

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
September 17, 2025

Attendance: 21 members present, plus 1 guest

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

Chaplain:	Father Daniel (E)		
Grand Knight:	Tony Gigioli (P)	Warden:	Jim Codespote (P)
Deputy Grand Knight:	Dennis Schrader (P)	Inside Guard:	Mike Felzer (E)
Chancellor:	Ian Cartegena (E)	Outside Guard:	Walt Majorowicz (E)
Recorder:	Phil Rose (P)	Lecturer	Pat Clark (P)
Financial Secretary:	Eric Paul (P)	3 Year Trustee:	Richard Tucci (P)
Treasurer:	Bob Burnett (P)	2 Year Trustee:	Chuck Gait (P)
Advocate:	Jack Evans (P)	1 Year Trustee:	Sam Adamczyk (P)

Guest: District Warden John Sniezak

Previous Month Minutes: The August Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message: No report.

Grand Knight Report

- GKs mother passed away this morning. A decade of the Rosary was said after the meeting ended.
- There was good attendance at the Men of Virtue gathering this past weekend. It is held the 2nd Saturday of every month at the stone chapel at St. Louis
- Looking at starting a monthly family tailgating gathering in the spring.
- St. Louis council is holding a family bingo night on Friday, September 26.
- On Friday, 10/3, at St. Louis, a rosary for life event starts at 6M, with adoration following at 7PM.
- On Sunday, 10/5, from 12:30 – 3:30, St Francis Fall Festival. Our council will be grilling hot= dogs and hamburgers, drinks and alcoholic beverages (donations accepted). Hopefully one or two St Louis knights will help assist with the soccer shoot out. Looking for several volunteers from our council to assist.
- Saturday, 10/11, is the annual Columbus Day Ball in Annapolis.
- Please sign up for the ACTS Retreat to be held 10/16 – 10/19
- There will be a Tailgate Rosary at St. Louis on Friday, 10/17
- Baby Bottle Program: we will distribute the bottles on 10/19-20 and collect the bottles the following weekend

Treasurer Report:

- \$5,900 in checking account.

Seminarian Report: None

Membership Report:

- Still pending 1 new member, Elliott Davila.

Program Reports:

- EFF Director, Fred Lawrence, will be overseeing the Christ-centered CORE program
- Charlie Pulay will take the lead on the annual Pancake Supper

- Caleb Feng has volunteered to take on the Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition

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!”
- 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. **Our district goal is to recruit 10 new members by Sep 25th.**
- The election for State Warden is rapidly approaching. All Grand Knights are instructed to read the guidelines and rules that must be followed for the 2025-2026 Campaign for State Warden in its entirety at their next Council meeting (forgo reading the DD Report).
- The Maryland State Council scholarship application period is from October 1, 2025, to March 1, 2026. Scholarship information and application information is available via this link. <https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>
- Entering a busy time:
 - Columbus Day weekend is only a month away. How will your council share the true story of Christopher Columbus?
 - Incentive raffle ticket sales should be running at full pace. Fundraiser directly funds our Catholic High School Scholarships. Drawing held during the Columbus Day Ball.
 - Support for people with special needs (“Tootsie Roll”) program. Make contact with the store owners/managers now to ensure access to the sites.
 - 1st quarter FIA reporting period ended August 31st. All reports due by September 15th. Remember, best practice is that reports are submitted the day of or the day after the program is held.
 - Start proactively planning your Fall Delta Church Drives and order your supplies.
 - Encourage your new prospects to participate in the in-person Exemplifications and invite your DD/DW to attend. If you need a Exemplification team, the DD/DW can assist with that effort.
 - Finally, November sounds like a long time from now, but work with your Chaplain and parish secretary now to schedule your council’s Memorial Mass.
- District 21 will have the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon from 2 February 2026 – 1 March 2026. Dates not available: Feb 8-9, Feb 11 and Feb 21-23
- **Little Sisters of the Poor Collections** Next drop-off for the district is set for Saturday, September 20th, 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, September 21st 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.

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Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) Report

- None

Warden Report

- None

Lecturer’s Reflection:

The talk was on Edith Stein, who was a German philosopher who converted to Catholicism and became a Discalced Carmelite nun. Edith Stein was murdered in the gas chamber at the concentration camp Auschwitz II-Birkenau on 9 August 1942 and is canonized as a martyr and saint of the Catholic Church; she is also one of six patron saints of Europe.

Sick and Deceased:

Let us keep all those in need in our prayers, including:

- GK Tony Gigioli’s mother, Elizabeth Carolyn Griffin Gigioli (Betty)