

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
January 15, 2024

Attendance: 13 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 (P)
Recorder:	Phil Rose (P)	Lecturer:	Pat Clark (E)
Financial Secretary:	Eric Paul (P)	3 Year Trustee:	Richard Tucci (E)
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 Decmber Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message

- No report

Grand Knight Report

- DD meeting with district council GKs and DGKs was held on January 7 by Zoom.
- June 13-14, leadership seminar to be held at Holy Family parish in Davidsonville. Friday night is a social with meetings on Saturday.
- Resurrection had three 1st place winners in the Keep Christ in Christmas contest.
- The State convention will be held May 2-4 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Annapolis. Registration is now open.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) will hold their Exemplification in January.
- Our council will hold a Church Drive to sign on new members the weekend of February 8-9. We will then hold an Exemplification on February 15.
- St. Louis will hold their Exemplification on Monday, March 10.
- The State would like us to add a new budget item for members that may need financial aid.
- GKs, DGKs and membership leads are invited to one of 4 Town Hall sessions to be held Feb 3-6 in various parishes around the area.
- Please send in your Survey of Fraternal Activity for the past year by January 21.
- Fundraiser for LOPH Council: Famous Maryland Crab soup sales, shrimp salad sales, and Football Grid Squares are their main fund raisers to support our charitable activities for the year.
 - Order your crab soup and shrimp salad here <https://squareup.com/store/KofC9638> . Orders are available for pickup only on Sunday Feb 09 from 8:00 – 12:00 at the kitchen window in the OLPH Parish Center (The Soup will be frozen).
 - The grid for the 2025 Super Bowl is also available for purchase. 2025 Super Bowl is February 9th, Winners determined by the score at the end of each quarter: 1st \$100 2nd- \$200, 3rd \$150 & Final game score- \$300. Cost: \$25 per

square or get 3 squares for \$60. See <https://kofc9638.org/> for details on how to purchase.

- Looking for nominations for Family of the Year, Teacher of the Year, or Best Council Recorder of the Year needs to be in soon.
- March for Life will be held on Jan 24. Meet at St Francis at 8AM for registration followed by 9AM Mass. Buses will bring you into DC.
- The Gabriel Project requires funding of \$100,000 to offset the cost of the addition to a house in Bowie, MD for a live-in couple. Each Chapter is reaching out to their affiliated councils to request assistance in raising the necessary money to cover the cost. They would like each council to contribute on average \$500.00. We need a minimum of 25 councils to contribute to the project which Supreme would match 20% of up to \$50,000 for a total of \$10,000.
- 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 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Treasurer Report:

- (given by Financial Secretary) \$7,285.42 per the end of year audit.
- Dues are starting to come in. Approx. \$400 in hand waiting to deposit.
- Our liability policy is due 2/1, cost \$294

Seminarian Report:

Membership Report

- Our next Membership Drive will be held in February, current date is Feb 8-9. Waiting for pastor approval
- We also are planning to hold an Exemplification on 2/15.
- Need someone to speak at each Mass that weekend. Also would like to have several council members available as "ambassadors" to be around in the Gathering Space after Mass.
- There is an online webcast on what membership drive entails on the State website.
- 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 is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4. Please be willing to assist.

- Community:
- Faith:
- Family:
- Life:

Fourth Degree:

- No report.

District Deputy report

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

- District 21 did extremely well in the State Council KCIC posters contest. Resurrection Council took home three first place winners in grades 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 , while St Louis Council won 2nd place in the kindergarten category. Congratulations to all the winners!

Below are areas of focus for the next two months:

- a. National March for Life is on Friday, January 24th. Encourage all council members and their families to participate. MD State Council team will meet on the National Mall at 14th St. NW and Madison Dr NW between 10:15 and 10:45 AM.
- b. The Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon will be made available this month. Once District 21 dates are published, all information will be disseminated so start planning now. The image of Jesus displaying His Most Sacred Heart is based on the painting by Pompeo Batoni (1767) in the Church of the Gesù in Rome and was inspired by the apparition of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673 on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.
- c. Fraternal Surveys are due Jan 31st. GKs should focus on and track to completion. Submit online and send copy to DD and reports@kofc-md.org. Use the link: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf
- d. Each Council FS and GK should receive their per capital assessment statements next week. Upon receipt, please submit payment promptly.
- e. Councils should publicize the availability of MD State Council scholarships. Upward of \$1500 available to the winners. The application period is from October 1, 2024 to February 1, 2025 and can be found at <https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>
- f. GKs to provide DD/DW their dates for Spring Delta Drives NLT Feb 4th. Meet with pastor(s) to lock in dates. Order delta church drive kits now and schedule exemplification within 2 weeks of church drive.
- g. Schedule and complete your Audits by Feb 15th, sooner is better.
- h. Councils should submit a Family of the Year nomination to the State Council. Some criteria's include, but not limited to: promote and support strong and vibrant families Council member or parishioner; Model Christian family values; and Visibly lives values every day. Councils should coordinate with Pastor, complete and submit the Family of the Year Nominations (Form 10680) to Vernon Hawkins and Gregory McClain NLT February 10, 2025.
- i. Reach out to local Catholic and community leaders to identify 7 nominees for the 'people of the year': Blessed Michael J. McGivney, along with the Maryland State Council's Citizen, Catholic Teacher, Faith Formation Teacher, Family, Police Officer, Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician of the Year. Every council should have a nominee for every category. They should submit those for the statewide competition, but also schedule a local event to recognize and congratulate these role models. Submissions due to the State no later than February 10, 2025 and winners will be recognized at the Founders Day Celebration on March 17, 2025. Email nomination form and justification to Community Director Walter Leskuski: pfn.md384@gmail.com

j. 3rd quarter FIA reports due NLT March 7th to allow the state team ample time to process and purchase plaques for awardees. The reporting period covers December 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Get them in early to avoid competing deadlines with the myriad of EOY activities.

k. State Council Program Awards: each Council should submit their best Faith, Family, Community, and Life Program from the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd reporting period. The form can be found at the following link: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf. Include up to five (5) pages and photos/documentation. Save as one PDF file or send attachment(s) with report form via email. Winners announced at State Convention. Send to apulty@yahoo.com NLT the due date of March 7, 2025.

l. Councils are encouraged to begin making arrangements for the Basketball Free Throw competition at the council level, in order to be ready for the District and State competitions. State competition is March, date TBD. The location is St. Vincent Pallotti High School, 113 St. Mary's Place in Laurel.

m. Encourage councils to fill out and continually update the Colombian Award Application (SP- 7) to avoid end of year issues. 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, January 18th, 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, January 19th. 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 your Christmas events, KCIC posters, and so much more! 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

- PGK Jack Evans mentioned that we should nominate an honoree: for our Exemplification in February. He has also put out a request for council members to volunteer to work on the Exemplification team. Written scripts are available.
- We received \$100 from St. Louis council for our Food Drive. Motion was made to give this \$100 to Little Sisters of the Poor, along with a matching \$100 from our council. Motion passed.

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

- PGK Jeff Billings father, Ron Billings is in the hospital.
- PGK Jack Evans sister in law, Kathy Evans has been diagnosed with cancer.

Keep those above in your prayers, along with those dealing with the California wildfires.

Good of the Order

None