

Knights of Columbus – Council 12524
September 18, 2024

Attendance: 11 members present, plus 1 guest

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

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

Guest: District Warden: John Sniezek

Previous Month Minutes - The August Meeting Minutes were approved,

Chaplain's Message

- No report

Grand Knight Report

- Supreme and Program Quarters are different
 - 3/1/24 – 9/30/24 represents Supreme 1 Quarter.
 - 9/1 – 11/30 represents Program 2 Quarter
 - Councils Program 1 Quarter reports have been submitted
- Church Drive is our next big priority. Our 1st church membership drive will be the weekend of the Church Bazaar in November.
- We are unable to provide a team for the Lazarus Caucus Golf Tournament on 9/26/24.
- A 10/4/24 Living Rosary was to be scheduled, but Fr. DeAscanis has scheduled a St Francis of Assisi Memorial Mass that day and wants no competing events.
- St Louis Knights and St Francis Knights will be participating in a Rosary in Catonsville on 10/5/24. Location will be provided. Time believed to be 9 am. We will be reporting this as a Faith Activity.
- St Francis Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Council will sell hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and drinks. Council has no liquor license to sell beer and wine but will accept donations.
 - Fall Festival will be October Social Meeting.
 - Youth Soccer Challenge will be held at Fall Festival.
 - Fall Festival will provide activities for 2 Quarter Program Reports (Soccer Competition - Community, Fall Festival - Family).
- On Monday October 14th, a National Columbus Day Celebration will be held at Columbus Plaza in Washington, DC.
- Mary's Land Farms will conduct a Harvest Festival from 9/28/24 - 10/3/24. Festival will be open Saturday 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday 12am - 5 pm. The weekend of September 28th and 29th will support the Gabriel Building Project. Let Grand Knight Tony Gigioli know if you are interested in working either of those days interest.
- Ten members of Council participated in Fraternal Benefits Seminar. Supreme has confirmed Council participation successfully met requirements for Founders Day Award.

- A Financial Secretary Seminar with emphasis on attracting new members will be held at 8 PM on September 19th. The Deputy Grand Knight has already signed up to attend.
- Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights will hold a Memorial Mass on November in Parkville Maryland.
- St Alphonso Council will conduct a 11/16/24 Bull and Oyster Roast. Price is \$65 per head.
- Return your Columbus Day Sweepstakes tickets by the end of September. The winners will be drawn at the Knights of Columbus' Columbus Day Ball on October 12th, but we need to gather all the ticket stubs and write a Check to the State Council. If submitting by Check to us, make the check out to "St. Francis of Assisi Council #12524". The Council retains 40% of the proceeds and the State gets the rest for Scholarship and Charity programs.

Treasurer Report:

- No report.

Seminarian Report:

Membership Report

- No report

Financial Secretary Report:

- Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights has assessed Council \$41.00. Council was assessed for 94 members less 11 Honorary Members and 1 Disabled Member, net 82 members @ \$0.50 per member equals \$41.00. This assessment is the only received bill since last reporting.

Program Reports:

- Community:
 - SFA fall festival on Oct. 6. Knights will cook
 - Our council will also organize the Soccer Challenge. Assistance is needed
- Faith:
 - St Francis and St Louis Councils will hold a Men's Mass on Nov 15 at St. Louis and May 9, 2025 at St Francis.
- Family: We will support the parish bazaar by running the beer and wine raffle. PGK Richard Tucci and Brian Driscoll are the points of contact.
- Life:
 - Baby Bottles will be distributed at Masses 9/28 - 9/29 2024.
 - Baby Bottles will be returned at Masses 10/12 - 10/13 and 10/19 - 10/20 2024. Last year the Baby Bottle Program achieved almost \$600 in donations.

Fourth Degree:

- No report.

District Deputy report

- Greetings from MD State Deputy, Anthony (Tony) Salvemini whose motto instructs us to "Make A Difference In Someone's Life!"
- Quality of Life needs improvement and Councils should recruit new like-minded individuals.
- Lecturers are encouraged to bring the history of Christopher Columbus into October meetings.

- State has raised a healthy amount of \$12,000 towards a goal of \$20,000 for a new Ultrasound machine.
- Members are encouraged to Vote NO on Question 1.
- See Maryland State Web-Site for State Activities.
- **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

- DGK Dennis Schrader reported a new Parish effort from his perspective as Parish Council member. Father DeAscanis is guiding St Francis through a renewal process outlined in [Ablaze + 5 Essential Paradigm Shifts for Parish Renewal. +](#) by Deacon Keith Strohm with forward written by Father James Mallon. Book paradigm are being discussed by the parish staff is discussing the paradigms in the book to bring programs to parishioners, including transitioning from perception of Church Bazaar from Knights to Parish activity. DGK suggested discussing and sharing with St Louis Council.
- Jim McCann reported on Road Cleanup, which was scheduled for mid-October. He will be out of town. The signs are now back up, the roads are clean, and he is ready to pass the baton to another coordinator as he has chaired this program since 2020.

Sick and Deceased - Let us keep all those in need in our prayers.

Good of the Order

St Therese of Lisieux, known as The Little Flower, was born 1/2/1873 in France. In 1883 she became physically debilitated but saw her statue of Mary smile at her. At the age of 14, she decided she wanted to be a Carmelite nun, but her bishop denied her request. She asked Pope Leo 13 to be accepted into the Carmelites and he replied she would enter if God wills it. She died at the age of 24, but has inspired many people to conversion and love of God ever since.