



MEETING: 5 SEP 2024

Council was called to order at: 6:30 pm by Dan Wagner

Prayer was offered by: Dan Wagner

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:

- On 9/22 we will host the Sunday Supper at St. Thomas More. Help is needed to transport food to the university. We will meet at 3PM on Sunday to load, transport and serve.
- We are encouraged to attend the 75th Anniversary events on 9/13 and 9/15 (see Faith Director's report.)
- Luke Gleissner reported on the efforts to begin a men's bible study at the parish. This is the COR program from the Knights and uses a program called "That Man Is You." We expect to have gatherings two Saturdays a month at 6:30AM for a 90-minute study and fellowship time. Luke is putting together a leadership group of 7-8 men to run the program. He is hoping to begin the program next month.
- We had an audit due on 8/15 but did not get it in on time due to various medical issues. It has since been completed and only needs one more Trustee signature, which we will get tonight.
- One thing that held up the audit was our work to close the old checking account and the need to work with PayPal to verify the new checking account. After Robbie completes the work with PayPal, we will be free to close the old checking account.

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

- Checking balance: \$8,056.26
- Old checking balance: \$1,270.00
- Savings balance: \$1,107.88
- 6 month CD balance: \$2,117.13
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,097.98
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,100.91
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$473.67
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$22.00

Membership Report: by Dave McGlaulin

- See attached

Youth Report:

- n/a

Pro-Life Report

- n/a

Report of Fourth Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

- Robbie reported on the 4th Degree Council audit and the transfer of officers currently going on.
- The Tunnels to Towers dinner has been moved to Friday, 10/25, at Our Lady of the Hills. Tickets are available for \$30; it is not limited to 4th Degree members. Robbie will email a flyer. Volunteers are welcome to help set up on 10/24. Robbie bought a table that seats 8 on behalf of our council for the event.
- The Sunday before Thanksgiving will be the Thanksgiving dinner at Christopher Towers. Volunteers to bring food or help with the event are welcome.
- The Soldiers' Dinner for Ft. Jackson soldiers will be held on 12/27. Volunteers are welcome.



- The First Responders Dinner will be held on 3rd Wednesday of January.
- Robbie invited anyone who wants to join the 4th Degree.
- Robbie recognized the attainment of Eagle Scout by Sam Blake, Pat's son.

Trustees' Report:

- n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- There is a charity golf tournament on 9/16 through Corpus Christi to benefit their assistance ministry. It will be held at Golden Hills. Contact Dan if you would like to be involved.

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- David Perez (the District Deputy) attended the meeting.
- The National Convention was held last month in Quebec and can be streamed on EWTN. This year's convention will be held in Washington, DC; any Knight can attend. Assistance is available for SC delegates (this has to be applied for and voted on.) The estimated cost to attend is approximately \$1,000.
- The Supreme Knight revealed our motto for this year, "On Mission". We have been asked to hold a parish event for kids, such as a soccer challenge.
- David spoke about the funds raised and spent by National this year. Details are published by National. He pointed out that we are part of a much larger organization and that our individual efforts at mission are part of this. He intends to inform us of upcoming events quarterly. We are being asked for \$350 from the council for Coats for Kids, to be donated to the State Council by 9/30.
- The topic for a youth essay contest is: "What are the two most important virtues that an elected leader must possess and why? How do you know a leader possesses these values?"
- We are asked to host a Soccer Challenge for youth by early November.
- The State raffle is coming up and we will receive tickets soon. If we sell enough tickets, we get a rebate. This year that was for about \$170.

Chaplain's Message:

- n/a

Unfinished business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- Brother Kevin Rush has talked about organizing a Chess Tournament through the school. Our Scout troop had a tournament and collected chess boards. If anyone is interested in helping out with this please let Dan know. Our previous work with the school was well received.
- This is last call if anyone wants a name badge provided by the council. Contact Robb if you want one.
- Dan reminded us that we will receive surveys later in the year and these are important in reporting to National volunteer hours, money donated, etc. Relatively few people fill these out; we are encouraged to return them.
- We are in a new year (started 6/30) and are working on requirements for Star Council. We have 1 of 5 new members for the year but are down 1 insured member, as Fr. Matthew Gray has transferred out of our council.

New business was taken up and disposed as follows:

- A motion was presented to permit the Grand Knight to spend up to \$750 for the Sunday Supper on 9/22. This is needed because we don't yet have a budget. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Bob Nerbun made a motion to authorize a \$350 donation to National for Coats for Kids. Dan pointed out that we have done other events in the past. A discussion was had about what income and expenses we have, to see if we can commit the funds. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Cardinal Newman's annual golf tournament is coming up in October. Interested Knights are invited to compete.

Good of the Order: by Dan Wagner

- Fr Matthew Gray has transferred from our council to his new parish.



- Ron Childress has completed his move to the Washington DC area and Dan has contact information for him if we want it.

Lecture Reflection: by Bob Nerbun (see attached)

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the attached list of Brothers and family members in your prayers.
- Robb McBurney, who has COVID.
- Marisel(sp?) McGlaulin, who is having surgery Monday.

Closing prayer was offered by: Dan Wagner at 7:35pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
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Recorder

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Faith Director's Report

We are in the season of Ordinary Time.

Sep 1 22nd Sunday in OT
 2nd Collection: Catholic University

Sep 2 **Labor Day** – Parish Office Closed

Sep 5 **Council Business Meeting** 6:30 PM

Sep 6 First Friday

Sep 7 First Saturday Mass 8:30 AM

Sep 8 23rd Sunday in OT
 I Care, I Share Weekend

Sep 13 Gather for Good – Tickets \$25 proceeds to charity
 Kick-off Event for 75th Anniversary

Sep 15 24th Sunday in OT : **75th Anniversary Weekend**
 Anniversary Mass: 11:00 AM (no 10:30 AM & no 12:15 PM Masses)
 Parish Picnic

Sep 22 7 25th Sunday in OT

Sep 29 26th Sunday in OT
 Fifth Sunday: 2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

Oct 2024 – A Look Ahead

Oct 3 Business Meeting



Good afternoon, ST JOSEPH K OF C COUNCIL .

Today is Sep 5, 2024. | Last accessed: Aug 15, 2024 1:07 PM ET.

Banking

	Available Balance	Today's Beginning Balance	Pending Transactions
TD BUSINESS CONVENIENCE PLUS > x3606	\$8,056.26	\$8,056.26	\$0.00
TD CONVENIENCE CHECKING > x9128	\$1,270.00	\$1,270.00	\$0.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS > x8694	\$1,107.88	\$1,107.88	\$0.00
BUSINESS 6 MONTH CD > x8147	\$2,117.13	\$2,117.13	--
BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x7436	\$2,097.98	\$2,097.98	--
BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x0670	\$2,100.91	\$2,100.91	--
Total	\$16,750.16		

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Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

1. Assessment: Dues & Initiation – 1 member	\$ 22.00

TOTAL	\$ 22.00

Vouchers:

1. State <i>per capita</i> (1st half year)	\$ 262.50
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2. Supreme <i>per capita</i>	\$ 211.17

	\$ 473.67

September 2024 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 The Greatest Love Story (part 1) - This is the essence of Father Mike's talk at the Eucharistic Congress 2024

"Tonight I am going to begin a great love story for you, but it's not anything you don't know. But think about WHAT IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW this story? Our story begins with Luke 24:13 with Cleopas and companion - this could be Mary of Cleopas - who was there at the foot of the cross with the BVM and John). On the first day of the week - Monday - they were walking on their way to Emmaus and talking about all that had happened on that Friday.

1. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus draws near, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
2. Jesus says to them: what are you talking about?
3. Cleopas, answers him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"
4. Jesus responds, "What things?"
5. And they say to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel."
6. And Jesus says to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"
7. And so beginning with the prophets he interprets all the scriptures that refer to Himself.
8. Jesus says to Cleopas: Remember what happened to Adam (and Eve) in the Garden, God said that everything was VERY GOOD, and God had a close relationship with Adam and Eve. But then there was sin, which was not a mistake - it was a choice. And this choice destroyed that special relationship with man. Man AND creation were now broken. Man had become a slave to sin and this sin was now passed on to us - his progeny. This sin created a rupture and an unbridgeable gap between God and his creation, but God did not abandon man.

9. Fast forward to Abraham, our father in faith ...
10. Jesus asks, Cleopas what happened with Abraham?
11. Cleopas responds, God created a new covenant with him.
12. Jesus responds, yes but what did Abraham do to demonstrate his faith?
13. Cleopas responds, God told him to take his ONLY BELOVED son to Mt. Moriah and to sacrifice him in order to test his faith.
14. Jesus then says to them, do you remember how Isaac carried the wood on his back along with the knife and the fire as he accompanied his father up the mountain? And how eventually Isaac asks his father, “Behold, the fire, the knife, and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” And that Abraham responds, “God will provide the lamb Himself for a burnt offering, my son.” But what happened then?
15. Cleopas responds , Ah, Abraham builds an altar, bound Isaac, and placed him upon the wood on the altar, but as he is about to slay his son an angel appears and says, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your only begotten son. Cleopas continues, then the scriptures tell us that as Abraham lifted up his eyes he saws a ram caught in a thicket of thorns ... so Abraham offered up the ram, NOT A LAMB, instead of his son.
16. Jesus responds, yes Cleopas, you have remember the scriptures very well. Now think ahead and fast forward to Abraham’s descendant Jacob and his sons.
17. Jesus asks Mary, do you remember Jacob and his 12 sons, and how the sons took his favorite son Joseph and sold him into slavery? And how after 400 years the whole family was now enslaved, and yet God promised them a “savior” who would set them free? Then Jesus says, Mary, in the battle between Pharaoh and Moses, Moses asks Pharaoh to set his people free, but even a bunch of plagues were fruitless. And now Mary, what was the final plague God sent to Pharaoh, that indeed set his people free?
18. Mary responds, the “first born” of both man and beast would die if Pharaoh did not SET THE ISRAELITES FREE?
19. To which Jesus responds, yes, but HOW did the ISRAELITES escape this very plague?

20. Mary replies, Moses said that God told him that if Israelites would take an unblemished lamb and in the evening twilight sacrifice it, roast it, put its blood on the lintel of each house, and eat the lamb, that Pharaoh would set them free. So they marked the door posts of the homes with the blood of the lamb and ate the flesh of the lamb, and the destroying angel passed over their houses!
21. Jesus says, yes, yes, Mary, this is why we celebrate every single Passover, so now fast forward to John the Baptist. Cleopas, do you remember what John the Baptist called Jesus, when it was recorded that he first saw Jesus (outside the womb), while Jesus was walking near him at the Jordan River?
22. Cleopas, says, the Lamb of God!
23. Again Jesus responds to Cleopas, yes, that's correct, and because YOU knew the story, and you also know that He was the Lamb of sacrifice.
24. Now for us here tonight, I repeat what I said earlier, I am not telling you anything you don't know, but think about it, suppose you too didn't know this story? Well back to our story and once more let's fast forward.
25. Jesus asks Cleopas, do you remember what was also taking place in the Temple on the day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem?
26. Cleopas responds, oh, yes that was the day that all the unblemished sacrificial lambs were brought into Jerusalem for the Passover Sacrifice.
27. Jesus then says, And on that Friday what happened?
28. Cleopas says, Jesus was executed?
29. Jesus says, FALSE! Wait, go back to the beginning with Abraham. Cleopas, on what mountain did God tell Abraham to sacrifice his only begotten son?
30. Cleopas responds. Mt. Moriah.
31. Jesus says, very good, the VERY same mountain. Mary you were there, what did Jesus carry on his back to His crucifixion?
32. Mary responds, he carried his cross - oh, and it was THE WOOD OF SACRIFICE.
33. Jesus, exactly, and Mary what did Jesus have on His head?
34. Mary responds, he had a crown of thorns.
35. Jesus, right again. Now either of you, what was Abraham's ram caught by?

36. Mary, he was caught by his horns in a thicket of thorns.
37. Jesus says, So Jesus had the wood of his cross on His back, and on His head he had a crown of thorns. Jesus was "THE Lamb" (not the ram) promised by God his Father to Abraham, and he was being sacrifice at the same time as the lambs were being sacrificed in the Temple. Now what did the executioners do with his robe?
38. Mary says, they cast lots for it because it was a seamless garment.
39. Jesus responds, correct! Because it was an ephod - the sign of the High Priest! Cleopas and Mary, you thought that this was an execution, but it was not an execution. It was the sacrifice of the Lamb of God by the High Priest Himself, Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, so that man would not now be condemned to a life of slavery and that the unbridgeable gap with the Father would be repaired!
40. Jesus continues, finally, can you both see that man himself could not repair this unbridgeable gap between God and man - only the God-Man could bridge that gap. So the Father sent His only begotten son to do this. This was a sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ with Himself - the High Priest, who takes away the sins of the world in order to bridge this unbridgeable gap.
41. Now for all you here tonight, how ... where and when does this gap get bridged? Pause ... On the cross!! Yes. On the cross He died, so that our sins could be forgiven and allow us access to the Father (and heaven). Pause ... Again, this is important, think about this ... there is only ONE action of Jesus that bridged that gap. It wasn't the Incarnation that saved us. It wasn't Jesus healing the man born blind to save us. It wasn't Jesus casting our demons to save us or his calming the storm save us. The one action of Jesus that saved us, that restored us, and that bridged the unbridgeable gap was His passion, death, and resurrection that bridged the unbridgeable gap! It was that moment in which Jesus offered up His body, blood, soul, and divinity to the Father in loving sacrifice and in loving obedience that bridged the gap!!!
42. Now returning to both Cleopas and Mary, Jesus says, it was man's disobedience that broke his relationship with the Father. BUT by that act of disobedience you and I - through Adam - said to the Father you and I know what you want, but this is what you

and I want! However, again it was the action of Jesus, who in a lovingly and trustingly act of obedience offered up His body, blood, soul, and divinity to the Father, that redeemed the world.

43. But wait ... there is more, ... And in October I conclude The Love Story and connect it with the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. See you back here then ...

Sick or Distressed Members

Ron Childress

Bernie Corbett (brother of PGK Jim Corbett)

PGK Jim Corbett

Laddy Gatling

Bill Jones

James Kinard

Mitch Michaelis

Bob Nerbun

Paul Osemene

Fred Perry

Frank Toth

Terry McWaters

Bob McBurney (father of GK Robb McBurney)

Robb Wiggs