



MEETING: 9 JAN 2025

Council was called to order at: 6:35 pm by GK Robb McBurney

Prayer was offered by: Robb McBurney

Pledge of Allegiance

The Minutes of the previous meeting: Motion to approve minutes of the November meeting. Minutes posted online to Council's website. The December minutes have not yet been posted.

Faith Director Report: by Dan Wagner (see attached)

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Robb apologies for the cancellation of the Confession and Craft event. Fr. Osteen had other obligations that night. We will reschedule a social event.
- Robb thanks everyone who volunteered to help with the extra needs at Mass during the Christmas season.
- This is the Proudly Pro-Life weekend. Robb expects all events to be held as scheduled despite the winter storm predicted for this weekend. We have two tables so we have plenty of seats. Most of the youth are on the younger side and so will not be attending. We are offering seats to various other groups.
- There will be a pro-life march Saturday at 11AM from the Russell House to the State House. We are encouraged to attend, even if only to attend the State House event at 12.
- The Grand Knights' workshop and midyear meeting will be the 25th. Robb will report on this at the next meeting.
- Robb encourages us to all help build membership to close out the fraternal year. We are looking to do a membership event sometime in the spring.

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

- Checking balance: \$7,366.80
- Savings balance: \$1,108.10
- 6 month CD balance: \$2,145.33
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,131.43
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,130.97
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$258.80
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$0.00
- Dues are due now. The letters have not gone out yet but we can pay Dan directly.
- We have raised \$860 towards our \$1000 donation for the Proudly Pro-Life weekend.
- The semi-annual audit is due by February 15.

Membership Report:

- n/a, see Grand Knight's report

Youth Report:

- n/a

Pro-Life Report:

- n/a, see Grand Knight's report

Report of Fourth Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

- 12/16 was the Soldiers' Dinner at Our Lady of the Lake. 225 soldiers were fed, and many positive comments were received. There were 50 volunteers helping, including the young adults, ladies and Boy Scouts. Food was provided by Grecian Gardens and Senn Brothers.
- The First Responders' dinner will be next Wednesday. Persons of the Year will be named for each organization. Volunteers are welcome. 1623 Marion Street, doors open at 6PM and the event starts at 7.



Trustees' Report:

- n/a

The Insurance Agent reported as follows:

- n/a

The District Deputy reported as follows:

- n/a

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:

- This month's Miscellany has an articles of interest to our Council.

Lecture Reflection: by Bob Nerbun (see attached)

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the attached list of Brothers and family members in your prayers.
- Dan Wagner's granddaughter died just before Christmas. She was at 17 weeks' conception and was stillborn. She is interred in the Columbarium.
- We are also praying for the fire victims in Los Angeles, as well as Michelle Bissonnete, Bill Mason, Jim Ewing's wife.

Closing prayer was offered by: Robb McBurney at 7:10pm.

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder

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Faith Director's Report

Merry Christmas! We remain in the season of Christmas through this Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord. Beginning on Monday, January 13, we will be in Ordinary Time.

January 2025

Jan 1 **Mary – the Holy Mother of God – *Holy Day of Obligation*** – Mass: 10 AM
Jan 2 Church Office Re-Opens
Jan 3 First Friday
Jan 4 First Saturday Rosary 8:00 AM; Mass 8:30 AM
Jan 5 Epiphany
Jan 9 National Day of Mourning for President Carter
 Business Meeting 6:30 PM
Jan 10-12 SC Proudly Pro-Life Weekend
Jan 10 Proudly pro-Life Dinner
Jan 11 SC March for Life and Rally at State House
Jan 12 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 19 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 20 MLK, Jr. Holiday
 Daily Mass at 7:30 AM
Jan 21-23 Priests Convocation
 No daily Masses, no Adoration.
Jan 24 National March for Life – Washington DC
Jan 24-25 K of C State Mid-Year Meeting
Jan 25 St. Joseph School Auction (fundraiser)
Jan 26 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Catholic Schools Week begins

Adoration, in the Adoration Room, on Tuesdays following morning Mass (8:00 AM – 12:00 noon); Benediction at 12:15 PM. (N.B.: NOT Jan. 21.)

Men's Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 AM in Senior Center, MAB.

A Look Ahead – February 2025

Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord
 Catholic Schools Week Concludes
 St. Joseph Students at all Masses
Feb 6 Business Meeting: 6:30 PM



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Today is Jan 9, 2025. | Last accessed: Dec 18, 2024 5:15 PM ET.

Banking

	Available Balance	Today's Beginning Balance	Pending Transactions
TD BUSINESS CONVENIENCE PLUS > x3606	\$7,366.80	\$7,366.80	\$0.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS > x8694	\$1,108.10	\$1,108.10	\$0.00
BUSINESS 6 MONTH CD > x8147	\$2,145.33	\$2,145.33	--
BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x7436	\$2,131.43	\$2,131.43	--
BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x0670	\$2,130.97	\$2,130.97	--
Total	\$14,882.63		

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Available Balance
\$7,366.80

Today's Beginning Balance **\$7,366.80**
Pending **\$0.00**



Date ▾ Type ▾ Description Credit ▾ Balance

ACCOUNT HISTORY

12/31/2024	CHECK	CHECK 1020	-\$10.59	\$7,366.80	▾
12/31/2024	CHECK	CHECK 1019	-\$500.00	\$7,377.39	▾

All available transaction records have been displayed.

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Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

- none -

Vouchers:

1. Sam's Club Renewal		\$ 118.80
2. Dan Wagner - Proudly Pro-Life Dinner	up to	\$ 140.00

TOTAL	up to	\$ 258.80

Member Dues are due.

Semi-Annual Audit due by February 15.

January 2025 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 -

The whole world awaited Mary's reply [From the Office of Readings, Second Reading and an excerpt of a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux]
St. Bernard of Clairvaux speaks for us [to the Blessed Mary ever virgin]:
You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.

The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race.

Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God.

Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek Him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word.

And Mary responds: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; My spirit rejoices in God my savior. For He has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry He has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel His servant, remembering his mercy, according to His promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” [To which we can say:

Amen.]

St Bernard of Clairvaux still speaking to Mary concludes:

You will conceive and bear a son, both God and man. You will be called, Blessed among all women. You will indeed bear a son, yet suffer no loss of virginity; you will be with child, yet remain a mother ever undefiled.

Yes, and you WILL be called, Blessed among all women.

Together we can pray,

Lord, at the angel's message Mary, the immaculate Virgin, became the temple of God and was filled with the light of the Holy Spirit when she received your divine Word. Grant that, after her example, we may humbly and steadfastly follow your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

[Conclude with a clarification of the meaning of the Blessed Mary ever virgin.]

Sick or Distressed Members

Ron Childress

Bernie Corbett (brother of PGK Jim Corbett)

Laddy Gatling

Bill Jones

James Kinard

Bob Nerbun

Paul Osemene

Frank Toth

Terry McWaters

Bob McBurney (father of GK Robb McBurney)

Gracelyn Blueberry Wagner (+ daughter of Brother Christopher Wagner)

Chris Wagner family