

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
December 17, 2025

Attendance: 16 members present

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 (E)	Inside Guard:	Walt Majerowicz (P)
Chancellor:	Ian Cartegena (E)	Outside Guard:	Mike Felzer (P)
Recorder:	Phil Rose (P)	Lecturer:	Pat Clark (E)
Financial Secretary:	Eric Paul (P)	3 Year Trustee:	Richard Tucci (P)
Treasurer:	Bob Burnett (P)	2 Year Trustee:	Chuck Gait (E)
Advocate:	Jack Evans (P)	1 Year Trustee:	Sam Adamczyk (P)

Guest: No guests

Previous Month Minutes: The November Meeting Minutes were approved.

Chaplain's Message: No report.

Grand Knight Report

- DD meeting held on 12/9 presented us with the Star Council Award for 2024-25 season. In fact, all 5 councils in our district (District 21) received the award. Round of applause ensued.
- On Saturday, 12/13, 3 events took place:
 - At 8AM, at St. Louis, Men of Virtue met. The Men of Virtue meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month.
 - The GK and PGK Bob Burnett and his grandson went to Baltimore National Cemetery to lay wreaths. Our council purchased 12 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America event.
 - Our annual Christmas Party was held after the 5PM Mass. This was also the social meeting for December. 24 people attended.
- We will be directing traffic into the parking lot prior to the 4PM Mass. A few knights are needed to assist.
- On Tuesday, 12/23, after the 9AM daily Mass, a few volunteers are needed to set up overflow seating expected for the 4PM Christmas Mass on Wednesday.
- The Mass on 12/27 at 5PM will be for The Holy Innocents, in remembrance of miscarried, aborted, and victims of early death.
- Friday, January 23, the DC March for Life. 9AM Mass, followed by coffee and donuts before buses take you down to DC. \$20/person, \$50/family.
- The fraternal survey will be due by the end of January. GK will send out the form to be filled in soon.
- We will also hold our Delta Drive in February.

Treasurer Report:

- \$6,074.49 as of 12/17.

Seminarian Report: None

Membership Report:

- Introduced our new member, Chris Yates, a long-time parishioner.
- Contacted Louis Barker...pending.
- Introduced Drew Flott, local DC guy. Came from St Mark in Catonsville
- One prospect, Brian Mekdeci....also pending.

Program Reports:

- The Keep Christ in Christmas event was a major success. 26 children showed up, with 20 posters entered into the contest. 4 of the 20 were sent to State. Wonderful event, great feedback. Gallery of posters may be appearing on parish website. Thanks Brother Walt for leading this event.

Bills & Communication

Received a new Insurance Liability Policy, administered by Lockton Affinity, LLC along with AIX Specialty Insurance Co 2/1/26 through 10/1/26. Motion approved to pay.

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!"

A few points to emphasize:

- The state council has launched a holiday growth incentive "*A Knight Before Christmas Sweepstakes!*" This sweepstakes incentive is offered to every Knight who recruits a new member during December! Details are as follows:
 - December 1, 2025- December 31, 2025
 - Sweepstakes Prizes: 1st Place: \$1,000; 2nd Place: \$750; 3rd Place \$500
 - How it Works:
 - -Each time a Knight recruits a new member to the Order in Maryland, he will earn one sweepstakes ticket.
 - -At the conclusion of the program, a report will be generated showing December recruitment results, by Knight.
 - -Each Knight who recruited at least one new member during the sweepstakes period will have one entry per new member placed in a sweepstakes barrel.
 - -During the Mid-Year Meeting on January 10, 2026, three entries will be randomly chosen from the barrel, with the winners awarded their cash prizes!
 - Reminder: To receive credit for a new member, the Knight must include his membership number on the candidate's application.
- Councils should start looking internally and externally to select a Family of the Year representative. The family selected for this award will be honored at the Founder's Day Dinner on Sunday, March 22, 2026. Completed nomination packets, with all supporting documentation, must be sent electronically no later than Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10, 2026. Email your nomination to me at vhaw-kinsjr@aol.com Please cc: State Family Activities Director, Timothy Lynch as well at fdmdkoc@gmail.com. Also, 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.

- KCIC posters contest: send 1st Place winning posters to State Council office by Monday December 23. Posters can be: (1) dropped off at the State Council Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14 (even if you have not made your presentation of winners by Dec. 14)
- 2nd quarter FIA reports are due December 15th. Get them in early to avoid competing deadlines.
- State Midterm Meeting, January 10, 2026. Attendees include: all DDs, DWs, GKs, and DGKs.
- Little Sisters of the Poor Collections: Next drop-off for the District is set for Saturday, December 21st, 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, December 22nd. KofC has done a wonderful job of supplying the LSOP!
- 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 by sending the pictures with some descriptions to Mike Forehand, michael4hand@yahoo.com, such as pics from your KCIC Posters, Christmas Party, FIA events, Delta Drives etc. promoting the goodness your Council is doing.

Kelly and I and John and Ginny wish you and your families a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

Let us know if we can help you and your members, let us all “Make A Difference in Someone’s Life!”

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Evangelization & Faith Formation (EFF) Report

- None

Warden Report

- None

Lecturer’s Reflection:

- None

Sick and Deceased:

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

- The father of PGK Jeff Billings passed away on Saturday, 12/13;
- Deacon Bob Smith, recovering from heart surgery;
- Joe Burkert would like prayers sent his way.