



MEETING: 3 APR 2025

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 website.

Faith Director Report: by Dan Wagner (see attached)

- The Holy Week Schedule is also attached
- The SVdP Society proposes changing the dates of the "I Care I Share" collection due to Easter. April 26th and 27th – handing out of grocery bags. May 3rd and 4th – I Care I Share Collection. The Council voted to make this change.

The Grand Knight reported as follows:

- Robb thanks all members who helped with the Sunday Supper at St. Thomas More and shared a thank you letter given to us. We believe we fed 140-150 students on Sunday with plenty left over for extra meals.
- Robb asked us to let him know by April 11 if we want to attend the State Convention as a delegate in Greenville, May 2nd-4th.
- Name badges have been ordered.
- Our next CD rollover will be on May 8. We will be rolling the 6 month and one of the 12 month CDs to the higher 9 month rate.
- Robb encourages us to attend and help out with the Holy Week Masses. Dan mentioned that there are extra needs on Easter Sunday as there are extra Masses and a special collection for sites in the Holy Land.
- Robb says we will have a recruiting event coming up soon.
- Robb mentioned requests for BBQ while he was cooking for the St. Thomas More Sunday Supper and that we will plan BBQ sales at the parish.
- The proposed slate of officers for the new year will be presented to the Council at the May meeting, with a vote to be taken in June. We will need a quorum in June so please plan to attend that meeting.

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

- Checking balance: \$9,486.92
- Savings balance: \$1,108.24
- 6 month CD balance: \$2,158.14
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,144.48
- 12 month CD balance: \$2,152.23
- Vouchers: vouchers for total of \$1,062.77
- Receipts: receipts for total of \$146.50

Membership Report: by Dan Wagner

- No change in membership this month. 57 associate members, 29 insurance members, 1 inactive member, for a total of 90 members.
- We received a partial form 100 from a former Council member who needs to reapply since it's been more than 7 years since his membership expired.

Youth Report:

- n/a

Pro-Life Report: by Robb McBurney

- Robb shared copies of a letter from SC Citizens for Life about current political affairs re: Pro-Life.



- Our Governor testified before the Supreme Court re: issues related to prohibiting Medicaid funds from being used for abortion providers in SC. This also affects funding for gender assignment-related funding. A decision is expected in June.
- Another religion-related case, Sisters of Charity vs. Wisconsin, is before the Supreme Court. The state of Wisconsin is trying to classify the Sisters as a secular organization re: payment of employment insurance, etc.
- The 40 Days for Life effort is ongoing. Bob Nerbun is representing our parish (alone) in this prayer effort to end abortion and help convince young women to choose life. Prayers are being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but people are praying most days. Robb says that the current administration is not enforcing the FACE act so it is safe to attend and pray.

Report of Fourth Degree: by Robbie Wiggs

- The Fourth Degree is preparing an officer slate for the new year.
- Robbie invites all members interested in the Fourth Degree to apply.
- There will be a meeting next week to continue editing the new bylaws.
- There is a fundraiser for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation – Robbie will provide a flyer later.

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:

- Robb mentioned that the price of meat for BBQ has gone up considerably. A discussion ensued in which suggestions were made as to how to reduce the cost. Suggestions include pre-shopping sales and freezing the meat and finding alternate sources for the meat.

Lecture Reflection: by Bob Nerbun (see attached)

Knights in Distress:

- Please keep the attached list of Brothers and family members in your prayers.
- We also prayed for the USC student who was killed in a hit and run yesterday.

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

Attest,
Mitch Michaelis
Mitch Michaelis
Recorder

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Faith Director's Report

The season of Lent continue to Holy Thursday; the season of Triduum begins with the Mass on Holy Thursday and extends to The Great Easter Vigil, which begins the season of Easter...

April 2025

- Apr 4 First Friday (& Friday of Lent) – *Day of Abstinence*
Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM; Mass 6:00 PM; Soup Supper 6:30 PM
- Apr 5 First Saturday Rosary 8:00 AM; Mass 8:30 AM
- Apr 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent
I Care, I Share Weekend
Vespers 4:00 PM
- Apr 11 Friday of Lent – *Day of Abstinence*
Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM; Mass 6:00 PM; Soup Supper 6:30 PM
- Apr 13 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
(No Vespers)
Mass 7:30 AM
- Apr 14 Mass 7:30 AM
- Apr 15 Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Charleston)
No Mass and No Adoration at St. Joseph
Chrism Mass
- Apr 17 Holy Thursday
No morning Mass
Parish Office closes at 12:30 PM
Mass of the Lord's Supper & Mandatum 7:00 PM
- Apr 18 Good Friday – *Day of Fast and Abstinence*
No Masses; Parish Office Closed.
Stations of the Cross & beginning of Devine Mercy Chaplet 12:00 noon
Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM
Collection for the Shrines of The Holy Land
- Apr 19 Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Food 9:45 AM
The Great Easter Vigil 8:20 PM
Gather outside for the Blessing of the easter Fire 8:00 PM
- Apr 20 Easter Sunday
Masses: 8:00, 8:15 (Gym), 10:30, 10:45 AM (Gym), 12:15 PM
- Apr 21 Easter Monday – Church Office Closed
Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM; Mass 6:00 PM; Soup 6:30 PM
- Apr 26-27 Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: MAB
- Apr 27 Divine Mercy Sunday
- May 1 Monthly Business Meeting: 6:30 PM

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

NO ADORATION: April 15

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

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)

Michelle Bissonette (wife of Ray Bissonette)

Linda Sue Ewing (wife of Jim Ewing)

Bill Mason

Bill Jackson (father-in-law of Will Hawthorne)

Victims of L.A. fires

Victims of recent airplane crashes

Holy Week Schedule

April 12 ~ Vigil Mass of Passion (Palm) Sunday

Confessions offered from 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Mass: 5:30 PM

April 13 ~ Passion (Palm) Sunday

Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel and broadcast on 90.9 FM), 12:15 PM

April 14 ~ Monday of Holy Week

Mass: 7:30 AM

Confessions offered immediately after 7:30 AM Mass

April 15 ~ Tuesday of Holy Week

No Mass or Adoration at St. Joseph

Chrism Mass: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Charleston): 11:00 AM

April 16 ~ Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass: 7:30 AM

Confessions offered from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

April 17 ~ Holy Thursday

No morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Mandatum: 7:00 PM

(Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel)

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00 PM

April 18 ~ Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

day of fast and abstinence

Stations of the Cross followed by the beginning of the Divine Mercy Novena: 12:00 PM

Veneration of the Cross and Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord: 3:00 PM

(Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel)

April 19 ~ Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food for your Table: 9:45 AM

No Confessions or 5:30 PM Mass

The Great Easter Vigil

Gather Outside for Blessing of the Easter Fire: 8:00 PM

Vigil Mass Begins: 8:20 PM

(Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel and broadcast on 90.9 FM)

April 20 ~ Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord

Masses:

8:00 AM in the Church

(Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel)

8:15 AM in the Gym

10:30 AM in the Church

(Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel and broadcast on 90.9FM)

10:45 AM in the Gym

12:15 PM in the Church

April 10 ~ Easter Monday

No Mass: Church Office Closed



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

Today is **Apr 3, 2025.** | Last accessed: Apr 3, 2025 3:53 PM ET.

Banking

| | Available Balance | Today's Beginning Balance | Pending Transactions |
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| TD BUSINESS CONVENIENCE PLUS > x3606 | \$9,486.92 | \$9,486.92 | \$0.00 |
| BUSINESS SAVINGS > x8694 | \$1,108.24 | \$1,108.24 | \$0.00 |
| BUSINESS 6 MONTH CD > x8147 | \$2,158.14 | \$2,158.14 | -- |
| BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x7436 | \$2,144.48 | \$2,144.48 | -- |
| BUSINESS 12 MONTH CD > x0670 | \$2,152.23 | \$2,152.23 | -- |
| Total | \$17,050.01 | | |

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Financial Secretary's Report

Receipts:

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| 1. Dues (4 Members) | \$ 122.50 |
| 2. State Charity Drive | 20.00 |
| 3. "Round-Up" – Unrestricted Donations | 4.00 |

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| TOTAL | \$ 146.50 |
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Vouchers

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| 1. Cub Scout Pack 100 | \$ 500.00 |
| 2. K of C – Council Accounts (T & FS Bonding) | \$ 70.00 |
| 3. Sam's Club (St. Thomas More Dinner) chk #1028 | \$ 213.58 |
| 4. Robb McBurney (St. Thomas More Dinner) chk #1029 | \$ 279.19 |

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| TOTAL | \$ 1,062.77 |
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Member Dues are due.

May 2025 Lecture for the Knights of Columbus Chapter 12554 -

The Mystery of the Kingdom of God (part 1) excerpts from The Now Word

November 29, 2024 by Mark Mallet

Let's begin tonight's lecture by placing ourselves in the presence of God ... In the name of the Father, ... As we begin, let us recall that God is always outside of time. It's more than saying He always was, is now, and will be for ever! It is that God IS ALWAYS PRESENT TO ALL THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE. HE SEES ALL ... AND ACTS THROUGH ALL for the good of man who is the end result of His "seven days" of creation. God created the universe and all in it just for man so that He could divinize man and share the eternal beatitude with him. Why did God create Adam and Eve knowing that they would disobey? Only God really knows, but some theologians have speculated that He did so, so that He could send His son to redeem man and in doing so divinize man and share eternity with him in the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God with man "living in the Divine Will," just like Adam before his "fall."

AND now Mark Mallet who begins by asking, **"What is the Kingdom of God like?** To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches. Mark 4:30-32 EVERY day, we pray the words: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Jesus would not have taught us to pray as such unless we were to expect the Kingdom yet to come. At the same time, the first words of Our Lord in His ministry were: This is the time of fulfillment, The Kingdom of God is at hand; Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:15)

"But then He speaks of future 'end time' signs, saying: ...when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. (Luke 21:30-31).

"So, which is it? Is the Kingdom here or yet to come? It is both. A seed does not

explode into maturity overnight. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. (Mark 4:28)

“More specifically we read from Isaiah 65:17-25 about ‘The Glorious New Creation,’ an insight into eschatology of the end times: (Isaiah 65:17-25)

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

“I will rejoice in and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

“They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their children with them.

“Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord.”

Now my thinking is that, if we just think about this, each of us has been created or born to live in our society on earth during these turbulent times of our own passion week, go through our own Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (‘3 days of darkness’) arriving at Easter Sunday to enter into the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God in the coming Era of Peace, which scripture says will last for a “thousand years.”

The Reign of the Divine Will

“Returning to the Our Father, Jesus is teaching us to pray essentially for the ‘Kingdom of the Divine Will,’ when in us, it will be done “on earth as it is Heaven.” Clearly, Jesus is speaking of a coming manifestation of the Kingdom of God in the temporal ‘on earth’ - otherwise, He would simply have taught us to pray: ‘Thy Kingdom come’ to bring time and history to its conclusion. Indeed, the Early Church Fathers, based on the testimony of St. John himself, spoke of a future Kingdom on earth.

“We do confess that a kingdom is promised to us upon the earth, although before heaven, only in another state of existence; inasmuch as it will be after the resurrection for a thousand years in the divinely-built city of Jerusalem... Tertullian (155–240 A.D.) ... To understand what the symbolic words a “thousand years” means, see The Day of the Lord. The essential point here is that St. John wrote and spoke of the fulfillment of the Our Father: A man among us named John, one of Christ’s Apostles, received and foretold that the followers of Christ would dwell in Jerusalem for a thousand years, and that afterwards the universal and, in short, everlasting resurrection and judgment would take place. St. Justin Martyr

“Unfortunately, early Jewish converts presumed a literal coming of Christ on earth to establish a political kingdom of sorts, replete with banquets and carnal festivities. This was quickly condemned as the heresy of millenarianism. Rather, Jesus and St. John are referring to an internal reality within the Church herself: The Church ‘is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery.’ Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 763 But it is a reign that, like the blossoming mustard seed, is not yet fully mature: The Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth, [is] destined to be spread among all men and all nations... —POPE PIUS XI ... So what will it look like when the Kingdom comes “on earth as it is in Heaven”? What will this mature “mustard seed” look like?

The Era of Peace and Holiness

“It will be when, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Bride of Christ is restored to the original state of harmony with the Divine Will that Adam once enjoyed in Eden. This is our great hope and our invocation, ‘Your Kingdom come!’ - a Kingdom of peace, justice and serenity, which will re-establish the original harmony of creation. In a word, it will be when the Church resembles her spouse, Jesus Christ, who in the hypostatic union of His divine and human nature, restored or ‘resurrected,’ as it were, the union of the Divine and human will through the reparation and redemptive act of His suffering, death, and resurrection. Hence, the work of Redemption will only be complete when the work of Sanctification is accomplished:

“For the mysteries of Jesus are not yet completely perfected and fulfilled. They are complete, indeed, in the person of Jesus, but not in us, who are his members, nor in the Church, which is his mystical body. ... And what exactly is it that is ‘incomplete’ in the Body of Christ? It is the fulfillment of the Our Father in us as it is in Christ.

“‘All creation,’ said St. Paul, “groans and labors up till now,” awaiting Christ’s redemptive efforts to restore the proper relationship between God and his creation. But Christ’s redemptive act did not of itself restore all things, it simply made the work of redemption possible, it began our redemption. Just as all men share in the disobedience of Adam, so all men must share in the obedience of Christ to the Father’s will. Redemption will be complete only when all men share his obedience (and thus live in the Divine Will) ...

What will the Kingdom of God look like? This lecture is continued in May ...

To live in My Will is to reign in it and with it, while to do My Will is to be submitted to My orders. The first state is to possess; the second is to receive dispositions and execute commands. To live in My Will is to make My Will one's own, as one's own property, and for them to administer it as they intend; to do My Will is to regard the Will of God as My Will, and not [also] as one's own property that they are able to administer as they intend. To live in My Will is to live with one single Will [...] And since My Will is all holy, all pure and all peaceful, and because it is one single Will that reigns [in the soul], no contrasts exist [between us]... On the other hand, to do My Will is to live with two wills in such a way that, when I give orders to follow My Will, the soul feels the weight of its own will which causes contrasts. And even though the soul faithfully carries out My Will's orders, it feels the weight of its rebellious human nature, of its passions and inclinations. How many saints, although they may have reached the heights of perfection, felt their own will waging war on them, keeping them oppressed? Whence many were forced to cry out: "Who will free me from this body of death?", that is, "from this will of mine, that wants to give death to the good I want to do?" (cf. Rom 7:24) —Jesus to Luisa, The Gift of Living in the Divine Will in the Writings of Luisa Piccarreta, 4.1.2.1.4, (Kindle Locations 1722-1738)

That "perfection" will be expressed most perfectly, one could say, when we "live in the Divine Will" as Heaven intends for the Bride of Christ before the end of time.

This will be the basis, the substance, the beautiful characteristic of the Kingdom of My Divine Fiat: one the Will, one the love, one the happiness, one the glory between Creator and creature. —Jesus to Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, August 17, 1927, Vol.