

What are the meaning and significance of this fire? - We come to the Eucharist by coming close to the tabernacle door (or better still by receiving Him in Holy Communion) because the fire within is warmth against the cold and light against the darkness. Fire creates heat which makes things expand, so it is this "fire of love" that enlarges our heart and makes us fervent. Barron points out that darkness is a great biblical symbol for losing our way, not knowing where we are going, stumbling about. His perspective is that this the way a lot of people live. He provides a metaphor that when going on a camping trip in the beautiful woods, we all could take in the loveliness of the day, but we'd best beware of the fact that those woods are full of nighttime predators and dangers. Today the fire still is a way of keeping those dangers at bay. Rhetorically Barron asks, do we live in a world with lots of physical enemies? He answers, You bet! Look around at the legal attacks against our church, at the internet and see the faith being attacked, or, I might add, the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics! He points out that we also have invisible enemies - the principalities and powers. What keeps those predators a bay? The fire - it's our Lord in the Eucharistic host. For Barron another metaphor for Eucharistic adoration is a conscious act of staying close to the fire. For him Eucharistic adoration can be spiritually likened to a dog at the feet of his master. The master might not need "him/me" right now, but I'm here if He (our Master) needs me. He says that someone who is sitting or near the

presence of the Blessed Sacrament, may not be doing a whole lot - like actively engaged in the life of the church - but he is ready to respond as needed. Barron often speaks about Thomas Aquinas, who was one of the great thinkers and Western tradition. Thomas' secretary says he thought he saw Thomas solving most of his problems by thinking through them during adoration. He says that Thomas often went off to the chapel and laid his head against Tabernacle seeking directly inspiration by staying close to fire and light.

A story is told by a San Francisco priest: - a lady, who had no religion, any religious background, or about rituals or practice, came to him to learn about the Catholic faith. In responding to her inquiry he says, before I teach you anything I want you to do something: every day go into the local parish church, find the little red light (flame) in a red lamp, go as close as you can, find a seat, sit there for 15 minutes, and come back and see me, okay? The lady did just that and upon coming back said to him, I just don't get it. The priest said that's okay but, now I want you to go back and spend half an hour every day in front of that little red light. She came back the following week and upon questioning, she said that she's really not sure what's going, but that she feels such great peace sitting in front of that little red light. Only then did the priest reveal the secret significance of that little red lamp. Barron expresses amazement at that priest's instinct prompting him to get her to experience the fire and light before talking to her about the Eucharist and its power. Using this example he generalizes suggesting that this Eucharist is needed as fire and light for our young people, who grow up in our cold and dark world often without a sense of direction, purpose, or meaning.

Often in the spiritual order due to our enemies - the principalities and the powers - we just can't see our way forward or what's blocking our spiritual path. Thus, one of the most important bits of his spiritual advice is to stay close to the fire. Numerous saints have said that a holy hour of adoration is essential. Barron shares his personal reflection by saying that I sit there, look at him, and he looks at me. He points out that one can say all kinds of prayers and that's good, but the bottom line is what's happening - getting heat (spiritual love) and light (spiritual insight) when we're sitting by the fire. He says it's like two friends silently sitting in each other's presence

without feeling the pressure of having to come up with the right words or having to say just the right thing.

Another story told by Barron is of St. Thomas Aquinas, who upon finishing the third section of the Summa Theologica (on the life of Christ), took the text and he put it up at the foot of his chapel cross and asked our Lord if it was good. He and several of his Dominican Brothers then heard from the cross the following, "Thomas, you written well about me, what would you have as reward?" The great Aquinas responded, "I will have nothing except you Lord." And Barron responds that that should be our response - I will have nothing except you Lord.

Another story that is told is about the 1260's Peter of Prague, a pious priest on a pilgrimage from Prague to Rome because he was going through a spiritual crisis. He was entertaining doubts about the real presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, and he journeyed from Prague to Rome to resolve his doubts about the real presence. On his way he passed through Bolzano (a little town near Orvieto), and while saying Mass he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands and onto the corporal on the altar. He was immediately confused and at first, he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto where Pope Urban IV was then residing. Urban IV was so impressed that he began an investigation. Upon the story being validated, the relics were moved to Orvieto where they reside today. Urban IV was so spiritually moved that he inaugurated the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Feast of Body and Blood of Christ. Subsequently he commissioned the brilliant mystical Thomas Aquinas to write for this Feast a liturgy with hymns, text, and poems. The results produced today's: the "O Salutaris Hostia," the "Tantum Ergo Sacramentum," and the Pange Lingua (which we sing in procession on Holy Thursday). The English translation of its six verses beautifully encapsulates the events on the night of first Holy Thursday Eucharistic meal and Friday's Passion and Death of Jesus.

Reflecting on Christ's directive to the apostles to call people to repentance, Bishop Barron tells a story about Ronald Knox. Knox was a well known English Catholic

priest, theologian, and author, and one of the most prominent, twentieth-century converts from Anglicanism to Catholicism. Knox once said isn't it interesting that of **ALL** of Jesus's commands, 99% of them are broken regularly. **However**, there is **one single one** that is followed today without fail, "do this in memory of me."

Finally, Barron reflects on the power of Christ's **SPOKEN WORD**. He begins by quoting from the Gospel of John (John 1:1-5): "In the beginning was the **WORD**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **WORD** was God. He was in the beginning with God; **all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.** BARRON THEN GOES ON TO SHOW HOW SPOKEN WORDS CAN CHANGE OUR PERCEPTION OF REALITY - THE PHYSICAL REALITY SEEN BEFORE US. He gives an example of a baseball player trying to steal third base, and is called out by umpire - even though many fans say they see him beat the tag. **THE REALITY IS THAT THE RUNNER IS OUT!** Now **I** would offer a biblical story where **Jesus' words also changed reality**. Remember the paralytic lowered through a roof. We read from Matthew 9:2-7, "They brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, 'Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.' And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.' But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, Rise and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins - he then said to the paralytic - Rise, take up your bed and go home.'" Exteriorly the man was the same after his sins were forgiven, but interiorly much different.

Now from Luke 22:19-21, we read, "he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying: 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'" As we know there is no physical change, **BUT** our faith tells that a change in reality was indeed accomplished through the words spoken by Jesus. In the priestly ordination ceremony a priest is changed into an "alter Christi," and the priest then acts in Persona Christi in each of the sacraments we receive. So at Mass during the consecration when the priest says: **TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT**

OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU, it is still Christ who is changing reality!

What we continue to see in the physical reality of the host is what are called the “accidents” - we see only bread! Yet the **SUBSTANCE** of this physical reality is changed! **This is where we get our language of transubstantiation!** Just as the paralytic was forgiven of his sins because of his faith, but still remained a paralytic, we have the host changed in substance while its accidents - its physical reality - remains that of bread. Furthermore, with the paralytic when Jesus wanted to prove that the man’s sins were forgiven and he worked a miracle by telling the man “rise, take up your bed and go home,” so too it is with the Holy Eucharist. Jesus works miracles showing us that bread (hosts) can bleed and even turn into bloody tissue. With the Holy Eucharist it is the priest in Persona Christi that **THROUGH HIS WORDS**, “this is my body,” effects transubstantiation! Today, our Lord helps us eliminate our doubts, just as he did for Peter of Prague, through His **many** Eucharistic miracles. (Many of these Eucharistic miracles are catalogued and presented in the book [The Eucharistic Miracles of the World](#) by Carlos Acutis who died when he was only 15. He is scheduled to be declared a saint in 2025.)