

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
July 16, 2025

Attendance: 15 members present, plus 1 guest

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

Chaplain:	Father Daniel (E)		
Grand Knight:	Tony Gigioli (P)	Warden:	Jim Codespote (E)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Dennis Schrader (P)	Inside Guard:	Mike Felzer (P)
Chancellor:	Ian Cartegena (E)	Outside Guard:	Walt Majorowicz (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 (E)
Advocate:	Jack Evans (P)	1 Year Trustee:	Sam Adamczyk (P)

Guest: District Warden John Sniezek

Previous Month Minutes: The May and June Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message: No report.

Grand Knight Report

- Charity Bingo at Resurrection in Ellicott City is this Friday, 7/18. 6 members from our council will be volunteering to help run the basket raffle.
- Our social meeting is to be held on Wednesday, July 23. Place TBD.
- Our scheduled Exemplification for this month did not occur. Our next scheduled Exemplification is 11/15/25 and 3/14/26
- A few program directors need to complete their SAFE training online. Make sure you go to the kofc.org website. Should have received an email from Supreme with the link.
- Saturday, 8/2 after the 5PM Mass will be the Installation of Officer's. Let the GK know if you will or will not be attending.
- Planning meeting on Aug 6 will include our annual audit. At least 2 Trustee's will be needed to attend.
- The GK and DGK will be attending the Program & Membership Growth Seminar on 8/11 at St Catherine Drexel in Frederick.
- August business meeting will be held on 8/20.
- MD State is looking for knight volunteers for the Supreme Convention to be held in Washington, DC on Aug 5-7.

Treasurer Report:

- \$5,894.79 in checking account. No outstanding checks.

Seminarian Report: None

Membership Report:

- Finding new members is a full-time job. Don't hesitate to ask someone before or after Mass if he would be interested in joining our council.
- Evangelization is important. Would like more members to join Men of Virtue and/or ACTS Retreat.
- We will be having membership Drives at our big events at St. Francis: Fall Festival, Bazaar, and Pancake Supper.

Program Reports:

No report

Bills & Communication

None

District Deputy report:

(The following report is from the DD)

- Greetings from MD State Deputy, Anthony (Tony) Salvemini whose motto instructs us to “Make A Difference in Someone’s Life!”
- Many thanks to the returning Council leadership team for their sustained excellence over the past fraternal year. Also, congratulations and a hearty welcome to our newly elected leaders and know that the DW and DD, along with the rest of the state team, pledge to support you and your Council to the fullest and look forward to working with all the Councils on having a very successful fraternal year.
- Get active immediately to make it successful for your members, their families, the council, and your parish. Recruitment opportunities at parish new parishioners’ welcome meetings, OCIA, Bingo, program events, etc.
- If a Council meets its membership goal by September 30th, that council’s per capita assessment for the second half of this Fraternal year will be completely waived. This is a great incentive and a potential financial windfall for your council.
- Installation for our council is set for Saturday, 8/2 after the 5PM Mass. District Officers will wear tux/suit and installed Officers coat and tie.
- Ensure your Council is SAFE compliance, non-negotiable. SAFE Training REQUIRED for Grand Knight, Program, Family and Community Directors.
- Program Seminars – plan now to carpool to Program & Membership Growth Seminar
 - Thursday, July 17th (Sacred Heart Council 2577)
 - Thursday, July 24th (Cardinal Gibbons Council 2521)
 - Monday, August 11th (St. Katherine Drexel Council)
- District 21 will have the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon from April 7-20, 2025. Councils should inform DD/DW what date they want to host the icon as soon as possible
- **Other activities to schedule and coordinate:**
 - Audits completed by August 15th. Send a copy of the Audit to State Treasurer, Ron Hassan
 - DD “Official Visits” will be scheduled and executed before August 31st and February 28th. Recommend conducting these during your Officer Planning Meeting, but open to other suggestions.
 - Schedule Quarterly District meetings
 - Fraternal Benefit Nights (2)
 - Delta Church Drives: Fall (Oct) and Spring (Mar)
- FIA Requirements are to be **reported monthly**, after each activity is complete, not one big batch at the end of the quarter. 1st Period (March 1 - Aug 31, 2025) – **DUE 9/15/2025**
- Columbus Day Ball, 11 Oct, and sweepstakes tickets are due for turn-in.
- **Little Sisters of the Poor Collections:** Next drop-off for the district is set for Saturday, July 19th, 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon at the Shrine of St. Anthony (St. Louis #11898 host). Collections accepted at St. Louis Church from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Sunday, July 20th. KofC has done a wonderful job of supplying the LSOP, great work!
- *(from District Warden)*

- *Men of Virtue is 2nd Saturday of month. Starts with Mass at 8AM, followed by breakfast and discussions. Ends at 10AM.*
- *ACTS Retreat at Bon Secour Center in Marriottsville will be held on 10/16-19*

Please refer to the MD State newsletter [Newsletters | Maryland State Council \(kojc-md.org\)](http://kojc-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.

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

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Lecturer's Reflection:

None

Sick and Deceased:

- Let us keep all those in need in our prayers, including :
- GK Jeff Billings wife, Andrea Francesconi, had hand surgery recently.