

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
March 19, 2025

Attendance: 16 members present, plus 1 guest

List of Officers: (P=Present, E=Excused)

Chaplain:	Father Daniel (E)		
Grand Knight:	Tony Giglioli (P)	Warden:	Greg Nolen (P)
Dep. Grand Knight:	Dennis Schrader (P)	Inside Guard:	John Gerwig (E)
Chancellor:	vacant	Outside Guard:	Colin Albaugh (E)
Recorder:	Phil Rose (P)	Lecturer:	Pat Clark (E)
Financial Secretary:	Eric Paul (P)	3 Year Trustee:	Richard Tucci (P)
Treasurer:	Bob Burnett (E)	2 Year Trustee:	Chuck Gait (P)
Advocate:	Jack Evans (P)	1 Year Trustee:	Sam Adamczyk (P)

Guest:

1. John Sniezek, District Warden

Previous Month Minutes - The February Meeting Minutes were approved. Thanks Greg Nolen.

Chaplain's Message

- No report

Grand Knight Report

- Joe Murtha, former state Master(?), passed away recently.
- Social Meeting this month will be on Wednesday, 3/26 at BJ's Brewhouse in Columbia at 5:30. All are welcome.
 - Very Important Note: IF YOU ARE GOING, please respond to Grand Knight's message unless you want to sit by yourself at the bar....
- PGK Bob Burnett held a day of reflection at the Shrine of St Anthony's on March 13. Five council members attended.
- There are two awards available for the knights. Check the state website for information.
 - Shining Armor Award for new members,
 - Silver Knight Award for those who have been around a while.
- The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland is gearing up for a terrific annual conference this spring. It's set for Saturday, April 5, 2025, the weekend before Palm Sunday. This will provide attendees with an excellent approach to the final weeks of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. It will be held at St. Joseph Church, Fullerton from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration starts at 7:00 AM.
- Sacred Heart icon will be in display at St. Francis the weekend of April 12/13.
- As in the past, our council will be guarding the Eucharist after Holy Thursday Mass on April 17. Please volunteer some time to this service.
- Due to Easter Week, our next business meeting will be held on 4/23, with social meeting to be held on 4/30.

Treasurer Report:

- (given by Financial Secretary) \$7,407.87 in checking account as of March 15. This includes \$416 in dues payments and a \$100 council donation from Frank Caruso from the sale of Christmas cards at parishes near him. Thank you Frank.

Seminarian Report:

Membership Report

- Council membership now at 96. 14 members are still outstanding with \$681 due.
- Check out kofc.org/join when signing someone up online.

Financial Secretary Report:

Program Reports:

- Joint Mass with St Louis council on May 9 at 6:30PM
- Pancake Supper was a success with 250 attendees from the pastorate family. Total intake was \$1,070. More incredible, 27 brother knights volunteered to help cook, clean, and bottle wash.
- Ogbo Oradubanya has volunteered to take the lead on Souls for Soles. Coming soon after Easter.
- Bingo Night for Columbia Pregnancy Center to be held July 25.
- Family of the Month: Charlie Blandford family. Thank you for all you do.
- Road Cleanup will now be handled by Mike Felzer. Thank you Mike for stepping up and special thanks to Jim McCann for his leadership in the Road Cleanup these past few years.

Fourth Degree:

- No report.

District Deputy report (given by District warden)

(Following is from DD report)

Greetings from MD State Deputy, Anthony (Tony) Salvemini whose motto instructs us to "Make A Difference in Someone's Life!"

- Our world *needs* more Knights! I continue to challenge every member to invite 2 Catholic men to become Knights each month. Not all will immediately sign-up, but if we all ask, we'll get new Knights. Don't restrict yourselves to the Delta Church Drive during Masses. Incorporate this Delta approach to Friday fish fry dinners and other council/parish events
- Continue to encourage Councils to leverage the **Shining Armor** and **Silver Knight Awards** as incentives for new members to help with recruitment and to recognize every member who qualifies for these awards.
- Councils are encouraged to participate in the Basketball Free Throw competition. The state competition is March 22, 2025, 2:30-4:30pm at St. Vincent Pallotti High School, 113 St. Mary's Place in Laurel.
- Founders Day Mass and Awards Program, March 23rd. Mass commence 3pm at Saint Joseph-Fullerton Catholic Church, followed by an awards dinner, commencing at 4:30pm at Columbus Gardens.

- Register now for the MD State Convention. DD, DW, GKs and DGKs or Councils designated representatives attend and participate in the GK Olympics and attend the banquet – come join in at a district table. Also, convention ad deadline is approaching (April 7th) – please support this effort.
- The 2025 Book of Reports is due NLT April 4th. Include all activities Councils plan to conduct through the end of the fraternal year June 30, 2025. Additionally, please submit a "**separate**" necrology report to be included with the Annual Book of Reports listing the names of deceased Brother Knights in your council. The period covered for this year's report is April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.
- Catholic Men's Fellowship, April 5, 2025, at St, Joseph in Fullerton. The theme is "Standing Strong".
- Initial planning is underway for our district-wide bingo at Resurrection church scheduled for July 25th.
- Councils will submit their Colombian Award Application (SP- 7) between May 1-15 to avoid end of year issues. Grand Knights will acknowledge during the business meeting if they foresee not meeting this suspense. Each program is 1 credit; Featured Programs are 2 credits. Councils need 4 credits in each category: Faith, Family, Community, and Life.
- **Little Sisters of the Poor Collections**
- Next drop-off for the district is set for Saturday, March 15th, 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon at the Shrine of St. Anthony (St. Louis #11898 host). Collections accepted at St. Louis Church from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 16th. KofC has done a wonderful job of supplying the LSOP, great work!
- Please refer to the September MD State newsletter [Newsletters | Maryland State Council \(kofc-md.org\)](#), web site, and Supreme Fraternal Mission and Knightline for timely and important information. Great Council and Officers information!
- MSC has a State Facebook page titled "Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus". Place pictures from your council events on that page by sending the pictures with some descriptions to Mike Forehand, michael4hand@yahoo.com, Send pics from activities previously conducted. Highlight the goodness your Council is doing.

Let us know if we can help you and your members and let us all "Make A Difference In Someone's Life!"

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Nominations for the next Role of Officers were read:
 - Grand Knight – Tony Gigioli (for a record 3rd year in a row)
 - Deputy Grand Knight: Dennis Shrader
 - Chancellor: Ian Cartagena
 - Warden: Jim Codespote
 - Advocate: Jack Evans
 - Treasurer: Bob Burnett

- Recorder: Phil Rose
- Lecturer: Pat Clark
- Inside Guard: {blank}
- Outside Guard: {blank}
- Other positions filled:
 - Financial Secretary: Eric Paul
 - Faith Director: Bob Burnett
 - Family Director: Caleb Feng
 - Life Director: Chris Szalkowski
 - Community: Ogbo Oradubanya
- PGK Charlie Blandford spoke, thanking all of our brothers for their support.

Sick and Deceased - Let us keep all those in need in our prayers, including:

- Eric Paul's wife Arlene has double vision.
- PGK Sam Adamczyk's mother in law, Sandra Pelletier, will be undergoing knee surgery.

Good of the Order

None